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FRIDAY

TODAY & next morning

HIGH

73

LOW

61

Mostly cloudy with a few showers.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus County COVID-19 update

According to the Florida Department of Health, 73 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update. No new deaths were reported, for a total of 362.

To date in the county, 9,210 people have tested positive (including 75 non-residents).

One new hospitalization was reported, for a total of 605 hospitalized.

Totals reflect preliminary reports received by the state, and are subject

Valentine's Open House set today

The Friends of the Citrus County Community Centers are hosting a Valentine's Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Circle of Friends Gift Shop in the Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.

Stop by to see a large selection of gifts for all occasions at great prices. All proceeds from the shop benefit the Meals on Wheels program, which provides meal delivery to homebound senior citizens in Citrus County. Call 352-527-5993.

Clerk of Court offers savings

If you have overdue traffic or criminal fees and fines, Clerk of Court Angela Vick is providing a savings opportunity to the week of Feb. 22-26 during regular business hours at both the Court-house in Inverness (110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness) and Clerk Customer Service location at the West Citrus Government Center (WCGC), 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River. Special hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Court-house in Inverness.

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The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Payments will be accepted by cash, check, money order or credit/debit card. If using a credit/debit card, note the card processing vendor (nCourt) assesses a surcharge.

For more information, visit www.citrusclerk.org.

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Man avoids prison for DUI

Defendant, victims agree on probation, restitution for crash that injured six

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Instead of imprisoning Chadwick Perry Evans for driving drunk and colliding with two vehicles, injuring five people and a child, his prosecutor and victims agreed to have him pay for it.

Evans, an Ocala 50-year-old, withdrew his not-guilty

plea at his court hearing Thursday, Feb. 11, to enter a plea of no contest to a third-degree felony charge of DUI with serious injury and five misdemeanor counts of DUI with injury.

In exchange for his change-of-plea, Evans agreed to a negotiated sentence for him to serve five years of probation, allowing him to pay the \$295,923 and \$33,689 in

restitution respectively owed to Christopher David Knapp and his young daughter, who were both injured in the April 27, 2019, collision.

Assistant State Attorney Erin Leathers told Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard the victims were



Chadwick Evans

in favor of giving Evans the ability to work off the restitution instead of seeking incarceration for him.

"That's why we made this plea offer," she said before the judge ratified Evans' new plea and adjudicated him guilty of his charges.

Evans is responsible to

pay \$500 a month toward the restitution.

"He's capable of doing that," Evans' attorney, Robert Christensen, told Howard.

Howard also revoked Evans' drivers license for a year, issued an interlocking device on his vehicle and ordered him to complete a DUI-driving course.

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Former 'carnie' had a heart to help



CARLY ZERVIS/Chronicle file

In this 2018 photo, Nathan Proctor, loads boxes of donated food and supplies collected at Citrus County schools into a trailer as part of a hurricane relief effort of the New Church Without Walls, where Proctor worked. The supplies were to go to the hard-hit Florida Panhandle. Nathan Proctor died Jan. 26 after a brief illness. He was 62.

Nathan Proctor led a colorful life, but found a home in Citrus County

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Postscript

One thing about Nate Proctor — that man could talk.

A "carnie" for most of his adult life, he was the guy working the midway games at carnivals and fairs shouting, "Step right up! Try your luck and take home a prize!"

Even long after he left the transient, traveling carnival life, after he ended up homeless in Hernando, found faith

and began helping out at the New Church Without Walls, after he got married and went to work at Bealls in Inverness, if people were around, Nate would do his carnival barker schtick just to make them smile.

Nathan "Nate" Proctor died Jan. 26 after a brief illness. He was 62.

Nate grew up in Cambridge,

Massachusetts, born into a wealthy, prominent family, said the Rev. Doug Alexander, pastor of the New Church Without Walls and Nate's friend.

"Growing up, he never felt like he fit in his family," Alexander said. "He was different, awkward."

Nate left home and traveled with various carnivals, never putting down roots, but always finding new friends — he was definitely a people person.

"When I met Nate, he was homeless, living in a tent in

the woods near our old church in Hernando," Alexander said.

At that time, the church fed the nearby homeless people a hot meal on Monday nights at the park across the street, and Nate was a regular.

"One of the carnivals came to the Tampa area and migrated this way," Alexander said. "Nate had an old van that he was traveling and living in. It kept breaking down and that's how he ended up here."

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School board OKs return of student mentors

Other restrictions evaluated

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Citrus County School Board members agreed to have student mentors return to campuses while school officials hold off on how to host in-person graduations and other springtime events amid COVID-19.

Board members during their meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9, also gave Assistant School Superintendent Jonny Bishop the OK to explore how school

sporting venues can increase their attendance allowance.

Bishop, who's also the school district's athletic director, said he'd return to the board with options to discuss at an upcoming workshop.

Mentors and volunteers have been prohibited from coming back to district schools since COVID-19 closed them to the public almost a year ago.

According to the district, it has roughly 145

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Conference explores dementia challenges

MARGO WILSON
For the Chronicle

One of the best things caregivers can do when someone has dementia is try to get inside that person's world and try to understand that world from the person's perspective, then attempt to make that world less scary and more comfortable, according to speakers Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the virtual Family Care Partner Conference Wednesday.

Sponsored by Coping With Dementia of Inverness, the four-day conference started Tuesday.

Joshua Freitas of CERTUS, a memory care facility in Mt. Dora and elsewhere, presented a

portfolio of tips and tricks for caregivers on how to treat those with dementia with respect and help them from becoming heavily medicated.

Freitas is vice president of program development at CERTUS and author of "The Dementia Concept."

Freitas reviewed the types of dementia, including:

■ Alzheimer's disease, affecting 50-70% of those with dementia and characterized by an ability to reminisce but not form new memories.

■ Vascular dementia, affecting 20-30% of those with dementia and characterized by a fluctuation in ability day to day.

■ Lewy Body disease, affecting 10-25% of those with dementia, and characterized by hallucinations and a tendency to mimic others' behavior.

■ Frontotemporal dementia, affecting 10-25% of those with dementia, and characterized by a tendency to speak out, perhaps inappropriately, and without internal censorship.

Actually, Freitas said, there are more than 100 dementia-related conditions.

For dementia patients, the hippocampus in the brain becomes diseased, making it difficult for the patients to form new memories. The amygdala

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Around the
COUNTY

Orchid society
to meet Feb. 20

The Nature Coast Orchid Society will host their February meeting on the 20th. Doors open at noon, program starts at 1 p.m. at the VFW Post 8681, 18940 Drayton St., Spring Hill.

The speaker will be Pam Waters, discussing *Rhynchosstylis Gigantea* and *Rhyncholaelia Digbyana*. Also at the meeting will be a raffle table, orchids for sale and a member show-off table. Bring your own refreshments.

Guests are welcome. Call Mary Lou Mattana at 218-556-1855. Visit naturecoastorchidsociety.com.

UF/IFAS
Extension sets
spring seminar

The February UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension Master Gardener Library Plant Seminar will identify new plants (especially flowering ones) to consider for spring planting.

This free online seminar will run from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, via Zoom. Attendees must pre-register no later than Sunday, Feb. 21.

To register, visit www.SpringColor.eventbrite.com. A link will be emailed after registration is complete.

For information, call the UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension office at 352-527-5700.

County opens
grant applications
to nonprofits

The Board of County Commissioners is now accepting applications for its nonprofit grant program. The grant program's purpose is to assist Citrus County citizens adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide a grant for food distribution, or/and health care expenses in Citrus County.

The nonprofit grant program is specifically for 501(c)(3) organizations excluding member groups. The program currently has \$300,000 in available funds.

A completed online application must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, including an IRS W-9 form; Form 990 filings for the past three years; and a formal presentation to the BOCC, scheduled for March 16. To receive a copy of the application form, email cares@citrusbocc.com.

Deadlines are strictly enforced. All materials submitted with an application will become a matter of public record, open to inspection by any citizen of the state of Florida subject to Chapter 119, Florida State Statutes.

There are no guarantees that applicants will be awarded funding. Even though a program may qualify, limited funds may not allow all programs to receive assistance.

Decisions regarding the award of funds are at the sole discretion of the BOCC.

For information, call the Citrus County Office of Management and Budget at 352-527-5207.

Concerts at
church postponed

The bluegrass band concert featuring Larry Stephenson at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hernando, originally slated for Feb. 19, has been postponed. The March concert is also postponed; performance dates for both events are still to be determined.

For information, contact Angela Busler at 860-906-8723 or AMBusler@gmail.com.

— From staff reports

Deputies nab felon with firearm

Homosassa excels at catching criminals

JEFF BRYAN
Staff writer

For the second straight night, a motorist speeding through Homosassa ran afoul of law enforcement.

Billy Dale Roach, a 39-year-old from Homosassa, was arrested Tuesday, Feb. 9, and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$13,000.

On Monday, Feb. 8,

deputies jailed Homosassa 32-year-old Aaron Michael Ganley under charges of trafficking in meth, possessing a controlled substance, possessing drug paraphernalia and two counts each of possessing a firearm as a felon and possessing narcotics with intent to sell. According to reports, Deputy Ahmad Fagouseh spotted Ganley's vehicle speeding 35 mph over the limit on U.S. 19, according to the sheriff's office.

According to Roach's

report, K9 Deputy Joshua Barr had pulled him over for speeding at the intersection of West Cardinal Street and South Lewdinger Drive. Roach denied consent to a hand search of the vehicle.

At the time, Barr and his partner, Marino, conducted a sniff of the vehicle in which Marino had a positive alert for the presence of a controlled substance.

After arriving on scene,



Billy Roach

Deputy Jericho McIntyre removed Roach from the vehicle, who was handcuffed and detained. During a search of Roach, the report stated deputies found a

glass pipe, a hypodermic needle, a straw and a plastic baggie with a white powdery substance, which tested positive for fentanyl and heroin.

During a hand search of the vehicle, deputies found a Phoenix Arms .25 caliber semiautomatic handgun in the middle console. The firearm had a

round in the chamber and the safety off, the report stated.

Roach had been convicted in December 2013 in Indiana for dealing cocaine and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

During a post Miranda interview, Roach told deputies he knowingly had a firearm in his possession. Additionally, he knew what he had in his wallet was heroin. The pipe, straw and needle he used to take narcotics.

Roach was then transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility.

Sedan crashes into power pole

Woman freed
from vehicle,
airlifted Feb. 10
due to injuries

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Emergency responders had to remove a Hernando County woman who was trapped in her vehicle after the sedan left a Floral City-area roadway and struck a power pole.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) has yet to release the identity of the Spring Hill 20-year-old involved in the 3:55 p.m. crash from Wednesday, Feb. 10, on South Pleasant Grove Road, south of the intersection with East Rosehill Drive.

According to FHP, the woman was driving a silver Honda Civic south when she lost control of the vehicle, which traveled off the road's western shoulder, reentered the roadway and went back off-road before it spun clockwise and struck a utility pole and wooden fence.



Photo courtesy of Citrus County Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 4562

Citrus County Fire Rescue crews as well as other first responders wait for Airlife 4 to land Wednesday, Feb. 10, after emergency workers responded to an area on Pleasant Grove Road near the Citrus-Hernando county line in reference to a single vehicle accident involving downed power lines. Crews on scene were able to extricate the driver.

The crash split the power pole, which landed on top of the Honda.

Emergency crews had to extricate the woman before she

was airlifted to Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point to be treated for incapacitating injuries, according to FHP

David Lambert, a spokesman

for the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, said 380 customers were without power due to the crash, with all but three being restored by 7 p.m.

Deputies: Man attacks
two in altercation

JEFF BRYAN
Staff writer

A late-night verbal altercation turned physical in a matter of minutes, leading to a number of charges for one Citrus County man, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

Timothy Andrew Dorsett, 28, was arrested Feb. 4 and charged with one count each of domestic battery, domestic aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and battery as well as two counts of aggravated assault without intent to kill. His bond for the two aforementioned charges was none; while bond for the latter three charges was set at \$5,000.

According to the report, deputies were dispatched to a Citrus County residence in reference to a domestic disturbance the evening of Friday, Feb. 4. Upon arriving, law enforcement officers spoke to a woman, who told authorities she and Dorsett had been arguing when he got in her face and she pushed him. While attempting to push him away, Dorsett struck her with a closed fist. When she got up, she charged at Dorsett, who struck her again.

A man told deputies he observed Dorsett strike the woman twice and tried to intervene when Dorsett grabbed him by the shirt and began shoving him, the report stated. The man fell on top of a metal dog cage with Dorsett on top of him. The woman tried to step in at which

Dorsett would not explain how the woman sustained her injuries. Dorsett told deputies, "I was doing what I had to do, I was being attacked."

time Dorsett shoved her once more.

According to the report, the man got to his feet when Dorsett began to choke him, shoving him onto a couch, causing the furniture to break. The woman grabbed the defendant again to get him off the man.

After the altercation, the woman, the man and another eyewitness were sitting in a Florida room when Dorsett grabbed a knife, walked to a sliding glass door, telling them, "I'm going to kill all of you." Dorsett then began hitting the glass with the knife.

Deputies, in their report, noted the woman had a cut lip and broken fingernail, both of which were bleeding. The man had a couple of red marks on his back from where he fell on the dog cage and the couch.

Post Miranda, Dorsett told deputies he would like to speak with them regarding the incident. He told authorities the woman was pushing him, when the man began pushing him and yelling at him. Dorsett would not explain how the woman sustained her injuries. Dorsett told deputies, "I was doing what I had to do, I was being attacked."

Dorsett was transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility.



Timothy Dorsett

facing multiple charges of battery and assault.

Homeless man serves most
of two-year sentence
awaiting legal proceedings

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Just moments after Citrus County Judge Richard "Ric" Howard sentenced Christopher Lee Duncan to two years for aggravated battery, his former girlfriend was filling out documents for an emergency restraining order.

Summer Time Knauss said she feared for her life because the 47-year-old Duncan in 2019 beat her so badly it broke bones in her neck, which required medical treatment at Ocala Regional Medical Center's trauma department.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrested Duncan in May, charging him with aggravated battery with great bodily harm.

State prosecutor Kevin Davis told Howard Thursday, Feb. 11, he reduced that charge to felony battery when one of the doctors providing the victim with care could not determine whether Knauss' medical complications were due to Duncan's blows.

Knauss now lives in an assisted living facility because of injuries she said she received because of Duncan's attack and many previous ones. She told Howard the two have known each other since they both attended elementary school.

Duncan's lawyer, Michael Blackstone, told Howard his client, who has been in jail for 633 days, wants to move forward with his life.

"Mr. Duncan has wanted to get this matter resolved," Blackstone said.

Knauss asked Howard to send Duncan to prison for much longer than two years.



Christopher Duncan

Knauss now lives in an assisted living facility because of injuries she said she received because of Duncan's attacks.

When Howard asked Knauss how many times had Duncan beaten her, she responded in court, "I couldn't count. I couldn't give you a number. It was numerous ... way over a dozen times."

Duncan, who appeared in court from the county jail via video, told Howard they both were using drugs.

Blackstone said that both Duncan and Knauss were living in a pop-up trailer together at the time of the domestic battery and both were heavy drug users. A search warrant of the trailer showed they were living outside Lecanto.

Howard asked Knauss how many times did she call law enforcement for help when he beat her. Knauss replied, "once."

Asked why she didn't call more often, Knauss replied, "Because I love him."

"He doesn't love you," Howard told Knauss, and said that she should stop wasting her time trying to change him.

"There's no hope," he said. "This is a sad, sad case."

Knauss said she no longer loves Duncan but is afraid he will seek her out.

Howard said based on the reduced charges, two years is the designated sentence and time sitting in jail will be deducted from the sentence.

Howard told Duncan to "stay away from this woman for the rest of your life."

Duncan replied that he would.

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Stick to your plans. Taking unnecessary risks will set you back. Stay focused on what you can accomplish and how best to use your skills, attributes and intellect to get ahead. Keep temptation at bay.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Make your point clear when dealing with a friend or relative, but don't let your temper escalate. A romantic gesture will enhance your love life.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Focus on change. The effort you put in to improve your circumstances will help you achieve your goal.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Get involved in conversations or projects that will enlighten you about something you want to pursue. Romance will brighten your day.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Don't take anything or anyone for granted. If you want to get things done, work alone. Expect to be contradicted if you get into a debate; be amicable.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Expect a mix-up due to misinterpretation. You'll have to be articulate to ensure you get your point across and your requests handled adequately.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Take your time, look at every angle and make changes based on what's best for you. How you go about your responsibilities will tie into an opportunity that comes your way.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be sure that the changes you want to make are financially sound. Don't jeopardize your position or reputation to impress someone.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll have plenty of innovative ideas. Develop a partnership that will make it easier for you to reach your goal. Do some research in order to find out what's trending.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Overspending will be tempting. Crunch the numbers before you decide to take on debt. Look for a way to get what you want for less, and you will avoid an argument.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll be faced with opposition, discord and uncertainty if you have neglected to take care of personal matters. Stop procrastinating.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't let someone get in your way or mislead you. Focus on your goal, and surround yourself with like-minded people.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Put time and effort into home, family and positive adjustments that will bring you closer to your loved ones.

ENTERTAINMENT

Taylor Swift has finished redoing sophomore album

NEW YORK — Last year, Taylor Swift gave us a lot of new music. This year it will be old — the pop star has announced she's dropping the first of her re-recorded albums.

Swift said online Thursday that "Fearless: Taylor's Version" is finished and "will be with you soon," featuring re-recorded songs from Swift's sophomore album, "Fearless."

The new set will have 26 songs — the original album had 13 — and also contain six never-before released songs, tunes that "almost made" the album. She said listeners will get a chance to hear the collection in all its "whimsical, effervescent, chaotic entirety."

Swift will also release a new version of her song "Love Story" from "Fearless" on Thursday at midnight, just in time for Valentine's Day weekend.

Swift has vowed to re-record her first six albums after music manager Scooter Braun announced that his Ithaca Holdings company had acquired Big Machine Label Group, the home to Swift's first six albums. He then sold Swift's catalogue without the singer-songwriter being given a chance to acquire her masters.

"Fearless" was written when Swift was between 16-18 and earned Swift her first Grammy Award.

