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BRIEFLY

COVID-19 UPDATE

According to the Florida Department of Health, 64 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update. Four new deaths were reported for a total of 289.

To date in the county, 7,553 people have tested positive (including 50 non-residents).

Five new hospitalizations were reported for a total of 546 hospitalized.

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

Businesses hit by COVID costs can get help

Local businesses starting today, Jan. 11, can apply for two different grants to help them financially due to COVID-19 expenses.

The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) micro grant will have a minimum award of \$250 up to a maximum \$2,500. It will pay up to \$2,500 for business's PPE expenses incurred between March 1 and Dec. 15, 2020.

The Small Business Retrofit/Adaption grant will have a maximum award of \$10,000 per business. This is to pay for business's adaptation and modification COVID-related expenses.

Both grants will be offered through the county on a reimbursement basis and will require the business owner to submit an application online through SurveyMonkey.

Visit www.CitrusBOCC.com. Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted.

— From staff reports

ONLINE POLL:

What do you think?

Opioid overdose deaths increased sharply in Citrus County during the COVID-19 pandemic. How can our local community best handle the opioid crisis?

- A. More arrests. People who use drugs need to be in jail.
- B. Decriminalize drugs and set up a well-connected social web of rehabilitation.
- C. Build an opioid treatment center that will be the hub of dealing with drugs in the county.
- D. We need direction and guidance at a national level. Local strategies are not cutting the mustard.
- E. Don't do anything. This is a problem that can't be solved.

To vote, visit www.chronicleonline.com. Scroll down the home page and look for the poll box in the right-hand column.

Results will appear next Monday. Find last week's online poll results. / **Page A3**

LOOKING AHEAD: Narrowing learning gaps

Citrus County School District tracks down struggling online students to help

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

As the Citrus County School District enters another semester amid COVID-19, its school administrators continue to track down and help out their online students who have poor grades.

It's been a priority for local education officials to contact struggling pupils enrolled in the district's Citrus Virtual classrooms to try and get them back into brick-and-mortar schools,

where pandemic learning gaps have a better chance of narrowing.

"That's what the schools have been working through," Dr. Scott Hebert, the school district's chief academic officer, told the Chronicle Editorial Board on Wednesday.

Since the district began in mid-December reaching out via phone, email and



Scott Hebert
chief academic officer.

Jan. 15 before spring semester starts Jan. 19.

students underperforming in core subjects, Hebert said, 1,600 students have yet to reply.

Hebert said if schools still don't get a response, social workers will visit student homes in-person.

"We have to know what their decision is," Hebert said, noting the fall semester ends

Hebert said 973 students want to keep learning online, requiring their parents or caregivers to submit an education plan to the district, proving they will partner with teachers to act as their children's learning coach.

As of Monday, according to the school district, 2,737 students were enrolled in Citrus Virtual, which had close to 4,000 students at its peak enrollment during the fall.

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Frightened into realizing a dream

Near-death experience leads area woman to open boutique

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Inverness resident and business owner Regan Elson almost died last March from sepsis.

The life-threatening disease caused infection to build up and Elson, 22, endured some painful moments that caused her to be hospitalized for five days.

But it was that experience that solidified Elson's longtime desire to open a boutique. Life, she said, is too short and she called that harrowing time "an eye-opener."

"Having my own store has always been a dream," Elson said. "After I got sick, I did everything I could to make it come true. I feared I might die and that accelerated my dream to open a boutique."

On Dec. 5, Elson opened Twisted Moon Boutique at 105 S. Osceola Ave. in downtown Inverness. She rents an upstairs room at the Tangles Hair Salon and Day Spa, a downtown Inverness fixture for some 22 years.

Elson has known the salon owner, Stacey McKinney, for quite some time and she and her mom and grandmother have gotten their hair done there for a long time.

"Grandmother mentioned to McKinney that her daughter was looking for space to open her boutique and one thing led to another," Elson said.

The partnership works. While salon clients are waiting for their hair appointment, McKinney and her staff invite them to walk upstairs and check out Elson's boutique.

McKinney said she was impressed right from the start with Elson's enthusiasm, especially being so young.

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MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Regan Elson, 22, has owned Twisted Moon Boutique for several months. Following a medical crisis, she said she was motivated to start her own business, something she has wanted to do since the age of 16.

Ocala man pitches \$220 million 'ranch'

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

Mitchell Coulton has big dreams to help the millions of American women military veterans who are in need of mental-health counseling services.

More than just counseling, through. His plans include housing, transitional training, day-care for children, organic farming and a PTSD equestrian program.

Coulton, an accountant who owns a barber shop



Holly Davis
Citrus County commissioner.

in Marion County with his wife, is the unpaid executive director of Women Veterans in Crisis, a nonprofit that has tried to raise awareness for what Coulton proposes as the \$220 million Whispering Oaks Ranch, which as of now exists only on paper despite photos on the group's website of horses, cabins and administration building.

Commissioner Holly Davis, who met Coulton through a mutual friend

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Preparing county's children for the future

State Chamber of Commerce leader talks Citrus poverty stats, reading levels

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

There are 5,484 children younger than the age of 18 living in poverty in Citrus County, according to 2019 U.S. Census data.

And of those children, the majority (56.9% or 741 of them) live in the ZIP code 34428 in northwestern Citrus.

Conversely, of all 13 county ZIP codes, the one with the least number of children (7.5% or 119) living in poverty is 34442, in the

northeastern section near Hernando.

Statewide, more than 870,000 children live in poverty, defined by the state as a family of four making \$26,200 or less per year.

Mark Wilson, president/CEO of the Florida Chamber, said his organization is doing something about it. As guest speaker at the Citrus County Chamber



Mark Wilson
president/CEO, Fla. Chamber of Commerce

Commerce luncheon Friday, Wilson drew attention to the Florida Chamber Foundation's Prosperity Initiative and asked chamber members present to take steps now and prepare for the influx of another 12,000 or 30,000 people moving to Citrus County in the next decade.

There are 149,657 people who currently live in

of this county, according to the

U.S. census. "What do you want Citrus to be in 10 years?" he asked the 100 members present at the luncheon.

If those population hike projections hold, it means Citrus County will have to create 5,000 new jobs by 2030, Wilson said.

And that will be difficult if such poverty is allowed to worsen and reading scores of third-graders are not improved.

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Around the COUNTY

Live workshops resume via Zoom

OCALA – CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion will resume live employability workshops beginning Monday, Jan. 11, with Job Specific Résumé Development, followed Jan. 15 by Interview Strategies That Get You Noticed.

The workshops are free and take place via Zoom. Workshop descriptions and online registration links are available at careersource-clm.com/calendar/.

Live workshops take place each Monday and Friday, except when otherwise specified (such as holiday closures).

All workshop attendees are invited to team up with career coaches who can provide additional assistance and job referrals. For information, call 800-434-JOBS (5627) or visit careersourceclm.com.

Learn about annual checkups

A free, live seminar, “Why are Annual Wellness Visits and Annual Adult Physical Examinations Important?,” will be presented online by Dr. Preeti Lekhra of Bayfront Health Medical Group Primary Care-Citrus Hills from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday Jan. 21.

Registration is required: visit AnnualWellness.eventbrite.com. Bayfront Health uses Google Meet as the virtual platform, and an active email address is required.

Join Dr. Lekhra to learn about what is covered and what you should expect from these annual visits. From discussion about healthy lifestyle and safety precautions to vaccinations, routine eye and dental exams, mental health as well as lipid, cardiovascular, osteoporosis, breast, cervical, prostate and colon screenings, this seminar will help understand annual health care and its impact on long-term health.

Gardening seminars offered

People prefer to be around companions, and so do plants. The Extension Service’s Monday, Jan. 25, Zoom Master Gardener Library Seminar beginning at 1 p.m. discusses the criteria for best combining plants in the landscape and in containers.

Plants often have a symbiotic relationship where both plants have mutual benefit when planted together. In addition, plant companions can offer a visual appeal when placed together. The trick is to know what plants work well together.

The seminar is free, but pre-registration is required at www.plantcombos.eventbrite.com.

Citrus County Car Show & Music Festival Jan. 31

The Citrus County Car Show & Music Festival will take place Sunday, Jan. 31, with vehicle registration from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Citrus County Fairgrounds, 3600 S. Florida Ave. (U.S. 41), Inverness. Spectators are free; show vehicles are \$25 to register.

Call Ken McNally at 352-341-1165 for information.

Play shuffleboard with BH club

The Beverly Hills Shuffleboard Club will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. For information, call 603-393-7850. All are welcome.

— From staff reports

Waterfront issues under consideration

Crystal River Council to vote on finalizing paddlecraft operations, launch fees

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Kings Bay Park and the commercial paddlecraft industry it has been tasked to host will be the subjects of Crystal River City Council’s upcoming meeting.

Council will call to order at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at its chambers inside Crystal River City Hall, 123 NW U.S. 19.

City Manager Ken Frink will introduce council members to three agenda items focused on finalizing how registered paddlecraft businesses must operate at the city park and pay fees for their clientele to launch there.

These measures, if approved, will go into effect Feb. 1.