Carano fired from 'Mandalorian' after social media post

LOS ANGELES — Lucasfilm says Gina Carano is no longer a part of "The Mandalorian" cast



Associated Press

This Nov. 24, 2019, file photo shows Taylor Swift at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles. Swift announced online that she's dropping the first of her re-recorded albums. She said "Fearless: Taylor's Version" features re-recorded songs from her sophomore album, "Fearless." The new set will also contain six never-before released songs.

after many online called for her firing over a social media post that likened the experience of Jews during the Holocaust to the U.S. political climate.

A spokesperson with the production company said in a statement on Wednesday that Carano is not currently employed by Lucasfilm with "no plans for her to be in the future."

"Nevertheless, her social media posts denigrating people based on their cultural and religious identities are abhorrent and unacceptable," the statement read.

Carano fell under heavy criticism after she posted that "Jews were beaten in the streets, not by Nazi soldiers but by their neighbors.... even by children."

The actor continued to say, "Because history is edited, most people today don't realize that to get to the point where Nazi soldiers could easily round up thousands of Jews, the government first made their own neighbors hate them simply for being Jews."

How is that any different from hating someone for their political views?"

Chip and Joanna Gaines' Magnolia Network debuts January 2022

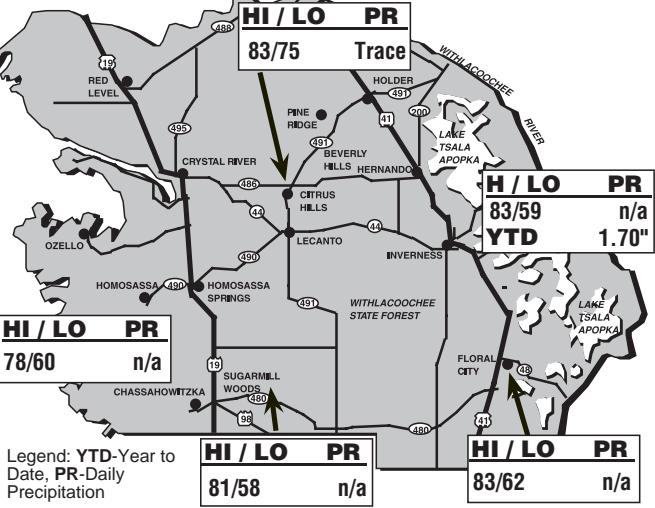
LOS ANGELES — "Fixer Upper" stars Chip and Joanna Gaines' Magnolia enterprise is finally coming full bloom, with an app launch in July and the debut of the Magnolia Network in January 2022.

The TV venture, which replaces the DIY Network, will feature original shows, new seasons of some DIY series and all past episodes of home renovation show "Fixer Upper," which proved the start of a brand that's undergoing major expansion.

The app's July 15 arrival is timed to an expanded slate of original Magnolia shows available on the app and on streaming service discovery+.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 73° Low: 61°
Mostly cloudy with a few showers

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING
High: 75° Low: 63°
Mostly cloudy with showers likely

SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING
High: 73° Low: 61°
Mostly cloudy with showers likely

ALMANAC Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE	Yesterday 82/63	DEW POINT	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 63°
Record* 85/27		HUMIDITY	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 54%
Normal 73/45		POLLEN COUNT**	Today's active pollen: Juniper, maple, oak
Mean temp. 59			Today's count: 7.9/12
Departure from mean 14			Saturday's count: 8.4
PRECIPITATION	Yesterday 0.00"		Sunday's count: 5.8
Total for the month 1.25"		AIR QUALITY	Yesterday observed Good
Total for the year 1.93"			Pollutant Ozone
Normal for the year 4.20"			

*Official record values from Tampa International

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

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SOLUNAR TABLES				
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)
02/12	FRIDAY	7:10	1:12	6:17
02/13	SATURDAY	7:09	1:59	6:18

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 6:17 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:09 am
MOONRISE TODAY 7:59 am
MOONSET TODAY 7:17 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: **LOW. There is no burn ban.**

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

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

TIDES				
*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek				
FRIDAY				
City	High	Low	None	
Chassahowitzka**	6:31 a.m.	0.6 ft	2:12 p.m.	0.1 ft
Crystal River**	4:22 a.m.	2.4 ft	5:13 p.m.	0.0 ft
Withlacoochee*	1:40 a.m.	3.3 ft	2:59 p.m.	2.6 ft
Homosassa***	5:23 a.m.	1.2 ft	6:59 p.m.	0.8 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	76	63	sh	Miami	79	72	pc
Fort Lauderdale	81	71	pc	Ocala	78	64	sh
Fort Myers	82	67	pc	Orlando	81	66	sh
Gainesville	76	62	sh	Pensacola	63	53	sh
Homestead	82	70	pc	Sarasota	79	66	mc
Jacksonville	73	59	sh	Tallahassee	72	61	sh
Key West	82	74	pc	Tampa	81	66	sh
Lakeland	83	66	sh	Vero Beach	81	66	mc
Melbourne	79	66	sh	W. Palm Bch.	78	73	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 5 knots then becoming east around 10 knots after midnight. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Patchy sea fog. A slight chance of thunderstorms.

Gulf water temperature

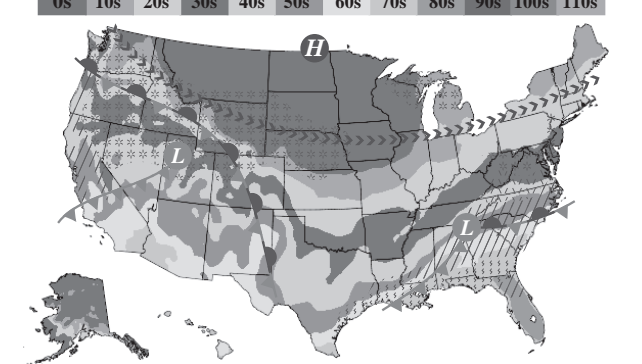
70°

Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	THU	WED	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.04	28.06	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.40	37.40	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.51	38.52	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.75	39.76	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. Friday

City	THU	FRI	City	THU	FRI
Albany	27	17	New Orleans	77	63
Albuquerque	59	30	New York City	33	26
Asheville	54	41	Norfolk	41	39
Atlanta	63	50	Oklahoma City	19	15
Atlantic City	33	28	Omaha	7	1
Austin	36	31	Palm Springs	82	50
Baltimore	34	32	Philadelphia	32	28
Billings	-11	-15	Phoenix	76	48
Birmingham	63	51	Pittsburgh	29	19
Boise	37	28	Portland, ME	27	12
Boston	30	21	Portland, OR	39	33
Buffalo	26	18	Raleigh	34	21
Burlington, VT	22	10	Providence, RI	34	21
Charleston, SC	68	52	Reno	1	-14
Charleston, WV	32	26	Richmond	55	34
Charlotte	54	48	Rochester, NY	27	14
Chicago	23	5	Sacramento	57	48
Cincinnati	27	19	Salt Lake City	53	35
Cleveland	27	19	San Antonio	39	33
Columbia, SC	66	54	San Diego	67	49
Columbus, OH	27	19	San Francisco	57	48
Concord, NH	27	7	Savannah	67	54
Dallas	29	24	Seattle	38	32
Denver	15	0	Spokane	23	17
Des Moines	5	0	St. Louis	23	14
Detroit	25	10	St. Ste Marie	18	-2
El Paso	70	39	Syracuse	26	16
Evansville, IN	30	21	Topeka	16	9
Harrisburg	34	28	Washington	36	34
Hartford	31	18			
Houston	45	39			
Indianapolis	25	18			
Kansas City	16	9			
Las Vegas	72	48			
Little Rock	31	27			
Los Angeles	68	48			
Louisville	29	23			
Memphis	30	28			
Milwaukee	18	3			
Minneapolis	1	-10			
Mobile	70	61			
Montgomery	68	54			
Nashville	37	33			

WORLD CITIES			
City	H/L/SKY		
Acapulco	92/63/s	Lisbon	62/55/pc
Amsterdam	25/18/s	London	30/28/mc
Athens	61/50/s	Madrid	58/50/r
Beijing	56/39/pc	Mexico City	68/54/s
Berlin	28/18/sn	Montreal	2/12/mc
Bermuda	69/67/r	Moscow	9/4/sn
Cairo	75/55/s	Paris	34/28/mc
Calgary	1/17/mc	Rio	85/76/r
Havana	81/71/pc	Rome	58/45/r
Hong Kong	67/60/s	Sydney	84/66/r
Jerusalem	61/47/s	Tokyo	53/42/mc
		Toronto	15/7/sn
		Warsaw	17/6/mc

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; ss=snow; ss=snow showers; t=thunderstorms

Today in
HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2021. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Feb. 12, 1973, Operation Homecoming began as the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.

On this date:
In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.
In 1912, Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, abdicated, marking the end of the Qing Dynasty.
In 1999, the Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice.
In 2013, At the Grammy Awards, Adele took home all five awards she was nominated for, including album ("25"), as well as record and song of the year ("Hello").

Ten years ago: Thousands of Algerians defied government warnings and dodged barricades in their capital, demanding democratic reforms; demonstrations continued in Yemen as well.

Five years ago: Pope Francis, while en route to Mexico, embraced Patriarch Kirill during a stopover in Cuba in the first-ever meeting between a pontiff and the head of the Russian Orthodox Church.

One year ago: Holland America Line said a cruise ship, the MS Westerdam, which had been barred from docking by four governments because of fears of the coronavirus, would arrive the next day in Cambodia. In Japan, officials confirmed 39 new cases on a cruise ship that had been quarantined at Yokohama, bringing the total number of cases on the Diamond Princess to 174.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Costa-Gavras is 88. Basketball Hall of Famer Bill Russell is 87. Actor Joe Don Baker is 85. Author Judy Blume is 83. Actor-talk show host Arsenio Hall is 65. Actor Josh Brolin is 53. Rapper Gucci Mane is 41. Actor Christina Ricci is 41.

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Special to the Chronicle
Whatever he could do, from picking watermelons in the pastor's field to cleaning up around the church, Nathan Proctor was happiest helping out at the New Church Without Walls.

PROCTOR

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"We got to know him and got him a vehicle to drive and then got him out of his homeless situation with a place to stay, and then I hired him to help out at the church."

That's where Nate shined.

If a truck came in, loaded with surplus food, Nate worked tirelessly to empty the truck, box and bag up the food, then help give it out to the hundreds of people who would line up to receive it.

He worked out at Alexander's watermelon field in the summer, did odd jobs around the church, always smiling, always talking.

"He was always talking to people about God," said Mike Arnett, one of the guys who work at the church. "He was outgoing and had a pleasant spirit. We all liked him — we all miss him."

Four years ago, Nate met Mary, a woman who attended the church.

"That turned his life around," said church secretary Joan Johnson. "They got married, and we were so happy for him."

The couple were married four years before Nate died.

About a year ago, Nate got a job at Bealls doing maintenance work, but he still came to the church early nearly every morning to pray and to pick up boxes of food that he would give to Bealls employees and also take to people in the woods.

"He loved people," Alexander said.

Nathan Proctor also loved butterflies, loved raising them in his backyard filled with milkweed and loved taking pictures of them.

He loved flowers and nature — and Tom Brady.

This past Christmas, someone gave him a Tampa Bay Buccaneer jersey, which was the highlight of his year.

"I called him the big teddy bear," said Bealls employee Gloria Morris. "He was so kind, so helpful, so uplifting."

"If he was near the front door, he would always welcome people," she said. "If there was a sale, he'd do his carnival thing and say, 'Come on in — 50% off!' What I'm going to miss — no matter where I was in the store, if he saw me he'd say, 'There you are!' And I'd say, 'Here I am!' "We miss him a lot already," she said. "He was a very special man."

Contact Chronicle reporter Nancy Kennedy at 352-564-2927 or nkenedy@chronicleonline.com. Read more of Nancy's stories at tinyurl.com/yxt69grh.

For the
RECORD

Burglaries, thefts and vandalism

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalism (criminal mischiefs) released Thursday, Feb. 11, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

■ Retail theft, 3:54 p.m. Feb. 10, 2800 block of East Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

■ Theft, 2:11 p.m. Feb. 10, 100 block of South Central Avenue, Inverness.

■ Criminal mischief, 11:35 a.m. Feb. 10, 400 block of North Lake Shenandoah Loop, Inverness.

■ Retail theft, 10:16 a.m. Feb. 10, 2400 block of East Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tipsters remain anonymous. Tips can also be reported to the sheriff's office by calling the agency's non-emergency line, 352-249-2790.

DUI

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For hurting him and his daughter, Evans apologized to Knapp, who was sitting in the courtroom gallery but did not wish to speak himself.

"I would never, ever, ever do anything to hurt somebody on purpose," he said.

Evans' blood alcohol content at the time of the crash was 0.169%. Florida's legal limit is 0.08%.

Prior to the 7:10 p.m. collision, Evans was driving a Dodge Ram east on West Grover Cleveland Boulevard near the intersection of South Roxbury Terrace, where his truck drifted into the westbound lane before colliding with an oncoming Ford F-250 and Hyundai Elantra.

Knapp and his then-4-year-old daughter were in the Elantra. Nature Coast EMS transported Knapp, his daughter and three others to hospital for treatment.

Florida Highway Patrol troopers arrested Evans, who was uninjured, after he failed their field sobriety tasks.

Leathers told Howard Evans admitted to drinking five to six beers since

noon at a Homosassa-area bar before he got on the road.

If Evans took his case to trial and was convicted, he would have faced a prison sentence between roughly three and five years.

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916, bthompson@chronicleonline.com or visit tinyurl.com/yxzn2ahso to see more of his stories.



Easter Services

On Sunday, March 21 and 28, the Chronicle will publish the annual Easter Worship Pages! This is a great place to advertise Community Outreach, Church Picnics and Special Easter Worship!

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Obituaries

Jeanne Ellis, 75
DUNNELLON

On Friday, January 15th, 2021, Jeanne Ellis, loving wife, treasured mother, beloved grandmother and great grandmother passed away at age 75.

Jeanne was born on September 25th, 1945 to mother Mary Jean. She was the first of four children. Jeanne was married to her sweetheart Bill Ellis on May 27th, 1983. Together they raised her two children, Stacy and John.

Jeanne spent each morning with Good Morning America and a cup of coffee. She enjoyed shopping, dot-to-dot books, making dinner reservations, getting her hair and nails done, babysitting her great grandchildren, going on her annual girl's weekend trip, and the taste of a good margarita.

She is preceded in death by her mother Mary Jean, father Eugene and son Michael. She is survived by her husband Bill, daughter Stacy, son John, granddaughters Rylee, Skyler and Haley, and three great grandchildren who were her pride and joy Aubree(6), Liam(3), Luke(1).

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a contribution to Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation, averysangels.org/donate/ 1-855-692-8379.

We will have a celebration of Jeanne Ellis' life on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 11 AM. Please join us at Dunnellon United Methodist Church (21501 CO Rd 40, Dunnellon).

Condolences for the family can be left at www.robertsofdunnellon.com.



Robert McCauley, 85
HOMOSASSA

Robert Harold McCauley, 85, of Homosassa, FL passed away January 21, 2021.

He was born on January 25, 1935 to William and Alice McCauley in New Port, RI. A US Air Force Veteran, Robert loved boating, golfing, working on cars and making home-made fiddle sticks.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret McCauley and is survived by his son Robert McCauley, Jr, 9 step-children; sister Jacqueline McCauley Gill and numerous grandchildren.

Private cremation is under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

VETERANS

- A flag will be included for free for those who served in the U.S. military. (Please note the branch of service when submitting an obituary.)

James 'Jimmy' Moon, 74
INVERNESS

James Edward "Jimmy" Moon, also known by his friends and family as "Moonie", of Inverness, FL passed away on January 27, 2021 at the age of 74 in Inverness.

He was born to the late Isaac C. Moon, Sr. and Evelyn M. Deshefy on September 24, 1946 in Marietta, Georgia. He is described as a "Georgia Peach", just like his father. He grew up in Uncasville, Connecticut, graduated from New London High School in New London, CT in 1964 and had many friends there. He made Inverness his home in 1976 after moving from his hometown in Connecticut. Jimmy was a subcontractor, doing drywall work, and even owned and operated his own business, James Moon Drywall for many years. He also had a knack for welding, and worked at General Dynamics Electric Boat for a period of time. Jimmy was also a member of Boilermakers Union. He was a devout Catholic attending worship services at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness where he also worked as an usher. He is described as a good brother and friend, and Jimmy will be missed by many.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his brother, who was a dear friend to him, Donald, in 2015 and by his Significant Other of 35 years, Shirley Roberts who also passed away in 2015. Those left to cherish Jimmy's memory are his two brothers, Lawrence (Vicki) of Missouri and Isaac (Beth) of Leesburg, FL, by many cherished nieces and nephews, and by his dear friends that he has made along the way through work, church, and other areas of his life.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 11 AM at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL, with Father Claudius Mganga of Our Lady of Fatima Church officiating. A gathering of family and friends will begin at 10 AM until the hour of service for a time of remembrance and fellowship. The family kindly requests that no flowers be delivered on behalf of Jimmy's passing; instead, the family requests memorial donations be made to American Macular Degeneration Foundation. Arrangements and Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

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SO YOU KNOW

- Obituaries must be verified with the funeral home or society in charge of arrangements.
- The Chronicle does not edit obituaries for content.

Ryan Sweeney, 41
INVERNESS

Ryan Michael Sweeney of Inverness, FL passed away at his home while s u r -

rounded by his loving family on February 9, 2021 at the age of 41. Ryan was born to Richard and Jacqueline (Dempsey) Sweeney in Inverness on October 27, 1979 and was a lifelong resident of Citrus County. On April 23, 2016 he married his loving wife Celina (Mayeu) Sweeney. Ryan was a Christian by faith. He was an electronics systems designer by profession and also enjoyed working on electronics in his spare time. Ryan also liked shooting, target practice and a good game of golf. He loved going on hikes, looking for waterfalls and spending time with his family.

Those left to mourn Ryan's passing include his wife, Celina Sweeney of Inverness; his parents: Richard and Jackie Sweeney of Inverness; son, Brenden Lasher of Inverness; daughter, Peyton Raye Sweeney of Inverness; brothers: Kyle Ashton Sweeney and his wife Candice of Fuquay Varina, NC, Sean Patrick Sweeney and his wife Melissa of Citrus Springs, FL.

A celebration of Ryan's life is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness and will be conducted by Pastor Andy Heer of the Hernando Church of the Nazarene. Friends are invited to join Ryan's family in visitation beginning at 2:00 PM until the hour of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Sweeney Family Journey at gf.me/u/zihfpw or to the family PayPal at rcbp11@gmail.com. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

OBITUARIES

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Service: Friday (2/12) 10:00 A.M.
RYAN SWEENEY
Service: Monday (2/15) 3:00 P.M.
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Virus outbreak cancels whooper count in Texas

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The coronavirus pandemic has canceled this year's flights to count the only natural flock of whooping cranes — the first time in 71 years that crews in Texas couldn't make an aerial survey of the world's rarest cranes.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has records of such surveys for every year starting in 1950, Wade Harrell, whooping crane recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said in an email Wednesday.

The flock breeds in Canada and winters on and around Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas, where the survey is made.

Current protocols call for about six flights, each with a pilot and at least two observers — all of whom often come from different parts of the country — in the close quarters of a small plane, Harrell said.

"We decided to forgo the aerial survey this winter with COVID-19 cases currently spiking," he said in a news release last week.

At 5 feet high from their black feet to the little red caps on their heads, whooping cranes are the tallest birds in North America. They're white with black wingtips, and their wingspan, at more than 7 feet, is wider than a full-sized pickup truck. They mate for life.

Only about 825 exist



Associated Press

In this Dec. 17, 2011, file photo, a pair of whooping cranes walk through shallow marsh water looking for food near the Aransas Wildlife Refuge in Fulton, Texas. The coronavirus pandemic has canceled 2021's flights to count only natural flock of whooping cranes — the first time in 71 years that crews in Texas couldn't make an aerial survey of the world's rarest cranes.

— most of them in the natural flock, which is also the only one that doesn't need human help to keep its numbers up. Habitat loss and hunting had cut that flock to 15 in 1941.

It's disappointing not to have the survey because people look forward to learning about each year's population increase, Liz Smith, national program director for the International Crane Foundation, said in a phone interview Wednesday. The pandemic also kept Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada from making its usual count.

The Fish and Wildlife Service and state and conservation groups have been working for decades to build up two other flocks as a hedge against disease, storm or other damage to the Canada-

Texas flock.

In addition to birds kept in captivity for breeding, there are about 85 birds in a flock taught to migrate by following ultralight planes from Wisconsin to Florida, starting in 2001. A nonmigratory flock begun in 2011 in southwest Louisiana has 75.

Youngsters raised in captivity have been added to those flocks every year until last year. There was "basically no" captive breeding in 2020 because of pandemic restrictions, so juveniles could not be added to either flock, said Sara Zimorski, a biologist with Louisiana's Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Missing one year of the survey won't significantly damage the federal agency's ability to monitor trends, Harrell and Smith agreed.

US agency cancels policy on conservation purchases

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — U.S. Interior Department officials on Thursday canceled a Trump administration directive that gave local and state officials power to block purchases of land and water for conservation under a long-standing federal program.

Acting Interior Secretary Scott de la Vega rescinded a November order from former Secretary David Bernhardt that had been criticized by Republicans and Democrats, who said the Trump administration ignored their wishes when it changed a program that's paid for billions of dollars in conservation work over more than five decades.

"Interior's actions today affirm our support for one of America's most successful and popular conservation programs," said Principal Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary Shannon Estenoz in a statement. "We look forward to further

strengthening this successful program to ensure that all communities — from hikers and sportsmen to urban and underserved communities — have access to nature and the great outdoors."

In November, officials announced that \$125 million in congressionally authorized spending under the conservation program would buy up private property inside the boundaries of places including Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park, Kentucky's Green River National Wildlife Refuge and Florida's Everglades region.

Besides giving local officials veto power, Bernhardt's order also limited land acquisitions to property inside the existing boundaries of parks and refuges, rather than expanding their footprint.

Trump administration officials had said the order would have allowed the government to fulfill

goals that were set when conservation areas were created, by filling in missing pieces of them.

Notable among the critics of the order was Republican Sen. Steve Daines of Montana, a Trump loyalist who helped barter a bipartisan agreement that authorized the conservation fund purchases under the Great American Outdoors Act. The measure was signed into law by then-President Donald Trump in August, and Republicans were able to point to it to blunt Democratic attacks against Daines and other lawmakers over their record on environmental issues during the 2020 election.

The conservation fund was established in 1964 to safeguard natural areas from development and protect wildlife.

Money for land purchases comes from revenue from offshore oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf.

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Waterbody	Plant	Herbicide Used
Inverness Pool	Cuban Bulrush, Limnophila, Cattails, Tussocks, Nuphar, Cabomba, Pondweed	2,4D, Diquat, Clipper, Glyphosate, Aquathol
Hernando Pool	Cuban Bulrush, Cattails, Tussocks	2,4D, Glyphosate
Floral City Pool	Cuban Bulrush, Duckweed	2,4D, Clipper

MECHANICAL HARVESTING	
Inverness Pool	Tussocks
Hernando Pool	Tussocks

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SCHOOLS

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trained mentors. This isn't including those who come into schools from private companies and nonprofits.

Citing the safety of district sporting events, board members directed district staff to change school policy for mentors to come back and help narrow learning gaps of the failing Citrus Virtual students transferring to physical classes.

They also wanted staff to pursue the return of traditional graduations and other ceremonies.

"At this point, there's no reason we shouldn't be having in-person graduations when we have similar events going on," board member Thomas Kennedy said, referring to athletic attendees.

Dr. Scott Hebert, the district's chief academic officer, said Tuesday staff updated the wording of the district's Citrus Cares COVID-19 plan to allow school administrators to permit military recruiters and their need of "individuals serving in a mentorship capacity."

Hebert said the vagueness of the policy change gives schools more freedom to pick their choice of mentors.

"We don't want to limit them," he said.

Hebert said schools will monitor their influx of additional guests to determine if it would be safe to have their volunteers return as well.

School Superintendent Sandra "Sam" Himmel said she expects mentors to start arriving to schools in a week, after she meets with principals Tuesday, Feb. 16, to explain the revised policy.

"Once they have a place in their schools where the mentors can meet or a process in place to make sure everybody knows that once they're in our schools, they go by the same guidelines that we use," she said. "Every school may have different ones coming in at different times."

Hebert said teachers, who may be uneasy with somebody else in their classroom, will have final say on whether a mentor is needed to help them.

"We've always had that in place with volunteers and mentors," he said. "We don't put extra people in teachers' classrooms without their ability to make those decisions ... but they understand the need for additional support."

Board members said the policy revision will empower schools to make their own choices based on their own needs.

When it comes to putting on events, Hebert said, schools will try to host their assemblies virtually, but face-to-face gatherings on campus — inside or outside — were eased to follow the COVID-19 guidelines of district sports, which allow for 35% occupancy in stands.

"As the athletic decision drives those changes, it'll then go into effect for our other groups," Hebert said, adding this has already been the policy for drama and music groups.

Hebert said school administrators also have targeted dates for proms and graduations, with goals of having them in-person.

"We're not ready to make a decision on: this is what we're going to do," he said. "We're going to look at each event as we move along, and we'll open them up as move on further down the line."

Himmel said she'll come before the board in a month-and-a-half with options schools are considering.

"It's on the table and we're working toward those events, and I think we can do the most we can do to bring back a sense of normalcy," board member Doug Dodd said. "I really hope we keep moving in that direction."

Also during the school board's meeting on Tuesday:

■ Board members finalized some changes of supervision within the Citrus County Public Safety Training Center at the Withlacoochee Technical College. They voted 5-0 to approve

the job description for a school district "training sergeant," replacing the position of the academy's corrections coordinator, which was filled by a Citrus County Sheriff's Office sergeant.

A sheriff's officer will still preside as the academy's law enforcement coordinator to oversee the training of certified police recruits.

Dave Vincent, the district's police chief and school safety specialist, will also take over as the academy's director, previously held by a sheriff's office captain.

Vincent, who had been the academy director for three years while he was with the sheriff's office, told the Chronicle Thursday he has enough experience to take on the additional role.

"If I didn't think I could do that job," he said, "I'd be a little concerned."

Board members voted 5-0 to ratify Himmel's letter to Sheriff Mike Prendergast, giving him 60 days notice before they terminate the sheriff's office agreement with the school district to provide an officer to be the academy's director in exchange for office space at WTC.

Vincent said the staffing changes create more school district accountability to maintain the accreditation standards set by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Himmel and Vincent assured board members there will still be a strong partnership between the sheriff's office and school district.

■ After putting the top two school calendars up for a revote following a low voter turnout, board members voted 5-0 to pick the 2021-22 calendar 733 school staffers also voted for:

Notable dates with the calendar include spring break aligning with the Citrus County Fair, and the two school semesters having a more even number of days between them.

For information about school calendars, visit citrus.schools.org/calendars.

DEMENTIA

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portion of the brain, an area that affects emotions, remains intact, however, according to Freitas.

Thus, someone with dementia might not remember his or her name or where he or she worked, but might remember someone like Freitas and might say something like, "There's the man who sings and talks too much," Freitas said, noting he loves to sing.

Although the dementias listed above are progressive and not curable, there are dementias that can be cured, such as those that are medical side effects or arise from such things as a Vitamin B-12 deficiency or infection, according to Freitas.

For caregivers, this is useful information, but even more useful might be some suggestions on how to live or work on a day-to-day basis with someone with dementia and "create an environment that is supportive," as Freitas put it.

He offered the following:

■ People with dementia can learn, but it will take them an average 35 days to do so.

■ The color "lime green" keeps the eye moving. People with dementia may have vision problems and also may process visual stimuli differently than others. Lime green will improve reading ability.

■ The color "red" will cause eye movement to stop and will hold someone's attention. In dining situations, red will stimulate eating.

■ The color "dark blue" suppresses appetite.

■ People with dementia often may spill food. But many kinds of things can be baked into a muffin, including meat and vegetables. A muffin becomes a healthy finger food.

■ It's important to stay hydrated. Sixty-four

ounces of fluid a day is recommended. The brain does not function well if the body isn't hydrated.

■ If someone won't drink water, it may be because the person cannot see it or taste it. Putting something like Crystal Light into water will encourage those with dementia to drink the liquid. Sweet and tart tastes are the last tastes people lose.

■ Sometimes those with dementia will refuse to eat. It's not a bad idea to switch up the order of meals and offer dessert first. After a person starts eating, he or she may be more likely to continue.

■ People should not sing while they eat, or they can choke.

■ Caffeinated coffee until noon will stimulate the brain. Decaffeinated coffee should be served in the afternoon and later.

■ It may be difficult for people to see the outdoors through a window with white mini blinds. Using contrasting color mini blinds, or raising the blinds, may help deter depression.

■ Bathrooms often have white tile and white toilet seats. For people with vision problems, it may be hard to see the toilet. Installing a colored toilet seat might help.

■ Bathrooms should have places to sit.

■ Using black sheets may deter people from wanting to stay in bed all day.

■ Putting different colored knobs on bureaus may make drawers easier to recognize.

■ If pillows, sheets, and blankets are different colors, people may not trip as much.

■ Even if they don't remember the word, people with dementia may feel someone or something is missing if someone says "Goodbye." Instead, say something like, "See you tomorrow."

■ Some dementia patients experience "sundowning" in late afternoon and into the evening when they become more confused.

■ Doing such things as getting them into pajamas a couple hours before sunset will help them more successfully go to sleep.

■ Starting off the day with well-known music, rather than with alarms, may help those with dementia sing along. Soothing music in the evening by someone like cellist Yo-Yo Ma will help people relax and help release melatonin, a hormone that induces sleep.

■ Lighting that mimics the sun during the day can encourage people with dementia to participate more in activities. Lighting at night should be yellowish. Night lights should be yellow or red and will encourage melatonin production.

■ The bases of beds can be illuminated with strip lights, activated by motion sensors.

■ Black-out curtains can aid in helping to fall asleep.


■ Sensors can alert caregivers about when dementia patients get up.

■ If a person with dementia is rifling through clothing drawers, a caregiver might designate a top drawer as that person's special drawer where he or she can rummage.

■ Kitchens are dangerous. Caregivers may give those with dementia access to one or two drawers and lock the rest. A snack drawer might have a green knob, or snacks might be put on counters. Cleaning products should be hidden.

■ "Face sheets," or posters, about the person should be created with the person's photo, description, and information about where the person might go. Then if someone wanders off, these sheets are immediately available to help locate the wanderer.

Freitas said when caregivers try to tailor care to a dementia patient's disease stage and to the person's personality, "If we can get under the belt, we can provide excellent care that isn't robotic."



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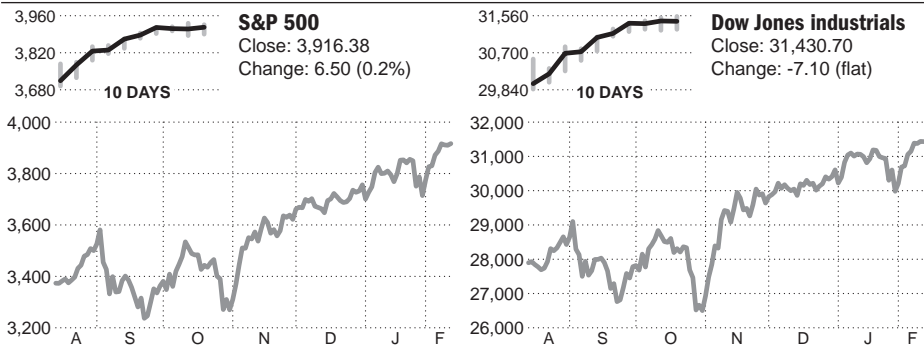
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Pvs. Volume	4,120	6,747	DOW Trans.	12,987.88	12,804.57	12,953.73	-0.80	-0.01%	+3.57%
Advanced	1177	1468	DOW Util.	871.75	863.70	864.79	-6.42	-0.74%	+0.02%
Declined	1330	1810	NYSE Comp.	15,341.34	15,195.85	15,297.09	+23.19	+0.15%	+5.32%
New Highs	199	372	NASDAQ	14,058.91	13,916.84	14,025.77	+53.24	+0.38%	+8.83%
New Lows	1	3	S&P 500	3,925.99	3,890.39	3,916.38	+6.50	+0.17%	+4.27%
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Ametek Inc	AME	54.82	54.82	54.82	+1.17	+1.0	▲	▲	▲	+0.6	+23.7	32	0.72
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	32.58	32.58	32.58	-.76	-1.2	▼	▼	▼	-8.8	-12.7	16	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	17.95	17.95	17.95	-.10	-0.3	▲	▼	▲	+8.5	-2.7	18	0.72
Capital City Bank	CCBG	15.61	15.61	15.61	-.89	-3.8	▼	▼	▼	-7.2	-17.6	12	0.60f
Citigroup	C	32.00	32.00	32.00	-.42	-0.7	▲	▼	▲	+2.5	-17.2	13	2.04
Disney	DIS	79.07	79.07	79.07	+1.28	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	+5.4	+33.5	26	1.76
Duke Energy	DUK	62.13	62.13	62.13	-.91	-2.5	▼	▼	▼	-1.2	+0.9	22	3.86f
EPR Properties	EPR	12.56	12.56	12.56	-.51	-1.2	▲	▲	▲	+25.3	-40.7	12	4.32
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	24.38	24.38	24.38	-.40	-1.4	▲	▲	▲	+5.8	-0.9	8	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	30.11	30.11	30.11	-.128	-2.5	▲	▼	▲	+20.9	-10.6	64	3.48
Ford Motor	F	3.96	3.96	3.96	-.31	-2.6	▼	▲	▲	+30.3	+47.1
Gen Electric	GE	5.48	5.48	5.48	+0.06	+0.5	▲	▼	▲	+6.1	-9.7	33	0.04
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	58.38	58.38	58.38	+1.01	+7.6	▼	▲	▲	+6.7	+20.5	18	1.07m
Home Depot	HD	140.63	140.63	140.63	-.163	-0.6	▼	▲	▲	+4.3	+19.2	28	6.00
Intel Corp	INTC	43.61	43.61	43.61	+1.80	+3.1	▲	▲	▲	+21.8	-8.9	12	1.39f
IBM	IBM	90.56	90.56	90.56	-.133	-1.1	▲	▼	▼	-3.9	-16.2	12	6.52
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	13.31	13.31	13.31	-.27	-0.7	▼	▼	▲	+6.0	+13.6	21	...
Lumen Cos	LOW	60.00	60.00	60.00	-.151	-0.9	▲	▲	▲	+9.5	+48.2	39	2.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	8.16	8.16	8.16	-.98	-7.9	▼	▲	▲	+17.9	-6.7	5	1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	124.23	124.23	124.23	-.13	-0.1	▲	▲	▼	-0.1	+4.5	33	5.16f
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	132.52	132.52	132.52	+1.67	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	+9.9	+33.7	39	2.24
Motorola Solutions	MSI	120.77	120.77	120.77	-.153	-0.8	▼	▲	▲	+6.9	+3.5	41	2.84f
NextEra Energy	NEE	43.70	43.70	43.70	+.04	...	▲	▲	▲	+8.8	+26.5	6	1.40
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	11.26	11.26	11.26	+.54	+3.2	▲	▲	▲	+6.3	-26.9	6	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	6.94	6.94	6.94	-.14	-0.7	▲	▲	▲	+20.0	+23.6	14	0.62
Smucker, JM	SJM	91.88	91.88	91.88	-.93	-0.8	▲	▲	▼	-1.4	+9.9	14	3.60f
Texas Instru	TXN	93.09	93.09	93.09	+4.86	+2.8	▲	▲	▲	+9.2	+37.9	32	3.60
UniFirst Corp	UNF	121.89	121.89	121.89	+2.04	+0.9	▲	▲	▲	+11.6	+17.2	27	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	48.84	48.84	48.84	-.36	-0.7	▼	▼	▼	-7.1	-4.1	12	2.52
Vodafone Group	VOD	11.46	11.46	11.46	+.16	+0.9	▲	▲	▲	+13.4	-0.7	0.97e	...
WalMart Strs	WMT	102.00	102.00	102.00	-.01	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	-0.1	+27.1	83	2.16
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	33.36	33.36	33.36	-.149	-2.9	▲	▲	▲	+25.7	-2.6	1.87f	...

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. d - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date. PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.16% Thursday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
LAST 3.25	.13
6 MO AGO 3.25	.13
1 YR AGO 4.75	1.63

Commodities

Energy prices fell. U.S. crude oil lost 0.7% and natural gas slid 1.5%. Gold and silver prices also fell.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.05	.05	...	1.58
6-month T-bill	.06	.06	...	1.56
52-wk T-bill	.06	.06	...	1.49
2-year T-note	.11	.11	...	1.43
5-year T-note	.46	.46	...	1.44
7-year T-note	.81	.80	+0.01	1.54
10-year T-note	1.16	1.15	+0.01	1.62
30-year T-bond	1.95	1.92	+0.03	2.09

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	4.02	4.02	4.02	4.27
Money market account	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.25
1 year CD	0.36	0.36	0.38	0.46
\$30K Home equity loan	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.27
30 year fixed mortgage	2.83	2.84	2.91	3.21
15 year fixed mortgage	2.34	2.33	2.38	2.67

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	58.24	58.68	-0.75	+20.0
Ethanol (gal)	1.69	1.69	...	+17.9
Heating Oil (gal)	1.74	1.76	-0.93	+17.6
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.87	2.91	-1.48	+13.0
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.65	1.65	-0.19	+15.9
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1824.90	1840.60	-0.85	-3.6
Silver (oz)	27.04	27.07	-0.12	+2.7
Platinum (oz)	1247.00	1246.90	+0.01	+16.0
Copper (lb)	3.79	3.79	+0.05	+7.8
Palladium (oz)	2345.70	2351.20	-0.23	-4.2
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.15	1.16	-0.69	-2.1
Coffee (lb)	1.23	1.23	-0.08	+4.1
Corn (bu)	5.41	5.35	+1.22	+11.8
Cotton (lb)	0.86	0.85	+2.06	+10.6
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	979.00	954.00	+2.96	+11.9
Orange Juice (lb)	1.12	1.13	-0.80	-9.0
Soybeans (bu)	13.68	13.54	+1.00	+4.0
Wheat (bu)	6.34	6.36	-0.31	-1.1

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmcrnBaIA m	30.97	+0.3	+2.5	+10.7	+10.3	+11.9
	CptWldGrInCA m	62.33	+0.8	+5.0	+19.0	+11.4	+15.2
	CptIncBldrA m	64.54	-.03	+2.4	+4.5	+6.0	+8.2
	FdmTlnInvSA m	72.51	+2.3	+4.9	+16.5	+13.5	+17.5
	GrfAmrcA m	71.80	+2.3	+6.3	+38.1	+21.9	+23.8
	IncAmrcA m	24.27	-.04	+3.1	+6.7	+7.8	+10.2
	InvCAmrcA m	46.26	...	+4.1	+15.9	+11.9	+15.8
	NwPrspctvA m	64.09	+3.0	+6.0	+35.0	+20.2	+21.3
	WAMTlnvSA m	52.05	+0.8	+3.7	+9.1	+11.5	+15.3
	Stk	14.61	-.01	-0.3	+7.4	+6.5	+5.8
Dodge & Cox	Inc	206.56	-.34	+7.3	+13.1	+10.9	+17.3
	Stk	135.96	+.26	+4.4	+18.8	+16.6	+18.8
Fidelity	Contrafund	17.68	+.08	+5.4	+30.9	+20.6	+22.5
	TtlMktldxlnsPrm	114.24	+.28	+6.1	+23.2	+17.5	+19.6
Schwab	USBldldxlnsPrm	12.30	-.01	-1.0	+4.8	+5.7	+3.7
	SP500ldx	59.97	+.11	+4.4	+18.7	+16.5	+18.7
T. Rowe Price	BCGr	175.53	+.73	+6.0	+33.0	+22.8	+25.5
	50OldxAdmrl	361.99	+.67	+4.4	+18.7	+16.5	+18.7
Vanguard	GridxAdmrl	137.68	+.69	+5.5	+36.7	+25.5	+24.8
	IntTrtEAdmrl	14.95	...	+0.9	+4.5	+5.2	+3.4
	IntlGrAdmrl	179.47	+2.00	+12.0	+72.1	+27.1	+28.7
	McCpdxAdmrl	274.99	+.89	+7.3	+22.7	+15.7	+18.2
	PmCpAdmrl	167.79	+1.25	+9.1	+23.5	+17.4	+21.3
	STlnvGrdAdmrl	11.02	-.01	+0.1	+4.5	+4.2	+3.5
	SmCpdxAdmrl	103.92	+.48	+11.5	+30.8	+16.9	+19.7
	TrgtRtr2025Inv	22.22	+.05	+3.2	+14.4	+10.6	+12.2
	TrgtRtr2030Inv	42.03	+.09	+3.6	+15.7	+11.2	+13.2
	TtBldldxAdmrl	11.48	-.01	-1.0	+4.6	+5.7	+3.8
	TtlnBldxAdmrl	23.18	...	-0.8	+1.8	+5.0	+3.9
	TtlnSlxAdmrl	34.36	+.19	+5.9	+18.1	+7.8	+13.2
	TtlnSlxldInv	20.54	+.11	+5.9	+18.0	+7.7	+13.1
	TtlnSMldxAdmrl	100.45	+.24	+6.0	+23.3	+17.6	+19.6
	TtlnSMldxInv	100.41	+.24	+6.0	+23.2	+17.4	+19.5
	WlgnAdmrl	78.35	+.17	+2.3	+10.2	+11.2	+12.7
	WlslyIncAdmrl	68.83	-.05	+0.3	+6.4	+8.4	+8.3

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

Stocks mostly flat

Associated Press

Another day of choppy trading on Wall Street left the major U.S. stock indexes nearly flat Thursday, even as the S&P 500 and Nasdaq composite hit all-time highs.

The S&P 500 rose 0.2% after wobbling between small gains and losses up until the final minutes of trading.

The yield on 10-year Treasury notes rose to 1.16% from 1.15% late Wednesday after being as high as 1.20% earlier this week.

The S&P 500 rose 6.50 points to 3,916.38, eclipsing the index's last record high set Monday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 7.10 points, or less than 0.1%, to 31,430.70 a day after setting a new record high.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq gained 53.24 points, or 0.4%, to 14,025.77. Its previous all-time high was Tuesday.

Small company stocks, which have been strong gainers on hopes for an economic recovery by the second half of this year, notched gains. The Russell 2000 index added 2.88 points, or 0.1%, to 2,285.32. The index is up 15.7% so far this year.

Two charged in separate animal cruelty cases

Both women are accused of neglecting dogs

BUSTER THOMPSON Staff writer

A pair of local women face separate charges of aggravated animal cruelty after their arrests a day after each other for neglecting their respective dogs.

Beverly Hills 33-year-old Mary Catherine Phillips was booked into the Citrus County

jail Feb. 5, and Homosassa 59-year-old Catherine Louise Collier was jailed Feb. 6.

Both were released from custody after posting bonds on their \$2,000 bonds, court records show, and they are due to be arraigned on their felonies Feb. 22.

According to Phillips' arrest report, Citrus County Sheriff's Office animal control officers on Jan. 28 transported an injured dog for treatment from the 20 block of South Jackson Street in Beverly Hills.

Officers documented the dog suffering from a

limp, a scabbed nose, infected wounds, abscesses in both ears and nails so long they were curling and growing backward.

A veterinarian deemed the canine's injuries to be the result of neglect, and had to remove both of the dog's ear canals to remove the tumors inside, deafening it.

After speaking with neighbors,

animal control officers were able to find the address of the dog's owner, identified as Phillips, who authorities contacted Feb. 5.


According to her arrest report, before she was arrested, Phillips told officers she rescued the dog four years ago, but could not afford to have its pre-existing ailments, like the tumors, treated.

On Feb. 4, animal control officers began investigating the injuries of Collier's brindle mix, Bindi, which was

emaciated, sick and had a large mass growing and oozing puss on the left side of her face, according to Collier's arrest report.

A vet had to euthanize Bindi because

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RUSHED LAUNCH

Time to end registration roulette

The chorus of the iconic “Beer Barrel Polka” trumpets that when you “Roll out the barrel, we’ll have a barrel of fun.” But, when it comes to Florida’s rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, it has been anything but a barrel of fun.

Although the flow of timely and reliable information that’s publicly accessible with relative ease and confidence is key to an orderly rollout, the state’s inadequate preparation and decentralized execution resulted in a patchwork of registration platforms that varied by county and provider.

With Floridians having to contend with the frustrating uncertainty of registration roulette to obtain a vaccine appointment, the launching of Florida’s past-due statewide vaccine registration platform two weeks ago was a welcome, better-late-than-never initiative.

Offering both internet access and county-specific telephone numbers for those without internet access, it promised the certainty of an appointment with each registrant being contacted through the registration system by phone, text or email. That’s the good news.

The bad news is that facing growing public frustration, the state’s belated sense of urgency yielded a hasty launching of its statewide vaccine registration platform. This only served to spark another dose of confusion for residents and county officials alike.

In the haste to launch, county officials were not given any advanced notice. Numerous counties have

lamented that they learned of the launch the same way the public did — in a news release that gave little to no clarity or instruction as to what to do next.

The news release failed to mention that many counties had already put into use vaccine registration platforms and that the counties were free to choose whether or not to use the state’s platform. A number of counties such as Pinellas, Pasco and Hernando, as well as Publix, say they will continue to use their respective registration platforms. Thus, at least for the short term, many registrants will still have to contend with a patchwork of different sign-up systems.

The rush to launch also saw some initial kinks experienced by users. One such kink that Citrus County callers discovered is registration operators, instead of giving residents the date, time and location of the appointment over the phone, were asking for emails and telling them that they cannot get an appointment without one.

Despite its launch flaws, the statewide vaccine registration platform offers the best vehicle for bringing certainty to what has been a confusing and uncertain vaccine registration experience. It’s time to end the registration roulette by fixing the kinks and making it a truly statewide platform by getting everyone on the same sheet of music.

The COVID-19 rollout may not be a barrel of fun, but at least the pandemic blues may finally be put on the run.

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I am Joanne Vantine, the lady who wrote the letter, “Great president has disappeared,” in today’s Jan. 15 (Opinion Page A9). I just want to put a correction in there. I made a little bit of a mistake and I want the people to know. In there, it says, “We need a president who is not about him and not us.” Then I said, “We need calm again.” It was a typo. It should say, “We need a president who is not about himself, but about us and

our country.” That’s what I had in there. I reread the letter, but I just missed that typo. Evidently, you know, good-ol’ spell check took over and I didn’t check it. I meant it’s about us, all about us and our country. I’m thinking most of you know that was a typo...

No mask, get in back of the line

This is my 2 cents worth about the virus: I sure hope everyone that refused to wear a mask during this time is the last one in line to get the (vaccine) when it comes time for it.

► “In times of stress and danger such as come about as the result of an epidemic, many tragic and cruel phases of human nature are brought out, as well as many brave and unselfish ones.”

William Crawford Gorgas, “Sanitation in Panama”

Consult your physician before embarking on COVID-19 treatment

Dr. Edward Lutkus

Special to the Chronicle

Guest COLUMN

This is written in response to Dr. Dixon’s guest column on COVID-19 in the Sunday, Feb. 7, Citrus County Chronicle. I was sorry to hear that he had to suffer an illness due to COVID. His remarks on wearing masks, social distancing and hand sanitization were spot on. I also completely agree that everyone who is a candidate for the vaccine should get it as soon as it becomes available. However, I must take issue with Dr. Dixon’s advice to take aspirin, vitamins, hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin to treat the novel coronavirus. Secondly, he also advises to ignore the advice of your own doctor and use a telemedicine service to obtain these medications if your primary care physician is not inclined to do so.

Let me be clear. I have no issue with taking vitamins, as he suggested, since they are known to support immune health when taken in appropriate doses. As to immediately starting on an aspirin regimen, I would have added the disclaimer that the patient should not already be taking drugs such as warfarin, Eliquis, Xarelto or a host of other anti-platelet medications. To do so would seriously increase the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding.

Dr. Dixon may have had a mild case of the virus, but to

attribute that to taking Ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine is in my opinion, misleading and perhaps even dangerous. For those of you who would like more information on these drugs, I refer you to the World Health Organization (WHO) website. They specifically state that “hydroxychloroquine does not have any clinical benefit in treating COVID-19.”

The New England Journal of Medicine in its Feb. 4, 2021, issue also found “post exposure therapy with hydroxychloroquine did not prevent COVID infection ... in patients with known exposure to COVID-19.”

Well, you may ask, what is the harm in taking it anyway? The FDA unequivocally “warns of the use of hydroxychloroquine outside of the hospital setting due to heart rhythm problems.” In other words, if you already have a heart rhythm problem, whether known or unknown, you may be putting yourself at risk of developing a cardiac dysrhythmia.

To bypass your primary care physician to obtain this drug by telemedicine prescription, in my view, is cavalier and reckless.

Now, let’s talk about Ivermectin. This is an anti-parasitic drug used to treat tropical diseases. The National Institute of Health (NIH) COVID-19 Treatment Guideline Panel “recommends against the treatment of

COVID-19 with Ivermectin unless being used in a clinical trial.” The NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines are quite clear that Ivermectin in standard doses has no place in the treatment of COVID-19. Furthermore, the FDA is in agreement with the NIH guidelines and recommendations against the use of Ivermectin in treating COVID-19.

Given this information, I would suggest that all patients consider close consultation with their primary care physician before starting any treatment for alleged prevention or cure of COVID-19 or SARS infections. I also would suggest the our local and state departments of health would have plenty of information on available local treatment options prior to utilizing telemedicine advice from someone outside of the county, state or even the country. In general, I would not rely on COVID treatment options derived from the Opinion page of the newspaper or on social media.

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LETTERS to the Editor

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Transferring immunity

Having passed my 85th birthday and being a veteran, I was lucky to have arranged with the VA to get my shots. However, my wife has been trying to get hers, and so far, hasn’t been lucky enough to arrange her appointments. So, I write to the experts, you, the readers of this fine publication, and the medical people, all that would seem to know the answer to the following question. Since by receiving the shots and building an immunity to the virus, can I just give my wife a big kiss and transfer my immunity to her? If the answer is yes, just think of the possibilities. Why, the lovely ladies would be lining up for a big smooch. And if this takes off, the whole world would be smooching. I get dizzy just considering it, or is it old age? Have a good one and don’t get stressed out.

Gene May
Homosassa

Paving paradise with parking lots

I love Citrus County. I’ve been here for 16 years. You can sit outside and hear the birds sing, see eagles soar and feel the spiritual beauty of the landscape. It’s called the Nature Coast. It has seven rivers that web toward the Gulf of Mexico, bringing us fish, mollusks and the wonders of manatees. The value of the land and coast provides us with a miracle of magical recreational moments that cannot be bought. Asphalt walking paths and paved parking lots destroy the very habitats people come to see, photograph, paint, write about and use. We need council people to make important choices. I implore you to think, think, think! The attitude that if we build it they will come is thoughtless. We all know how that worked out for the Crystal River Mall. I once loved Hunter Springs Park, but you have taken its serene beauty and have assaulted it with asphalt. All for the almighty dollar. You are paving paradise and leaving us with parking lots.

Viv Sousa
Beverly Hills

Doctor was efficient, responsive

A little over two years have passed since I was diagnosed via biopsy with (squamous cell) cancer on a tiny spot on my ankle. The procedure to remove the cancer was performed and I was sent on my way. During the ensuing months, the wound did not heal. Despite a second and third opinion and three more biopsies, several scrapings/abrasions, the ulcer did not improve. Meanwhile, I changed doctors and began to see Dr. B. Liu, who suggested I see Dr. Krishnan, podiatric surgeon in Beverly Hills. My first visit with Dr. Krishnan was Dec. 20, 2020, when she assessed the problem and presented a plan for healing. Eight visits later the hole on my ankle has just about healed. Dr. Krishnan is vastly knowledgeable, efficient, and responsive to my needs. Her staff is very helpful, kind, and considerate as well. I highly recommend Beverly Hills Foot and Ankle, P.A.

Renee Bien
Citrus Hills

We need more than grand ideas

We are constantly deluged in stories about climate change and the need to address it now. One of the more commonly mentioned solutions for reducing emissions is the switch to electric vehicles which do not require any fossil fuels. But just think for a moment. Where will all the electric power come from to power these vehicles? Never mind

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Letters to the **EDITOR**

Hindsight in voting

On Jan. 6, the world saw armed, white people wearing red caps, waving Trump banners and Confederate flags storming into the U.S. Capitol, just minutes after President Trump spewed election lies and incited his base to violence.

Trump is on record of lying more than 30,000 times during his term of office. His lying and vicious attacks are distractions believed by gullible Trump followers, resulting in their terrorist actions. If it been an armed, black insurgency mob attacking the Capitol, in all probability, many would have been shot dead by law enforcement.

Trump refused to concede he lost the 2020 election and had expectations that if enough of his followers would act as a “fifth column” to violently overthrow our democracy, and instill a fascist dictatorship to keep Trump in power.

Knowing what you now know, how many of you would have still voted for Trump in 2016? How many will still vote for any Republican?

Vi Nero
Inverness

Hold them accountable

I watched in disbelief as our nation’s capital was under siege and wondered how this can be happening here in America. Have we all lost our minds? Rather than rush to judgement I plan to wait until the timeline of events, which at the moment don’t add up, and all the dots are all properly connected before I form any opinion.

The truth is out there, but it will take time to uncover it. Every day

that goes by we are exposed to new truths, more lies, and more and more speculation on what took place. I condemn all those. I don’t care if it was one group, or multiple groups who participated in this despicable act. They were far from peaceful and showed complete disrespect for the rule of law and the Capitol. Let there be no doubt that the chaos on Capitol Hill was uncalled for, but this current rush to judgement will never lead us to the truth. Just be patient for I believe the truth will be discovered and laid out before us. What’s happened is just too big to sweep under the rug.

This has caused me to dwell on my tours of the Capitol, the first coming during my senior trip to Washington, then on to New York City. I know it was many years ago and while my memories of New York City have dimmed, those of Washington still remain clear. As a 17-year-old, I can still remember walking through the Capitol and feeling the ghosts of past legislators walking along beside me. It’s amazing! They’ve never left the building, they’re still there busy at work. I clearly remember to this day thinking to myself, wow this is truly sacred ground! I have returned a number of times during my lifetime to Washington, and each time I tour the Capitol the feeling of being on sacred ground intensifies.

Americans should honor, not disrespect, the place where our nation’s laws and policies are debated. I feel violated; the legacy of freedom that’s enshrined in this building has been disrespected and desecrated. Lets put it this way: I’m not just angry, I’m mad as hell! These individuals who broke into the Capitol with the intent of

malice, when identified, should be held accountable and face the full extent of the law.

Bill Claustre
Inverness

Laws apply to all, including Trump

(Recently), I sat watching and listening to Republicans continue to support — or is it running scared — from the lies of Donald Trump. The senators took a CYA vote to call the impeachment trial unconstitutional. Their argument is false, but they feel by taking that stand they can ease their consciences and hide behind not voting for conviction.

When Trump called for this rally back in December, he actually called by name for people like the Proud Boys to attend. He spoke of marching and having to fight for their rights. He was aware of the vile and hatred he had created with his false lies of voter fraud. Trump knew these followers were easily swayed by his false claims and counted on them to blindly follow him just as they had by sending their checks totaling \$400 million dollars. Once a mob is unleashed it is almost impossible to stop as was evident by the riot and deaths during the Capitol invasion.

Since facts matter, Trump’s actions after the election stand for themselves. Nobody disputes his calls to the Georgia officials, asking them to commit fraud and change the results. It is very sad to note this is the second time one of his phone calls, asking for crimes to be committed, is being used as evidence. The president sat and watched the riots for two hours before calling the National Guard

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troops to help. He had to be talked into issuing statements asking his followers to stop their illegal actions. Then, when issuing a statement, he praised the rioters calling them “special” and he “loved” them.

Sedition, treason and incitement are all punishable by law. Is it not time for people to start taking responsibility for their actions and admit we are a nation of laws

that apply to all? I fear it is obvious there really is a core of people that no longer think for themselves and will do anything including violence, to get what they want. Five people died. Is that the end or just the beginning?

Jerry Daniels
Hernando

Stop vitriol and personal attacks

President Biden’s inauguration got higher TV ratings than Trump’s 2017 swearing-in.

His approval rating in his first days in office is higher than Donald Trump ever achieved during his four years as president, two new polls have found.

Americans surveyed on the eve of President Biden’s inauguration said that their optimism has

improved on every metric. The Republicans said, let the voters decide, and 81,283,098 American voters decided.

President Biden does not believe in some pie in the sky world where bitter rivals drop their differences. He just thinks the disagreements should not spark endless political warfare.

Biden defined unity as simply the absence of vitriol and personal attacks from politics.

Sadly, Sen. Marco Rubio defines unity as Sen. Rubio getting everything he wants, when he wants it. Anything Sen. Rubio disagrees with is automatically labeled a radical left-wing policy.

No wonder Americans are leaving the Republican Party in significant numbers.

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Steady progress



Milt Meler, right, gets his second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at The Forum Thursday, Feb. 11, in Inglewood, Calif.

Race to vaccinate older Americans starting to show results

CARLA K. JOHNSON, BRYAN ANDERSON AND ANGELIKI KASTANIS
Associated Press

Two months after the first COVID-19 shots were administered, the race to vaccinate older Americans is gaining traction, with more than a third of people 65 and up having received their first dose in states that have provided data. The finding comes from an Associated Press analysis of information from 27 states where data is available. Those states account for just over half of all first doses administered nationwide.

“This is very good news. This is a sign we’re doing it right,” said Ali Mokdad, professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. Vaccine hesitancy is dropping quickly as older Americans talk to their friends who have been vaccinated, he said. “They’re watching people they know get the vaccine and seeing it’s safe.”

The effort is uneven, with many other states still lagging behind on vaccinations of the higher-risk population.

Mokdad added: “We can do better. I can’t wait for the day when all those who want the vaccine can get the vaccine. The system we have in place is

Winter weather is latest snag for vaccine rollout

O’FALLON, Mo. — Add another obstacle to the already stuttering rollout of COVID-19 vaccines — brutal winter weather creating dangerous conditions and forcing tens of thousands of would-be shot takers to wait longer.

Icy roads from the West Coast through the Midwest and into the South shut down vaccinations at many sites, pushing those with appointments back into the pool of those waiting. The schedule disarray could get worse, with nasty weather expected to last for several days. Places from Oregon to Oklahoma could see a foot of new snow by the weekend.

Limited vaccine supply, varying state plans and other points of confusion have slowed the effort to get doses to Americans. Statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday showed a little over 10% of the country — 34.7 million people — have received at least one dose, and 11.2 million have received both of the two doses required for both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

working. We have to keep pushing for more vaccine.”

The proportion of vaccines given to those 65 years and older varies. It’s about three-quarters of all first-dose shots in Florida and more than two-thirds in North Carolina.

In Indiana, Alaska and West Virginia, almost half of the population 65 years and older has received the first dose. In North Carolina, Louisiana, Colorado, Florida and Utah, about a third of that population has received the first dose.

Oregon, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Nebraska and

With the elderly now the focus of mass vaccinations, state and local health officials decided the risk of falls or accidents outweighed the benefit of a timely shot.

“Unfortunately, if you look at the weather for next week, it’s not going to be easy,” Oklahoma Deputy Health Commissioner Keith Reed said. “It’s just another challenge with this vaccine program. You talk about all the logistical challenges, and now Mother Nature wants to make it a little bit more of a challenge for us.”

Ice-covered roads led to crashes and road closures in Oklahoma. A mass vaccination site in Tulsa was shut down, forcing 2,000 appointments to be rescheduled. At another site in Oklahoma City, 700 appointments were moved to March 10.

The prospect of an extended delay was worrisome for those who have received their first shot. The second shot for the Pfizer vaccine is recommended 21 days after the first, and the second dose of the Moderna vaccine is recommended 28 days later.

— From wire reports

Dems: Rioters followed Trump’s ‘order’

Defense will take floor today; vote could be held this weekend

LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER, MARY CLARE JALONICK AND JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House prosecutors concluded two days of emotional arguments in Donald Trump’s impeachment trial late Thursday, insisting the Capitol invaders believed they were acting on “the president’s orders” to stop Joe Biden’s election, the deadly culmination of Trump’s pattern of spreading false and violent rhetoric that will continue to vex American politics if left unchecked.

The Democratic prosecutors described in stark, personal terms the horror faced that January day, including in the very Senate chamber where Trump’s trial is underway. They displayed the many public and explicit instructions Trump gave his supporters — long before the White House rally that unleashed the Capitol attack as Congress was certifying Biden’s victory. Five people died in the chaos and its aftermath.

In videos, some posted to social

media by rioters themselves, invaders talked about how they were doing it all for Trump.

“If we pretend this didn’t happen, or worse, if we let it go unanswered, who’s to say it won’t happen again?” argued prosecutor Rep. Joe Neguse, D-Colo.

Trump’s defense will take the floor on Friday, and the proceedings could finish with a vote this weekend.

The Democrats, with little hope of conviction by two-thirds of the evenly divided Senate, are making their most graphic case to the American public, while Trump’s lawyers and the Republicans are focused on legal rather than emotional or historic questions, hoping to get it all behind as quickly as possible.

This second impeachment trial, on the charge of incitement of insurrection, has echoes of last year’s impeachment and acquittal over the Ukraine matter, as prosecutors warn senators that Trump has shown no bounds and will do it again, posing a danger to the civic order unless he is convicted and banned from future office.

The prosecutors on Thursday drew a direct line from his repeated comments condoning and even celebrating violence — praising “both sides” after the 2017 outbreak at the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia — and urging his rally crowd last month to go to the Capitol and fight for his presidency. He spread false claims about election fraud, even there has been no evidence of it, and urged his supporters to “stop the steal” of the presidency.

Prosecutors used the rioters’ own videos from that day to pin responsibility on Trump. “We were invited here,” said one. “Trump sent us,” said another. “He’ll be happy. We’re fighting for Trump.”

“They truly believed that the whole intrusion was at the president’s orders,” said Rep. Diana DeGette of Colorado. “The president told them to be there.”

At the White House, President Joe Biden said he believed “some minds may be changed” after senators saw chilling security video Wednesday of the deadly insurrection at the Capitol.

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Romp in the snow



A pit bull named Loki kicks up snow while walking on a trail at Oregon Ridge Park, Thursday, Feb. 11 in Cockeysville, Md.

Judge declines new arrest warrant for Kyle Rittenhouse

MADISON, Wis. — A judge on Thursday refused prosecutors’ request to issue a new arrest warrant for an 18-year-old from Illinois accused of killing two people during a police brutality protest in Wisconsin last summer.

Kenosha County Assistant District Attorney Thomas Binger alleged that Kyle Rittenhouse failed to update his address when he moved out of his Antioch apartment in November, amounting to a bail violation.

In addition to a new arrest warrant, Binger asked Judge Bruce Schroeder to increase Rittenhouse’s bail by \$200,000. Rittenhouse’s attorneys countered that Rittenhouse is in hiding due to threats.

Schroeder refused both of Binger’s requests. During a testy hearing the judge said people out on bail often fail to update their addresses and aren’t arrested.

Biden wants to quadruple refugee admissions set by Trump

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden wants to raise refugee admissions to 62,500 for the current budget year, overriding former President Donald Trump’s record-low limit of 15,000, a U.S. official and others said Thursday.

The official and others with knowledge of the plans spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Trump set the ceiling on refugee admissions in October when the 2021 budget year started, and it runs until September 30. Biden’s proposal of 62,500 would replace that, and the president has already announced plans to raise admissions to twice that amount in 2022.

Biden is said to have wanted to raise refugee admissions immediately but not set the target as high as 125,000 people because that would be unrealistic to reach this year with the coronavirus pandemic and the work needed to rebuild the refugee program that had been largely dismantled by the Trump administration.

Mexico president warns against false claims of open US doors

MEXICO CITY — Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Thursday many migrants believe the “doors are open” to the United States following the election of President Joe Biden.

López Obrador said that wasn’t true, and urged migrants not to believe traffickers who tell them they could get legal status immediately. He noted that he welcomed Biden’s policy proposal, but that it would take time to be approved and implemented.

“Now, for example, that there is a U.S. immigration policy to regularize the

situation of migrants, Mexicans and our Central American brothers, people think that now the doors are open, that President Biden is going to immediately regularize all migrants,” López Obrador said.

“It is not true that everyone can go now to the United States and they will be regularized, that has not been defined yet,” he said. “Our brother migrants should have this information so that they won’t be deceived by human traffickers, who paint a rosy picture.”

Threatened French teacher offered top-level state protection

PARIS — French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said Thursday a state school teacher who allegedly received death threats after writing an open letter on the threat of radical Islam to teachers has been offered the highest level of state protection.

Didier Lemaire had already been under some degree of police protection in the Yvelines area, southwest of Paris.

On Thursday, Darmanin said the highest level of protection — usually accorded to high-profile politicians — was offered to him. It could include a driver and one or more personal bodyguards. The minister did not specify whether the teacher had accepted the offer.

Lemaire, a philosophy teacher, said he received death threats after he wrote an open letter saying the state did not do enough to protect teacher Samuel Paty.

Paty was beheaded last October by 18-year-old Abdulkh Anzorov, after he showed cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed in a class on freedom of expression. Anzorov was shot dead by police shortly after.

China bans BBC news broadcasts in apparent retaliatory move

BEIJING — China has banned BBC World News from airing in China, one week after threatening to retaliate for the recent revocation of the British broadcasting license for China’s state-owned CGTN.

The National Radio and Television Administration said in a statement dated midnight Friday that BBC World News coverage of China had violated requirements that news reporting be true and impartial and undermined China’s national interests and ethnic solidarity.

The BBC already is generally not viewable in China outside of some hotels, businesses and residential compounds for foreigners. It wasn’t immediately clear if the ban would affect reception in those facilities.

The Chinese government has criticized recent BBC reports on the COVID-19 pandemic in China and on allegations of forced labor and sexual abuse in the Xinjiang region, home to the Uighurs and other predominantly Muslim ethnic groups.

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Triple-doubles this season for Miami Heat star Jimmy Butler after recording 27 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists Thursday.



Jimmy Butler

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Pirates post impressive regional victory

Crystal River wins at North Marion, 62-56

MATT PFIFFNER
Sports editor

CITRA — The Crystal River girls basketball team got its groove back Thursday night in a Region 4A-2 quarterfinal against North Marion.

After a sluggish first quarter — coming off a pair of sub-par performances last week at districts — the Pirates started rolling in the second quarter thanks to the sharpshooting of Haley Herman and tough pressure defense. That excellent play carried over to the second half, where Crystal River led by double digits much of the final 16 minutes on its way to a 62-56 play-off victory.

The Pirates (18-3) advance to the regional semifinals Tuesday against The Villages Charter (20-6) in a rematch of the district final, won by the Buffalo 71-47 last Friday.

“I have a lot of confidence in these girls. I know what they’re capable of doing,” Crystal River head coach Charles Bryant

said. “Last Friday just wasn’t our night. Nothing was working. I just had confidence that we weren’t going to play the same way and we were going to give ourselves a shot to move on.”

Both teams Thursday night managed just 3 points through the first four minutes of action, but the Colts (18-5) went on a 6-2 run to end the first quarter for an 11-7 lead.

That’s when Herman and Alysa Jenkins took over on offense for the Pirates.

Herman drilled five 3-pointers in the second quarter for 15 points and Jenkins added six points — all on drives to the basket — to give the Pirates a 30-27 lead at the break.

“I wouldn’t say I took it on myself,” Herman said of getting the offense going. “As a team we looked for the shooter and it happened to be me and I just made them.”

“I try my best to always be confident, regardless if we’re coming off a loss or if the team is struggling. Just play the same game every time.”

Crystal River drained four more 3-pointers in the third quarter — the first two from Rikelle Trenary — as the lead ballooned to 15 late in the third period.

“We talked about it a lot,” Trenary said



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Alysa Jenkins of Crystal River, left, drives past Jermaya Jackson of North Marion for a layup during the first half of Thursday’s Region 4A-2 quarterfinal contest in Citra. The Pirates advanced with a 62-56 victory on the road.

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Pushing forward



JOE DICRISTOFALO/For the Chronicle

Lecanto’s Jasmine Henry attempts a layup in the Region 5A-2 quarterfinal girls basketball game Thursday at Fivay High School in Hudson. The Panthers defeated the host Falcons, 49-32.

Lecanto gets first girls basketball regional victory since 2016

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

HUDSON — Lecanto shook off a sluggish start and stole its way to its first regional victory in five years.

No, it’s not that the Panthers had to pull the win out late; in fact they led most of the way. Literally their ability to steal the ball, recording 27 in the game, helped lift them to a 49-32 triumph over host Fivay in Thursday night’s Region 5A-2 quarterfinal.

“We made it probably a little harder than it should have been,” Lecanto head coach Ron Allan said. “I thought we played great defense the whole night. We just didn’t do a real good job of taking advantage of some of the turnovers that we generated.”

“As the game wore on I think we wore them down just because we can go deeper into the bench than they could. They had a little foul trouble and we didn’t, so that’s a good thing.”

It was an offensive struggle for both

sides through most of the first quarter. For a long stretch the score stood at 3-2 in favor of the Falcons (18-5), though the Panthers (18-5) did manage to pull ahead 8-5 by the end of the period.

Back-to-back steals and layups by Cynthia Homs and Peyton Spaulding opened up a 16-8 advantage and forced a Fivay timeout with 3:39 left in the half. Homs then had another steal and score on the ensuing possession to make it 18-8.

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Almirola races to victory

Wins first qualifying race for Daytona 500

JENNA FRYER
AP auto racing writer

DAYTONA BEACH — Aric Almirola won the first Daytona 500 qualifying race Thursday night to put a Ford from flagship Stewart-Haas Racing in the second row of NASCAR’s season-opening spectacular.

Almirola held off a charge from Joey Logano, who pulled alongside Almirola on the final lap of the first 150-mile race at Daytona International Speedway. Christopher Bell waffled briefly on which driver he wanted to push and first seemed to choose Logano before dipping down behind Almirola.

It gave Almirola the shove he needed for his first victory in a qualifying race at Daytona. He led 52 of the 60 laps.

“Things are going right for Tampa Bay,” Almirola said about his first career Speedweeks victory the same week his hometown Tampa Bay Buccaneers won the Super Bowl.

“This thing was a hot rod. Our race car is so fast,” he added. “We’ve got an incredible race car and I can’t wait for the Daytona 500.”

Hendrick Motorsports with Alex Bowman and William Byron put a pair of Chevrolets on the front row Wednesday night for Sunday’s season-opening race. Almirola will be on the second row with the winner of the second Duel, which was in a hold because of rain.

Austin Cindric earned the one “open” spot in the 500 that was up for grabs in the first qualifying race. Eight drivers came to Daytona trying to claim four available spots in the 40-car field. David Ragan and Ryan Preece claimed the first two in Thursday’s time trials, leaving one spot in each of the Duels.

Cindric was attempting to qualify for his first Cup race, but the Xfinity Series champion was flagged for speeding on his final pit stop. It put him a lap down and needing Preece to be the highest-finishing open driver to get the 500 spot.

Ty Dillon looked like he was headed to the Daytona 500, trying to get Gaunt Brothers Racing into the 500 after the team missed the race last year with Daniel Suarez. Dillon is looking for a full-time job this year and through a budding relationship with Toyota had a chance at

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Bolts fall to Panthers to open 2-game set

Penguins defeat Isles on Crosby's shootout goal

Associated Press

SUNRISE — Aaron Ekblad and Alex Wennberg each had a goal and an assist and the Florida Panthers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-2 on Thursday night.

Frank Vatrano, Carter Verhaeghe and Brett Connolly also scored, and Sergei Bobrovsky turned aside 19 of 21 shots.

Braden Point scored twice for Tampa Bay, and Andrei Vasilevskiy made 24 saves. The Lightning had won six straight.

The teams will meet again Saturday night in Sunrise.

With captain Steven Stamkos out of the lineup with a lower-body injury, Tampa Bay lacked its usual firepower while Florida was highly effective in its offensive end.

Panthers' coach Joel Quenneville was pleased with the balanced attack among all the lines as Florida outthustled the Lightning to the puck throughout the contest.

"I thought we had a real strong game across the board. I thought all the lines had a lot of speed and won some races," Quenneville said. "We had a lot of possession zone time. I thought it was an excellent game."

The Panthers opened the scoring midway through the first period when Vatrano took a feed from Owen Tippett behind the net and put a one-timer past Vasilevskiy. Wennberg made it 2-0 at 8:31 of the second, with Jonathan Huberdeau getting his 300th NHL assist on the play.

Huberdeau is the first player in Panthers' franchise history to reach the 300-assist milestone.

Point cut it to 2-1 on a power play at 10:55 of the second, and Ekblad and Verhaeghe countered quickly with goals in a 2:01 span in the period. Point scored again on a power play 54 seconds into the third.

"(The Panthers) came out ready to play. They outskated us; they were winning races," said Point, who added to his team-leading points total (16) with the pair of goals. "We were slow to pucks and they took advantage."

Connolly scored into an empty net.

Penguins 4, Islanders 3, SO

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Sidney Crosby scored the only goal of the shootout to lift the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 4-3 comeback victory over the New York Islanders.

Jets 5, Senators 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Connor Hellebuyck made 41 saves and Paul Stastny, Dylan DeMelo and Blake Wheeler scored second-period goals to help the Winnipeg Jets beat the Ottawa Senators 5-1.



Associated Press
Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy (88) stops a shot on goal by Florida Panthers right wing Brett Connolly (10) as center Yanni Gourde (37) defends, during the third period Thursday in Sunrise.

Blue Jackets 6, Blackhawks 5

CHICAGO — Boone Jenner, Jack Roslovic, Michael Del Zotto and Kevin Stenlund scored during a wild third period, and the Columbus Blue Jackets stopped Chicago's three-game win streak with a 6-5 victory

over the Blackhawks.

Predators 3, Red Wings 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dante Fabbro scored with 59.2 seconds remaining to give the Nashville Predators a 3-2 win over the struggling Detroit Red Wings.

Oilers 3, Canadiens 0

MONTREAL — Mike Smith made 38 saves in his second start of the season for his 40th career shutout in the Edmonton Oilers' 3-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Ryan Ellis and Matt Duchene also scored and Pekka Rinne made 24 saves for Nashville.

2020 champ Kenin loses

Was defending her Australian Open title

JOHN PYE
AP sports writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Sofia Kenin knew this would be a tough test at the Australian Open, a potentially early end to her first attempt to defend a Grand Slam title.

Upon realizing she probably would be playing big-hitting veteran Kaia Kanepi in the second round, Kenin acknowledged, she "maybe kind of broke down a little bit."

Kenin was right to be worried. And, with Kanepi at her best, this one was over quickly. Delivering 10 aces, Kanepi powered her way past the fourth-seeded Kenin, overwhelming the 2020 champion 6-3, 6-2 in only 64 minutes on Thursday.

"I obviously felt like I'm not there 100% — physically, mentally, my game. Everything just feels real off, obviously. It's not good," Kenin said at her news conference, where she wiped away tears. "I mean, I just — I know I couldn't really handle the pressure."

One person who knows how to defend a major title is Rafael Nadal, who shares the men's record of 20 with Roger Federer.

Nadal shrugged off some heckling from a spectator before beating 177th-ranked Michael Mmoh 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 in the last night match, showing no signs of the back soreness that has bothered him.

Nadal was serving for the second set at 5-4 when a woman yelled out and made hand gestures as he prepared to serve. She yelled again at 30-0 and stadium security escorted her out of Rod Laver Arena. As the rest of the crowd started booing the woman, Nadal laughed.

After the brief delay, he hit two aces to finish off the set. He wrapped up the match 1 hour, 47 minutes.

Nadal said it was a "positive evening." Except for one strange thing.

Asked if he knew the unruly spectator, Nadal said he didn't "and, honestly, I don't want to know."

In the preceding match on the main show court, fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina beat 16-year-old Coco Gauff 6-4, 6-3, knocking the youngest player out of the draw.

Gauff had a breakout major in Melbourne last year, reaching the round of 16 with wins over Venus Williams and Naomi Osaka before losing to Kenin. But Svitolina was just too consistent when it counted, saving all four break points she faced and converting on two of the three she had on Gauff's serve.

Gauff said she stayed calm and was playing at a higher standard of tennis than last year, but it wasn't quite enough.

Kanepi said her winning performance wasn't merely a case of taking advantage of Kenin's nerves because "I was nervous, too ... playing the defending champion, that was the thought."

Kanepi, 35, had beaten Kenin, 22, in their only previous matchup, part of why this was not a contest the American was looking forward to. Plus, Kanepi has been successful against some of the best on the biggest stages, with seven victories over Top 10 opponents at Grand Slam tournaments, including against then-No. 1 Simona Halep at the 2018 U.S. Open.

And then there was recent form.

Kenin walked off the court crying after a 6-2, 6-2 loss last week in a tuneup event at the site of the Australian Open and explained afterward that her left leg was sore. Kanepi, meanwhile, put an end to No. 7-ranked Aryna Sabalenka's 15-match winning streak last week and had won 16 of her past 17 outings.

With serves topping 110 mph, Kanepi saved



Associated Press
Kaia Kanepi makes a backhand return Thursday to Sofia Kenin during their second round match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia. Kanepi defeated the defending champion, 6-3, 6-2.

all seven break points she faced. And she wound up with a 22-10 edge in winners.

"I couldn't find my rhythm," Kenin said. "I was obviously way too nervous."

Her departure meant three of the top nine seeded women already were gone before mid-way through Day 4 at a Grand Slam tournament where routines have been disrupted by the pandemic.

Top-ranked Ash Barty did manage to avoid a surprise Thursday, but she blew a big lead in the second set and survived a shaky tie-breaker to get past Daria Gavrilova 6-1, 7-6 (7).

Other women's winners included former No. 1 Karolina Pliskova, who beat Danielle Collins 7-5, 6-2, and Shelby Rogers, who reached the third round at the Australian Open for the first time by beating Olga Danilovic 6-2, 6-3.

In an all-American match, No. 22 Jennifer Brady beat Madison Brengle 6-1, 6-2.

Barty, trying to become the first Australian to win the women's title at Melbourne since Chris O'Neil in 1978, lost only 10 points in the opening round, and her match against Gavrilova was equally lopsided until the wobbly finish. She led 5-2 in the second set but was broken twice serving for the victory.

"When you play another Aussie, rankings go out the window, experience goes out the window," Barty said. "Typically you know each other so well. It's always going to be a tricky match."

That was the case on the men's side, when the first all-Italian men's singles match at the Australian Open in the professional era was followed by a heated argument between Fabio Fognini and Salvatore Caruso.

Fognini rallied from 5-1 down in the tie-breaker to win 4-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (12) in almost four hours. The verbal altercation started at the net, seemed to fade as the players went back to their courtside chairs, but restarted twice. A tournament official eventually intervened to break them up.

The 16th-seeded Fognini said he and Caruso were good friends and would leave matters on the court.

Fifth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas was pushed all the way by No. 267-ranked Australian wildcard entry Thanasi Kokkinakis in a 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-4 win. Tsitsipas will next play Mikael Ymer, who beat 17-year-old Spanish qualifier Carlos Alcaraz in the second round.

Also advancing were No. 9 Matteo Berrettini, No. 21 Alex de Minaur and Mackenzie McDonald, who beat 22nd-seeded Borna Coric 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, and 39-year-old Feliciano Lopez.

Russia's ATP Cup-winning teammates Daniil Medevov and Andrey Rublev continued their unbeaten starts to the year with straight-set wins. The fourth-seeded Medevov extended his winning streak to 16 by beating Roberto Carballes Baena 6-2, 7-5, 6-1.

NBA BRIEFS

Butler has triple-double, leads Heat past Rockets

HOUSTON — Jimmy Butler had a triple-double with 27 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists and the Miami Heat overcame a slow start to beat the slumping Houston Rockets 101-94 on Thursday night.

Miami won its fourth straight and handed Houston its fourth loss in a row.

Butler had his first triple-double of the season and 10th overall. The Heat came close to having two players with triple-doubles, with Bam Adebayo finishing with 10 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists before fouling out with about a minute left.

John Wall and Eric Gordon led the Rockets with 17 points each.

Ojeleye scores 24, Celtics down Raptors 120-106

BOSTON — Semi Ojeleye had a career-high 24 points and six 3-pointers, and the Boston Celtics rolled to a 120-106 win over the Toronto Raptors on Thursday night.

Rookie Payton Pritchard added 20 points and had a career-high six 3s to help Boston snap a two-game skid.

The Celtics never trailed and led by as many as 19, thanks in part to a season-high 20 3-pointers.

Kyle Lowry led the Raptors with 24 points and six assists. Pascal Siakam finished with 23 points for Toronto, which was coming off a win at Washington a night earlier.

Pacers snap 4-game skid with win over Pistons

DETROIT — Domantas Sabonis had 26 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, and the Indiana Pacers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 111-95 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Thursday night.

Malcolm Brogdon added 18 points and Jeremy Lamb scored 17 for the Pacers, who posted a season-low 94 points in a loss to Brooklyn on Wednesday. One night later, it was Detroit that struggled offensively, shooting 5 of 28 from 3-point range.

Josh Jackson led Detroit with 18 points, and rookie Isaiah Stewart added 17 in his first start at center.

— From wire reports

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	G B
Philadelphia	18	7	.720	—
Brooklyn	15	12	.556	4
Boston	13	11	.542	4½
Toronto	12	14	.462	6½
New York	11	15	.423	7½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	G B
Charlotte	12	14	.462	—
Atlanta	11	13	.458	—
Miami	11	14	.440	½
Orlando	9	16	.360	2½
Washington	6	16	.273	4
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	G B
Milwaukee	16	9	.640	—
Indiana	13	13	.500	3½
Chicago	10	14	.417	5½
Cleveland	10	16	.385	6½
Detroit	6	19	.240	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	G B
San Antonio	14	11	.560	—
Memphis	10	10	.500	1½
Dallas	12	14	.462	2½
New Orleans	11	13	.458	2½
Houston	11	14	.440	3
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	G B
Utah	20	5	.800	—
Portland	13	10	.565	6
Denver	13	11	.542	6½
Oklahoma City	10	14	.417	9½
Minnesota	6	19	.240	14
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	G B
L.A. Lakers	20	6	.769	—
L.A. Clippers	18	8	.692	2
Phoenix	15	9	.625	4
Golden State	13	12	.520	6½
Sacramento	12	12	.500	7

Thursday's Games	
Boston 120, Toronto 106	
Miami 101, Houston 94	
Indiana 111, Detroit 95	
Orlando at Golden State, late	
Philadelphia at Portland, late	
Today's Games	
Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.	
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7 p.m.	
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.	
New Orleans at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.	
San Antonio at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.	
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.	
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.	
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.	

GOLF

AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Thursday At Pebble Beach Golf Links Pebble Beach, Calif. Purse: \$7.8 million Pebble Beach Course Yardage: 6,958; Par: 71 Spyglass Hill Course Yardage: 6,858; Par: 72	
First Round (Partial leaderboard)	
Patrick Cantlay	29-33—62 -10
Akay Bhatia	31-33—64 -8
Henrik Norlander	32-32—64 -8
Nate Laley	30-35—65 -7
Jordan Spieth	34-31—65 -7
Mark Hubbard	31-35—66 -6
Russell Knox	31-35—66 -6
Will Gordon	34-32—66 -6
Brian Stuard	32-34—66 -6
Tom Lewis	33-33—66 -6
Cameron Tringale	33-34—67 -5
Brian Harman	32-35—67 -5
Matt Jones	32-35—67 -5
Cameron Percy	33-34—67 -5
Michael Thompson	35-32—67 -5
Hunter Mahan	34-33—67 -5
Tom Hoge	34-33—67 -5
Vaughn Taylor	34-33—67 -5
Tim Wilkinson	33-34—67 -5
Daniel Berger	32-35—67 -5
Brandon Hagg	34-33—67 -5
Branson Burgooon	37-31—68 -4
Jim Herman	36-32—68 -4
Paul Casey	34-34—68 -4
Chesson Hadley	32-36—68 -4
Vincent Whaley	33-35—68 -4
Ben Taylor	34-34—68 -4
Maverick McNealy	33-35—68 -4
Si Woo Kim	33-35—68 -4
Jason Dufner	33-35—68 -4
Ryan Moore	32-36—68 -4
Jo Teater	35-34—69 -3
Charley Hoffman	32-37—69 -3
Scott Brown	32-37—69 -3
Doug Ghim	36-33—69 -3
Chris Kirk	36-33—69 -3
Scott Piercy	33-36—69 -3
Max Homa	34-35—69 -3
Francesco Molinari	34-35—69 -3
Harold Varner III	33-36—69 -3
Peter Uihlein	32-37—69 -3
Kevin Streelman	36-33—69 -3
Scott Stallings	34-35—69 -3
Nick Taylor	35-34—69 -3
Patton Kizzire	35-34—69 -3
Luke Donald	35-34—69 -3
Brendan Steele	34-35—69 -3
Jason Day	35-34—69 -3
Pat Perez	34-35—69 -3
Will Zalatoris	37-32—69 -3
D.J. Trahan	35-34—69 -3
Mark Anderson	34-35—69 -3
Rory Sabbatini	34-36—70 -2
John Senden	34-36—70 -2
C.T. Pan	35-35—70 -2
Hank Lebioda	34-36—70 -2
Aaron Baddeley	36-34—70 -2
Brian Gay	35-35—70 -2
Ryan Armour	33-37—70 -2
Kyle Stanley	34-36—70 -2
Bill Haas	33-37—70 -2
Joel Dahmen	37-34—71 -1
Kevin Stadler	35-36—71 -1
J.B. Holmes	33-38—71 -1
Austin Cook	35-36—71 -1
Roberto Castro	35-36—71 -1
Branden Grace	36-35—71 -1
Nelson Ledesma	34-37—71 -1
Bo Hoag	35-36—71 -1
Michael Kim	38-33—71 -1
Troy Merritt	36-35—71 -1
Brice Garnett	33-38—71 -1
Jim Furyk	34-37—71 -1
Wes Roach	36-35—71 -1

HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division						
	GP	W	L	OTpts	GF	GA
Boston	12	9	1	2	20	39
Philadelphia	13	8	3	2	18	46
Washington	12	6	3	3	15	44
N.Y. Islanders	12	5	4	3	13	28
Pittsburgh	12	6	5	1	13	37
N.Y. Rangers	12	4	5	3	11	31
New Jersey	9	4	3	2	10	23
Buffalo	10	4	4	2	10	30
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OTpts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	12	9	2	1	19	44
Florida	11	8	1	2	18	37
Columbus	15	7	5	3	17	45
Chicago	15	6	5	4	16	44
Carolina	10	7	3	0	14	34
Dallas	10	5	2	3	13	34
Nashville	14	6	8	0	12	34

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 3 - 5	PICK 5 (early) 9 - 8 - 0 - 5 - 1
PICK 2 (late) 4 - 9	PICK 5 (late) 8 - 1 - 0 - 8 - 6
PICK 3 (early) 9 - 5 - 5	FANTASY 5 4 - 10 - 18 - 30 - 36
PICK 3 (late) 0 - 6 - 0	CASH 4 LIFE 8 - 9 - 24 - 32 - 36
PICK 4 (early) 1 - 4 - 0 - 0	CASH BALL 2
PICK 4 (late) 9 - 2 - 9 - 2	

Wednesday's winning numbers and payouts:

Powerball: 15 – 39 – 58 – 63 – 67	4-of-5 281 \$555
Powerball: 7	3-of-5 8,143 \$20.50
5-of-5 PB No winner	Lotto: 3 – 4 – 25 – 29 – 34 – 44
No Florida winner	6-of-6 No winner
5-of-5 1 winner \$1 million	5-of-6 2x 6 \$6,000
No Florida winner	5-of-6 3x 7 \$9,000
Cash 4 Life: 4 – 17 – 23 – 27 – 38	5-of-6 4x 4 \$12,000
Cash Ball: 3	5-of-6 5x 2 \$15,000
5-of-5 CB No winner	5-of-6 10x No winner
5-of-5 No winner	
Fantasy 5: 1 – 7 – 16 – 31 – 34	Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.
5-of-5 No winner	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

AUTO RACING

3 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Camping World Truck Series NextEra Energy 250, Qualifying
4:30 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Beef. It's What's For Dinner 300, Practice
7:30 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Camping World Truck Series NextEra Energy 250

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (ESPN2) St. Bonaventure at VCU
7 p.m. (ESPNU) Akron at Miami (Ohio)
8 p.m. (ACCN) Georgia Tech at Clemson
9 p.m. (BTN) Illinois at Nebraska
9 p.m. (ESPNU) Detroit Mercy at Cleveland State

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

12 p.m. (NBCSPT) Saint Joseph's at Fordham

NBA

3 p.m. (ESPNU) NBA G League: Oklahoma City Blue vs G League Ignite
7:30 p.m. (ESPN) New Orleans Pelicans at Dallas Mavericks
10 p.m. (ESPN) Memphis Grizzlies at Los Angeles Lakers
10 p.m. (FSNFL) Orlando Magic at Sacramento Kings

SAILING

10 p.m. (NBCSPT) Prada Cup

GOLF

3 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Second Round

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

6 p.m. (SEC) Georgia at Alabama
7:30 p.m. (SEC) LSU at Florida
9 p.m. (SEC) Missouri at Auburn
2:30 a.m. (SEC) Arkansas at Kentucky (Same-day Tape)

NHL

7 p.m. (NHL) Boston Bruins at New York Rangers

SOCCER

2 p.m. (NBCSPT) FA Women's Super League: Manchester City vs Manchester United

AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS

7 a.m. (TENNIS) Third Round (Taped)
2 p.m. (ESPN2) Third Round (Same-day Tape)
7 p.m. (TENNIS) Third Round
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Third Round
3 a.m. (ESPN2) Third Round

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

1 p.m. (SEC) Mississippi State at Ole Miss

WINTER SPORTS

11 a.m. (NBCSPT) IBU Biathlon IBU World Biathlon Championships: Men's 10km Sprint (Same-day Tape)

6 p.m. (NBCSPT) Speed Skating ISU World Speed Skating Championships: Day 2 (Same-day Tape)

COLLEGE WRESTLING

6 p.m. (ACCN) Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech
7 p.m. (BTN) Ohio State at Michigan

Detroit	15	3	10	2	8	29	49
West Division							
	GP	W	L	OTpts	GF	GA	
Vegas	10	8	1	1	17	37	26
St. Louis	13	7	4	2	16	43	43
Colorado	11	7	3	1	15	38	24
Arizona	12	6	5	1	13	34	33
Anaheim	14	5	6	3	13	29	39
Minnesota	11	6	5	0	12	30	30
San Jose	11	5	5	1	11	32	40
Los Angeles	12	3	6	3	9	34	42
North Division							
	GP	W	L	OTpts	GF	GA	
Toronto	14	11	2	1	23	52	36
Montreal	14	8	4	2	18	50	38
Edmonton	16	9	7	0	18	55	52
Winnipeg	13	8	4	1	17	46	36
Calgary	12	6	5	1	13	36	33
Vancouver	16	6	10	0	12	50	63
Ottawa	15	2	12	1	5	32	63
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for over-time loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.							
Thursday's Games							
Florida 5, Tampa Bay 2							
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO							
Winnipeg 5, Ottawa 1							
Columbus 6, Chicago 5							
Edmonton 3, Montreal 0							
Nashville 3, Detroit 2							
Carolina at Dallas, late							
Anaheim at Vegas, late							
Calgary at Vancouver, late							
San Jose at Los Angeles, late							
Arizona at Colorado, ppd							
New Jersey at Philadelphia, ppd							
Washington at Buffalo, ppd							
St. Louis at Minnesota, ppd							
Friday's Games							
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.							
St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m.							

TENNIS

Australian Open

At Melbourne Park Melbourne, Australia Surface: Hardcourt outdoor		Barbora Krejickova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA — Results Thursday from Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses):		Jennifer Brady (22), United States, def. Madison Brengle, United States, 6-1, 6-2.
Men's Singles Second Round		Anett Kontaveit (21), Estonia, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2.
Andrey Rublev (7), Russia, def. Thiago Monteiro, Brazil, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (8).		Kaja Juvan, Slovenia, def. Mayar Sherif, Egypt, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Lorenzo Sonego (31), Italy, 5-7, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.		Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Nao Hibino, Japan, 7-5, 6-1.
Karen Khachanov (19), Russia, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.		Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, def. Coco Gauff, United States, 6-4, 6-3.
		Jessica Pegula, United States, def. Sam Stosur, Australia, 6-0, 6-1.

Hendrick sweeps Daytona 500 front row

Bowman wins second career pole; Byron next

JENNA FRYER
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DAYTONA BEACH — New number, new day, new time, same result for Hendrick Motorsports.

Alex Bowman and William Byron swept the front row Wednesday night in qualifying for the Daytona 500, giving Hendrick its 14th pole and sixth in the last seven years. Rick Hendrick's engine-building wing has seven straight poles because it powers Ricky Stenhouse Jr., last year's pole-winner.

"I think it means a lot to Mr. H — he wants to win everything, like every category, he wants to be top of the list," Bowman said. "Here it really just comes down to who built the fastest race car. And I think it's important for Hendrick Motorsports to come up and prove that they're the ones that did that."

Bowman posted a lap at 191.261 mph to earn the top starting spot for the second time in his career. It's the fourth consecutive year Bowman will start from the front row, but he's got a completely new look this time.

Bowman in the offseason was moved from the No. 88 into the No. 48 vacated by seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson. He inherited sponsor Ally, which has committed to backing Bowman and helping him develop his brand.

"It's really hard to sit here and be like, 'I did it and I did this and that and that's why we are on the front row for four consecutive years,'" Bowman said. "It's more about the people that make it happen. I floored it, but I'm pretty sure everybody else did, too. I'm just appreciative to have a fast car."

Greg Ives, Bowman's crew chief, has put one of his cars on the front row for five consecutive years dating to Dale Earnhardt Jr. in 2017. Ives has never had a car start lower than third since he became a Cup crew chief in 2015.



Alex Bowman holds the Pole Award Trophy in Victory Lane after winning the pole for the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway, Wednesday night in Daytona Beach.

"We put a lot of time and effort into our speedway program. It's a show car. It's the pinnacle of the hotrods that we bring out of our race shop," Ives said. "There's a lot of pride in every piece, every car, just from the paint job all the way down to the last nut and bolt."

Bowman drove his Chevrolet more than 1 mph faster than teammate Byron, who qualified

second with a lap at 190.219 mph. Only the front row was set Wednesday, the first time Daytona 500 qualifying has been held at night under a condensed Speedweeks schedule.

"Hendrick always gives us great cars to come down here and qualify well and also race well, so you never know which guys are going to have the speed out of the four of us," Byron said

of the four-car Hendrick stable. Chase Elliott was 11th and Kyle Larson 15th to complete Hendrick's lineup.

It's the ninth consecutive year Chevrolet won the pole.

The 40-car field is determined through both time trials and a pair of Thursday night qualifying races. NASCAR sold 36 charters that guarantee those owners slots in the field, which leaves

eight drivers vying for four "open" spots in the Super Bowl of stock-car racing.

Two spots were earmarked to the fastest "open" cars in time trials. David Ragan and Ryan Preece earned those berths.

Preece had a charter last year with JTG-Daugherty Racing, but the team no longer holds its rights and there's concern the car won't attempt to make every race if it doesn't have early success.

Preece said he wasn't nervous before attempting his lap, but did panic when the qualifying session was delayed for a power issue and Preece noticed he was wearing the wrong firesuit. Preece said he ran half-a-mile before his qualifying lap to change his suit.

Derrike Cope, the 1990 Daytona 500 winner and oldest driver in the field at 62, could not get his car started and did not make a qualifying lap. His car is locked into the race, though, because it has a charter.

The No. 62 driven by Noah Gragson for Beard Motorsport failed pre-qualifying inspection three times, did not get to attempt a qualifying lap, and lost a crew member.

Beard has to forfeit a team member as penalty, but Gragson can race Thursday night and attempt to qualify for his first Daytona 500.

Bubba Wallace, fastest in Wednesday' afternoon's practice, briefly sat on the pole in his new 23XI Racing entry owned by Michael Jordan and Denny Hamlin. Byron bumped him first, then Bowman topped Byron. Wallace wound up fourth on his first day in his new car.

"I'm pumped and I know that all the resources are there. Everything is in place," Wallace said. "My motto is, 'No more excuses.'"

Hamlin, who is trying to become the first driver to win three consecutive Daytona 500s, was 12th. He said it was emotional to see the team he helped build get its car on track.

"I've always said for a long time, for the last couple months, when I see the car on the track, that's kind of when it will be real for me, and it definitely was," Hamlin said.

Elliott out for second straight NASCAR title

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DAYTONA BEACH — NASCAR's newest champion will wreck one of his best friends to win a race. An exhibition race! Nothing but the trophy at stake.

Chase Elliott perhaps offered a sneak preview of what's to come in his title defense when he knocked Ryan Blaney out of his way in the closing stretch of the Busch Clash. The two are tight — they vacation together — and Elliott had little remorse.

"I think you have to try to win the race. I mean, if

I'm sorry about trying to win a race, I'm in the wrong business here," Elliott said after Tuesday night's race on the road course at Daytona International Speedway.

It was an aggression not often shown by Elliott, so mild-mannered that "shucks" and "dang" are about as colorful as he gets. He did flip Kyle Busch a prolonged middle-finger salute after a wreck last May. But Elliott never glanced Joey Logano's way 10 days later when the Penske driver stared him down following their on-track collision.

Elliott was most expressive in the hours after he wrapped up his first Cup Series title last November, when he bounded into the media room at Phoenix, neck gaiter pulled down and drinking a beer. He offered rare introspection on his rise from a quiet kid following his Hall of Fame father around the track all the way to becoming NASCAR's most popular driver and its newest champion.

A little over two months later, Elliott was back to banging his head in yet another overly critical self-assessment at the

Rolex 24 endurance race. He said he was "terrible, terrible, way off the pace," when he climbed from his first stint racing a sports car in his Rolex 24 debut.

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It was the first time in six seasons Elliott had raced anything outside of NASCAR.

"In the perfect world, I wouldn't want him to race anything, but it means so much to him," Hendrick said. "I've made it pretty plain that I don't want to see you racing in the

he'd rather be racing, but it was non-negotiable. When he wasn't certain he'd have a full-time seat upon graduation, his mother said he'd have to apply to college; Elliott said he was accepted at North Georgia.

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weekends and around the events that we have."

Elliott still lives in his Georgia hometown and was feted for his championship by the community as he drove his No. 9 Chevrolet through downtown Dawsonville in a parade. He had private celebrations with family and friends — and then he got back to racing.

He wants to be better in different formulas, he's said, and is seeking to improve areas he found weaknesses in last season. Elliott won a career-high five races, including three of the final five and the last two of the season to claim the title.

That breakthrough final push — he'd failed twice prior to advance into the championship final four — set a pace Elliott finds comfortable right now. It was evident in how hard he raced Blaney in a meaningless event.

"There is no defending. We need to be on offense. We need to keep pushing," Elliott said. "I think if you're back on your heels and trying to protect something, I don't think your mind is in the right place."



Chase Elliott waits on pit road before the start of the NASCAR Clash auto race at Daytona International Speedway, Tuesday, Feb. 9, in Daytona Beach.

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Showcase in Spanish Springs

National fine artists, crafters come to The Villages

Special to the Chronicle

THE VILLAGES — The largest art and craft showcase in Spanish Springs is celebrating a milestone Feb. 13 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, during the 20th anniversary Spanish Springs Art & Craft Festival.

The free public festival will be at Spanish Springs Town Square, 1181 W. Main St.

A vast array of craft mediums will be available — from folk art, pet products, pottery, handmade jewelry and paintings, to

personalized gifts, handmade clothing, scented soaps and body products. Prices range from as little as \$5 to \$2,000.

This year's event will look different as a result of new safety protocols that organizers have put in place for the safety of all patrons and visiting artists.

Safety measures in place during the festival include the following:

■ All attendees are required to wear a mask while attending the festival, with the exception of children age 2 and younger.

■ Entrances and exits will be monitored for one-way traffic.

■ Visitors should reserve a free time slot at ArtFestival.com.

■ Social distancing is required between artists and

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Artists will show their fine wares at the 20th anniversary Spanish Springs Art & Craft Festival Feb. 13-14. At left, a floral painted silk scarf by Cindy Pinyard is shown next to a piece by Holly Hill Jewelry, at right.

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Good Times

Old Homosassa Valentine Luminary Walk

Come enjoy artists displays all day and luminaries at dusk from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 13, at the Old Homosassa Valentine Luminary Walk.

The event is presented by Pepper Creek Pottery, River Safaris, Two Pops Cafe and Olde Mill House Printing & Museum Cafe. The walk is free and open to the public in Old Homosassa.

Color Pencil Society exhibition at CF

OCALA — The College of Central Florida will open "It's Color Pencil" exhibition in partnership with the Color Pencil Society of America on Monday, Feb. 22, in the Webber Gallery at the CF Ocala Campus, 3001 S.W. College Road. The exhibition will be judged by Patricia Tomlinson, curator of exhibitions at the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida.

"It's Color Pencil" is a biennial judged show sponsored by CPSA DC113 to showcase fine artwork of all styles and subjects completed in colored pencil. Colored pencil art is gaining recognition in the arts community and by the public. Artists who work with this medium have joined to further its exposure by their membership in the CPSA. Today their work is valued more and more by galleries, museums and private collectors.

The participating artists will present a variety of

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Have a drink, virtually



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Sign up now, get the Scotch in advance, no driver needed

MARGO WILSON
For the Chronicle

When it comes straight from the still it's moonshine, a clear liquid. But soon it acquires its distinctive flavor and caramel color from the barrels in which it's stored and from the environment in which it's kept — whether that's humid and sunny, or cold, dark, and damp. If sea air is part of the mix, well, so much the better.

Although the above might describe several fermented beverages, Scotch whisky is what it's all about for the Rotary Club of Inverness' latest fundraiser.

And Mike Hall, chair of the committee planning a "Whiskey Tour of Scotland" Scotch tasting on the Zoom internet platform at 3 p.m. Feb. 27, is excited that people in this area — or most anywhere on the planet — not only will be able to learn a bit more about Scotch, but also help the Rotary raise scholarship funds in a socially distanced, but fun, way.

Those participating will receive three Scottish whiskies and bonus whiskey, which will be hand-delivered to homes and businesses in Citrus County and possibly other areas just over the county line. Those living at a distance will receive their whisky in the mail, along with a sampling snifter.

The registration deadline is Feb. 18 for those expecting to receive the whisky by mail and Feb. 24 for those receiving hand-delivered bottles.



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Participants are shown during the Rotary Club of Inverness' November Zoom whiskey-tasting session.

Registration is at www.eventbrite.com. Search for "Rotary Inverness" and one of the first items that pops up should be the virtual Scotch tasting. Tickets are \$49.

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Committee chairman Hall is a self-described Scotch collector. "Every one has its own flavor," he said.

He said Scotch derives from single malted grains, dried over a peat fire and

often aged in former bourbon barrels from the United States. But to get its name, Scotch whisky has to be brewed in Scotland, just as bourbon has to be brewed in the United States.

The Scots purchase American bourbon barrels, Hall said, because Scotland doesn't have many trees for

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Florida artist Jordan Shapot's piece "Lucian Scribble."

CF Citrus to host artist talk

Crystal River painter plans discussion on the arts scene, exhibitions

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LECANTO — Young up-and-coming Florida artist Jordan Shapot will hold an online discussion about his involvement with the arts scene, his exhibitions, public art and past and current community arts projects Wednesday, March 3, from 12:30-1:45 p.m.

Visit www.zoom.us on a desktop computer or search for "Zoom" in the app store on your phone or mobile device. Use the following login information for each artist talk: Meeting ID: 989 3051 1124 | Passcode: 698921.

Shapot is a local artist/painter from Crystal River. He earned his Bachelor

of Fine Arts in Illustration in 2009 at Savannah College of Art and Design, but has since pivoted to a successful career in painting. He focuses on making exciting, colorful and emotionally evoking art. His work is created from a nurtured mindset of natural wonder and unbridled curiosity while mixing undertones of many traditional masters.

Stemmed from this "unbridled curiosity," Shapot has developed multiple unique painting styles. Although they're often related by color and mark-making, these complex styles are also the separate limbs of his creative personality. Having a career composed

of these "limbs" makes Shapot feel oddly whole, like Frankenstein's monster.

"Teaching myself and others how to see differently is a cornerstone in my art practice. I constantly train my artistic eye to find hidden beauty in the so-called mundane," Shapot said. "Simply put, this practice helps me to be more optimistic wherever I am in life and is a thought process I hope to pass on to others through my art."

The exhibit has been made possible by the CF Foundation, Jerome Cultural Endowment.

To learn about other events at CF, visit CF.edu.

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two-dimensional, color pencil-based artworks. This is the Webber Gallery's first partnership with the Color Pencil Society of America.

The exhibit will continue through Thursday, March 25. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The gallery is closed Friday through Sunday and college-observed holidays. Admission is free. Masks are required to enter the gallery.

For more information, call 352-873-5809. To learn about other CF events, visit CF.edu.

Garden club to meet Feb. 15

The Homosassa River Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. in Homosassa.

The meeting will include a presentation on the wetlands

by Scott Kirby of the Environmental Protection Agency. Social distancing and masks required. Bring a beverage.

For information, visit homosassarivergardenclub.wordpress.com or call Carole at 352 586-9506.

Appleton announces artist talks

OCALA — The Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, continues its monthly, free online series of artist talks, "Artist's Outlook."

Join Appleton Curator of Exhibitions Patricia Tomlinson as she chats with individual artists about their work, processes and inspirations. This online series will take place every third Thursday through June and is free to attend.

- The schedule includes:
- Anthony Ackrill on Feb. 18, 7 p.m.
 - Christopher Still on March 25 at 7 p.m.
 - Kristin Herzog on April 15 at 7 p.m.
 - Matthew Bennett and Aneesha Rhodes on May 20 at 7 p.m.



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Kristin Herzog's "Enchanted Forest II," 2019, acrylic painting on gallery-wrapped canvas with painted edges is shown. Herzog will speak during the April installation of "Artist's Outlook," hosted by the Appleton Museum of Art and College of Central Florida.

- Maggie Taylor on June 17 at 7 p.m.
- Learn more about the works by each artist that are in the museum's permanent collection, and hear directly from the artists on their processes, inspirations and

upcoming projects. Participants will have the opportunity to ask the artist questions before the end of each program.

All talks will be hosted on Zoom and can be accessed using your mobile device or desktop computer. If using

your phone or other mobile device, search "Zoom" in the app store. If using a desktop computer, visit www.zoom.us. Use the following login information for each artist talk: Meeting ID: 302 190 0088 | Passcode: 352352.

For questions, email AppletonMuseum@cf.edu.

See a drive-in movie in Homosassa

Citrus County Parks and Recreation presents a Drive In Movie in the Park, "Red Shoes and the Seven Dwarfs," at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the soccer field parking lot of the Homosassa Area Recreation Park.

All interested parties will have to register their vehicle at apm.activecommunities.com/citruscountyparks. Please have only one person per vehicle register.

There are 50 spaces available with social distancing per CDC guidelines. You may bring your own snacks and beverages. Food will be available for purchase. For information, call the administration office at 352-527-7540.

See 'The Sheik' at Ocala Drive-In

OCALA — The College of Central Florida continues the International Film Series with "The Sheik" on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Online discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. will be hosted by Linda Levitt. Screenings will take place at the Ocala Drive-In theater, 4850 S. Pine Ave., Ocala, for free. Each film can also be screened from the safety of one's own home at a time of convenience via free, internet streaming services.

This film features Paris-educated Sheik Ahmed Ben Hassan, who is known for providing brides for wealthy Arabs. Currently celebrating its centennial, this Hollywood silent film solidified Rudolph Valentino's stardom and earned him the nickname "the Great Lover."

For links to the screening and discussion, and for a full series list and more information on the International Film Series, contact Wendy Adams at 352-873-5800, ext. 1546, or visit www.CF.edu/filmseries.

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barrel-making.

Interestingly, American "whiskey" is spelled with an "e," while Scotch "whisky" is "e-less."

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The Rotary's Whisky Tour will be hosted live from the Distell Distillery in Scotland by Julieann Fernandez, master blender at Distell. Her background includes doing analytic chemistry and new product development at Chivas Brothers' Kilmalib lab in Scotland while a university student.

Upon graduation, she joined the Scotch Whisky Research Institution as an analytical research scientist. She later returned to Chivas, and then joined Distell in 2017 as a blender. At Distell, she has worked with senior blender Kirstie McCallum on the company's single-malt, blend and limited-edition products. She also is involved with Distell's Tobermory Gin project and has been promoted to master blender.

Fernandez is "one of the rare women in a

male-dominated industry," said Bonnie Rybak, who's in charge of the Rotary Club's publicity.

The Rotary decided to offer its Zoom Whisky Tour after the pandemic forced it to cancel its major fundraiser, the annual Highland Craft Brew Festival, usually held at Rock Crusher Canyon in February, Rybak said.

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That fundraiser, as well as other projects, help pay for the approximately \$10,000 in scholarships the club gives to high school and Withlacoochee Technical College students.

Last year, over 800 patrons visited the Brew Festival. To make up for the lost revenue, the Rotary Club is planning a series of smaller fundraisers, including the Zoom Whisky Tour,



Julieann Fernandez
scotch tasting host.

Rybak said.

Upcoming are a Car Rally Scavenger Hunt on March 20, and four mini Brew Fests in April at area craft breweries.

Rybak said when COVID forced the Rotary Club to search for alternative ways to raise funds, Hall, who is past president of the club, suggested a Scotch tasting.

Rybak said that speaking "for those of us who don't drink Scotch, I was a skeptic."

Nevertheless, the club debuted a whiskey-tasting Zoom event in November, hosted by an American distributor.

The whiskey came from spots around the globe, including the Caribbean and Japan, "and I learned a lot," Rybak said. "One has a smoky taste, one is better with ice, one is better at room temperature. And we could [sample

these — from the comfort and safety of our own homes."

Some of the leftover whiskey from that event will be included in the packets that those attending the Feb. 27 will receive. They also will get three Scotch whiskies from Distell.

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Hall said he understands that not everyone may be a Scotch fan.

"When you first drink it, it's horrible. It burns. But the more you drink it, the more you appreciate the flavors in it," he said.

He and his wife, Linda Liebert Hall, who is Rotary president, were married in England and honeymooned in Scotland. He said some of the Scots they met said, "You should have come here first. We would have put you up for the night."

According to Hall, "It's a beautiful country. The people are so nice. The distilleries are in the

most beautiful, serene places."

Rybak said the three Distell Scotch whiskies for the Feb. 27 event are hard to find in the United States.

Those whiskies are:

- Deanston 12-year Highland Single Malt whisky, produced in a former Scottish Highlands cotton mill.
- Bunnahabhain 12-Year-Old Islay Single Malt Scotch, produced at a distillery at the mouth of the Margadale Spring on the shores of the Sound of Islay, off the west coast of Scotland.
- Ledaig 10-Year-Old Single Malt Scotch from Tobermory Distillery on the Isle of Mull. The Tobermory Distillery was established in 1798 and is one of the oldest in Scotland.

Distell purchased the above distilleries from Burn Stewart in 2013.

Rybak, the skeptic who attended the November

online whiskey tasting, said she was pleasantly surprised by that one. She reported that Bob McLean, an Inverness resident and descendant of Scots, had to abandon plans to visit his ancestral home when the pandemic struck.

He told Rybak the Feb. 27 whisky tasting will be special to him because his ancestors are from the Isle of Mull, where Ledaig Scotch is produced.

McLean, who joined the Rotary's November whiskey tasting, told Rybak that "Unlike most virtual meetings, this one involves whisky, and you know that it cannot be bad."

Rybak said she discovered at the November tasting that "There was a nice camaraderie. It was a nice break from the usual (Zoom) meetings. I had fun. Some of the people got a little giggly, but no designated driver was needed."

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patrons and patron groups.

■ Patrons are asked to stay home if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, awaiting test results for COVID-19, or show any symptoms of the virus.

■ Guests are also asked to utilize hand-washing and sanitizing stations on a regular basis and avoid casual touching.

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(AMC)	55	64	55			*** [Ⓢ] "Jumanji" (1995, Williams, Bonnie Hunt. 'PG' Ⓢ		Children's Robin		*** [Ⓢ] "The Intern" (2015, Comedy-Drama) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway, Rene Russo. 'PG-13' Ⓢ		*** [Ⓢ] "Home Again" (2017) Reese Witherspoon. 'PG-13'							
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(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)		Lou Dobbs Tonight		The Evening Edit		Wall St. 'WSJ		Barron 'Wall St. 'WSJ		Barron			
(FLIX)		118	170			*** [Ⓢ] "Do the Right Thing" (1989, Drama) Danny Aiello. (In Stereo) 'R' Ⓢ				*** [Ⓢ] "Pleasantville" (1998, Comedy) Tobey Maguire. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' Ⓢ				*** [Ⓢ] "October Sky" (1999) Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper. (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ					
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report		FOX News Primetime		Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) Ⓢ		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night			
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Diners, Drive		Diners	Diners			Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive			
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	"Roll Bounce"	*** [Ⓢ] "10 Things I Hate About You" (1999, Comedy) Heath Ledger. 'PG-13' Ⓢ			*** [Ⓢ] "Love, Simon" (2018) Nick Robinson. A gay teen falls for an anonymous classmate online. 'PG-13'						The 700 Club (In Stereo) Ⓢ			
(FS1)	732	112	732			Race Hub		NASCAR RaceDay		NASCAR Gander RV				College Basketball Wyoming at Utah State.					
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Pickleball		Sports Icons		Spotlight		Lines		In Magic	Pregame	NBA Basketball: Magic at Kings			
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** [Ⓢ] "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' Ⓢ				Hip Hop Uncovered The people who work in the shadows. 'MA'		Hip Hop Uncovered (N) 'MA' Ⓢ		Hip Hop Uncovered (N) 'MA' Ⓢ		Hip Hop Un			
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Golf Central (N) 'G'		PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Second Round. Ⓢ		PGA Golf									
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"The Sweetest Heart" (2018) 'NR' Ⓢ		"Love on the Sidelines" (2016, Drama) Emily Kinney, John Reardon. 'NR' Ⓢ		"A Timeless Christmas" (2020, Romance) Ryan Paevey, Erin Cahill. 'NR' Ⓢ				Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	Fake Famous (In Stereo) 'MA' Ⓢ		The Investig		*** [Ⓢ] "Irresistible" (2020, Comedy) Steve Carell, Rose Byrne. (In Stereo) 'R' Ⓢ		Real Time With Bill Maher (N) 'MA' Ⓢ		Painting With John		Real, Bill Maher			
(HBO2)	303	202	303			** [Ⓢ] "Battleship" (2012, Science Fiction) Taylor Kitsch. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' Ⓢ				The Lady and the Dale '14' Ⓢ		30 Coins "The Glass Box" (In Stereo) 'MA' Ⓢ		*** [Ⓢ] "The Descendants" (2011) George Clooney. (In Stereo) 'R' Ⓢ					
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Love It or List It 'PG' Ⓢ		Love It or List It 'PG' Ⓢ		Self-Made Mansions (N) 'G' Ⓢ		Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home		
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	Ancient Aliens 'PG' Ⓢ (DVS)		Ancient Aliens 'PG' Ⓢ (DVS)		Ancient Aliens "The Lost Kingdom" 'PG'		Ancient Aliens William Shatner hosts special guests. (N) 'PG' Ⓢ (DVS)		Ancient Aliens 'PG' Ⓢ (DVS)					
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles 'PG' Ⓢ		Rizzoli & Isles "I Kissed a Girl" '14'		Little Women: Atlanta (N) '14' Ⓢ		Little Women: Atlanta "Spiritual Smackdown" (N) '14' Ⓢ		Little Women		Marrying Millions '14' Ⓢ			
(LMN)	119	50	119			"Betrayed by My Husband" (2017, Suspense) Emmanuelle Vaugier. 'NR' Ⓢ		"Galentine's Day Nightmare" (2021, Suspense) Camille Stoppes. Premiere. 'NR' Ⓢ		"The Wrong Mr. Right" (2021, Suspense) Vivica A. Fox, Krista Allen. 'NR' Ⓢ									
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			The Beat With		The ReidOut (N)		All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour			
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Figure Skating				Subban's All		To Be Announced							
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Inside 9/11: War on America 'PG' Ⓢ		Inside 9/11 "Zero Hour" Recordings tell the horror of the morning of 9/11. 'PG' Ⓢ		George W. Bush: The 9/11 Interview		Bin Laden's Hard Drive '14' Ⓢ		9/11: Voices From the Air '14' Ⓢ					
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	*** [Ⓢ] "Despicable Me" (2010) 'PG' Ⓢ		Dr. Phil 'PG' Ⓢ		Belle Collective '14'		Belle Collective '14'		Belle Collective '14'		Belle Collective '14'			
(OWN)	125	24	103			Snapped 'PG' Ⓢ		Snapped 'PG' Ⓢ		An Unexpected Killer		Lovers' Lane Murders (N) Ⓢ		Snapped 'PG' Ⓢ					
(OXY)	123	44	123			Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		*** [Ⓢ] "The Longest Yard" (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler. Prisoners train for a football game against the guards. 'PG-13' Ⓢ		Movie (In Stereo) Ⓢ							
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	To Be Announced				SEC Now		Women's College Soccer		SEC Now					
(SEC)	745	72				*** [Ⓢ] "One Fine Day" (1996) Michelle Pfeiffer. 'PG' Ⓢ		*** [Ⓢ] "Eighth Grade" (2018) Elsie Fisher. 'R' Ⓢ		"How to Build a Girl" (2019) Beanie Feldstein. 'R' Ⓢ		*** [Ⓢ] "Hustlers" (2019) Constance Wu. 'R' Ⓢ							
(SHOW)	340	241	340			To Be Announced													
(SUN)	36	31	36			*** [Ⓢ] "The Foreigner" (2017) Jackie Chan, A businessman seeks revenge against deadly terrorists. 'R'		*** [Ⓢ] "Central Intelligence" (2016)		*** [Ⓢ] "Fences" (2016)		Denzel Washington. 'PG-13' Ⓢ							
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** [Ⓢ] "Party Girl" (1958, Crime Drama) Robert Taylor, Cyd Charisse. 'NR' Ⓢ		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N) 'PG' Ⓢ		Gold Rush "Episode 16" (N) (In Stereo) '14' Ⓢ									
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy		*** [Ⓢ] "The Gentlemen" (2020) Matthew McConaughey. (In Stereo) 'R' Ⓢ		90 Day Fiancé "The No Bang Theory" '14'		*** [Ⓢ] "Working Girl" (1988) Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford. (In Stereo) 'R' Ⓢ		90 Day Fiancé 'PG'		Fat Fabulous			
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** [Ⓢ] "Casablanca" (1942, Drama) Humphrey Bogart, 'PG' (DVS)		*** [Ⓢ] "West Side Story" (1961, Musical) Natalie Wood. 'NR' Ⓢ											
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Gold Rush "Freddy to the Rescue" '14'		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N) 'PG' Ⓢ		Gold Rush "Episode 16" (N) (In Stereo) '14' Ⓢ							Gold Hunters		
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Self Storage Notices

6346-0212 FCRN
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Friday, February 19th, 2021 at 10:00AM EST on Lockerfox.com**. Where said property is stored at: **Isorage Kingsbay at 7957 W Gulf to Lake Highway, Crystal River, Florida 34429.**

The following:

Name:	Unit #	Contents:
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Matthew Hon	118	Wood Furniture
Naomi Pridgen	352	Sofas, boxes
Ashley Hooker	423	Car Parts, TV

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Dated this 5th day of February 2021 & 12th day of February, 2021

Notices to Creditors/Administration

9086-0219 FCRN Earl Lavern Decker
2021 CP 000013 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021 CP 000013

IN RE: ESTATE OF EARL LAVERN DECKER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Earl Lavern Decker, deceased, whose date of death was April 4, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 12, 2021.

Personal Representative:
Denise Lazaroff

329 White Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Dawn Ellis, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 091979
My Florida Probate, P.A. Dawn Ellis, Esq. for the firm
P.O. Box 952, Floral City, FL 34436-0952
(352) 726-5444
dawn@myfloridaprobate.com
Published February 12 & 19, 2021.

9087-0219 FCRN Diane E. Nix
2021 CP 000050 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE CASE NO. 2021 CP 000050

IN RE: ESTATE OF DIANE E. NIX, A/K/A DIANE WOOD NIX
A/K/A DIANE W. NIX,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Diane E. Nix a/k/a Diane Wood Nix a/k/a Diane W. Nix, deceased, whose date of death was December 22, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative:
Christy Jane Potter a/k/a Christy Jane Nix Potter
5655 West Dunkin Street, Dunnellon, FL 34433-5520

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Thomas M. VanNess, Jr., Esq. Florida Bar No. 0857750

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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

2/12/21

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

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Friday, February 12, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- STRAIGHT

(STRAIGHT: STRATE: Free from curves, angles, bends, etc.)

Average mark 30 words
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 41 or more words in STRAIGHT?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- VEGETATES

vase	egest	tease	settee
vast	estate	teat	stag
vest	gate	test	stage
vestee	gave	sage	stat
ease	geese	sate	state
east	gestate	save	stave
eaves	taste	seat	stet

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 Rattlesnake kin
4 Pale blond
7 Tiny bit
10 IRS employee
11 Juice a grapefruit
13 Verdi opera
14 Large vat
15 Java neighbor
16 Russian czar
17 Busted
19 Barrels
20 Onassis nickname
21 Tolerate
23 Soft mineral
26 Sniffed at
28 Corrida cry
29 Where the lion roars
30 Observed
34 Physicist Nikola —
36 Neighbor of CTRL
38 Kind of cube

39 Opposite of "supra"
41 Comment from a tabby
42 At hand
44 Ms. Thurman
46 Rocker — Jett
47 Touches off
51 Exude moisture
52 Dozes off
53 Zero
55 Hull part
56 Genealogy chart
57 Eddie Cantor's wife
58 Koch and Wynn
59 Make a wrong move
60 Society girl

DOWN

1 Perform in a theater
2 Tater
3 Window part

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

4 Lattice
5 Usher's job
6 Sound in body
7 Declined sharply
8 Traditional saying
9 Prohibits

12 Greedy king of myth
13 Japanese martial art
18 Rain gear
22 Aptitude
23 Little one
24 Tavern fare
25 "— Miserables"
27 Sharif of the movies
29 Provides staff
31 Equal score
32 Kind of system
33 Natural moisture
35 A Barrymore
37 Wash
40 Deke or juke
41 Wrestler's pad
42 Murmured softly
43 Takes it easy
45 Cheapskate
46 Say in fun
48 Wound a matador
49 Writer — Bagnold
50 Facet
54 Scientist's lair

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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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1. "Final Frontier" expert (1)
2. iPad download's non-lowercases (1)
3. Surfer bro joined the line (1)
4. Very much delicately built (1)
5. Larger oil field employee (2)
6. Short and thick chimpanzee (2)
7. Novel-writing clashing of opposed views (2)

ANSWERS
1. SPACE AGE 2. APPS CAPS 3. DUDE QUEUED 4. QUITE SLIGHT
5. BIGGER RIGGER 6. CHUNKY MONKEY 7. FICTION FRICITION

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United Way of Citrus County

LOCAL EFSP BOARD 158600 IN CITRUS COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM (EFSP) PHASE 38.

Local EFSP Board 158600 has been awarded \$44,732 to supplement Emergency Food and Shelter Programs in the county. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army; and The United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of United Way of Citrus County, Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, The Salvation Army of Citrus County, et. al, will determine how the funds awarded to Local EFSP Board 158600 are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the term of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government,
2) be eligible to receive Federal funds,
3) have an accounting system,
4) practice non-discrimination,
5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food, shelter, or utility assistance programs,
6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board,
7) applicants must be on the Mid Florida Information Network system or willing to participate (Local Board recommendation.)

Local EFSP Board 158600 has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Daystar Life Center Citrus County, The Salvation Army of Citrus County, United Way of Citrus County, and The Pregnancy and Family Life Center. These agencies were responsible for providing rental, utility and diaper assistance.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must go to United Way of Citrus County's website to download an application.

Completed applications are to be submitted to United Way of Citrus County via mail or drop-off at United Way of Citrus County, 1582 N Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34465. The deadline for application submission is Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 2/19/2021 at 10:30 a.m., the following property will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 715.109: 1994 BARR mobile home bearing vehicle identification numbers FLFLR79A11348BA and FLFLR79B11348BA and all personal items located inside the mobile home. Last Tenant: Patricia E. Rose. Sale to be held at: Stonebrook, 8219 West Charmaine Drive, Homosassa, Florida 34448, 352-453-0450.

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CITRUS COUNTY BUILDING DIVISION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITRUS COUNTY CODE REVIEW AND APPEALS BOARD WILL CONDUCT A BUSINESS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AT 9:00 AM, AT THE LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING, ROOM 166, 3600 W SOVEREIGN PATH, LECANTO, FL 34461.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING:

• Approval of last CRAB meeting minutes.
• Swear in new members.
• Nominate and elect President and Vice President.
• Any other business concerns.

FOR ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL A DECISION MADE BY THE CODE REVIEW AND APPEALS BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING, HE/SHE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD SHALL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY

AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. (SECTION 286.0101, FL STATUTES)

ANY PERSON REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AT THIS MEETING BECAUSE OF A DISABILITY OR PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, 110 NORTH APOPKA, INVERNESS, FL 34450, PHONE (352) 341-6560, OR LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING, PHONE (352) 527-5310, AT LEAST TWO DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING IF YOU ARE HEARING OR SPEECH IMPAIRED, USE THE TTY TELEPHONE (352) 341-6480

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Citrus County School Board will hold an Administrative Hearing: 3:00 p.m., a Regular Meeting; 4:00 p.m. and Public Hearing; 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in the Board Room of the District Services Center located at 1007 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida.

The purpose of the Administrative Hearing is to act upon proposed student expulsion(s). The Regular Meeting is to discuss and act upon other business that needs to come before the Board. The Public Hearing is to approve the new Policy 3.45 Automatic External Defibrillators, approve the new Policy 3.72 Background Screening for Contractors, approve the new Policy 5.76 Children of Military Families, approve the revision to Policy 6.11 Employment Defined, approve the revision to Policy 6.17 Appointment or Employment Requirement, and to receive public comment on the recommended material for the 2021 Instructional Materials adoption with Implementation in the 2021-2022 School Year for K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) for Compliance with F.S. 1006.283(8)(9)(11).

If any person decides to appeal a decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he may need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include testimony and evidence upon which his appeal is to be based.

Sandra Himmel
Superintendent
Citrus County School Board

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