Since mid-August, after council approved the measure in late October, Crystal River required its licensed paddlecraft vendors and their renters to travel to and launch from King’s Bay Park at the end of Northwest Third Street.

It was an effort pushed by Frink last summer to quell

overcrowding at Hunter Springs Park and obtain more city revenue from businesses profiting for free from a public park.

“Crystal River has helped them establish a very lucrative business on government land,” Frink told the Chronicle Editorial Board Wednesday, “and it’s time for them to contribute.”

First, on Frink’s agenda Monday, council will vote on whether to enter into franchise contracts with the six permitted kayak and paddle board vendors, granting their ability to do business at Kings Bay Park.

This includes formalizing a \$5 fee for each launched vessel, and a lease agreement for them to rent city-built equipment corrals at either \$750 or \$1,500 a month, depending on if they own a physical storefront within city limits.

Frink will ask council Monday to approve \$103,107 for a city staff restructuring related to additional staffing at Kings Bay Park to monitor paddlecraft operations, including dispersing of

wristbands as proof of a city-paid launch.

Roughly \$101,000 of the funding will be collected from launch fees, city staff projects, while the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) makes up the balance.

Frink’s third and final ask of council will be to approve up to \$30,000 from the general fund to pay Jones Edmunds and Associates for a long-term master plan to develop Kings Bay Park so it can handle and move increased traffic and activity.

Also on council’s agenda Monday:

■ City Attorney Robert Batsel Jr. will update council on what the owners of the local Crystal Square shopping plaza at 579 SE U.S. 19 are planning to do with its blighted property after council put them on notice for code violations and a \$333,549 debt owed to the city in unpaid assessments and fines.

■ Council will vote on whether to update a new map of “noise sensitive” zones it established in September to quiet things down in King’s Bay’s popular boating and swimming holes.

City staff created the modified

map after a boat repair and maintenance business requested the zones didn’t encompass its working docks to allow for normal operations without violating city code.

Violating a city quiet zone means producing a sound louder than 55 A-weighted decibels — the same as a running household refrigerator — at least 25 feet from its source.

■ Council has a vote on its consent agenda to schedule a special meeting of the Crystal River Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board, on which council members also chair, for 5 p.m. Jan. 25.

This meeting is to accommodate banking deadlines for the CRA to refinance its \$3.5 million loan from 2016, which was used to fund a portion of the city Riverwalk and Town Square.

■ Council has a vote on its consent agenda to approve an event permit and road-closure request for the Martin Luther King Jr. Alliance to host the 2021 Martin Luther King Jr. Extravaganza on Jan. 18, a drive-thru-only event for food giveaways and COVID-19 testing.

Pavilion gets a facelift



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

The boat ramp docks and pavilion on the Hernando pool of the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes has received a facelift. County workers improved the two facilities last week as Citrus County grounds crews work on re-decking of the fishing pier and gazebo at Hernando Beach, 3699 E. Orange Drive, Hernando. Total cost of materials for the project is \$1,190.05, which will be paid from the General Fund. For information, call 352-527-7540.

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED

Key votes for the week ending Jan. 8, by Voterama in Congress

■ **Objecting to Arizona’s Electoral Votes:** Voting 121-303, the House on Jan. 6 defeated an effort to reject Arizona’s 11 electoral votes won by President-elect Joe Biden. **Dan Webster, Yes.**

■ **Objecting to Pennsylvania’s Electoral Votes:** Voting 138-282 against, the House on Jan. 7 defeated a bid to deny certification of Pennsylvania’s 20 electoral votes won by Biden. **Dan Webster, Yes.**

■ **Adopting 117th Congress House Rules:** Voting 217-206, the House on Jan. 4

adopted rules to govern its operations during the 117th Congress. The package (H Res 8) was added to a body of standing rules that has controlled House proceedings since the 1st Congress in 1789. **Dan Webster, No.**

■ **Objecting to Arizona’s Electoral Votes:** By a tally of 6-93, the Senate on Jan. 6 defeated a bid to deny certification of Arizona’s 11 electoral votes. **Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, No.**

■ **Objecting to Pennsylvania’s electoral**

votes: Voting seven for and 92 against, the Senate on Jan. 7 turned back a challenge to the certification of Pennsylvania’s 20 electoral votes in the 2020 presidential election. **Marco Rubio, No; Rick Scott, Yes.**

■ **Key votes ahead:** The House may take up a resolution to impeach President Trump in the week of Jan. 11, while the Senate will be in recess.

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

QUESTION: It’s the first week of 2021. What goals do you have for yourself in the New Year?

- **A.** Improve my fitness and diet. New year, new me. (142 votes)
- **B.** Get out of debt and start saving. This is the year I pay off my credit cards and live as I earn. (70 votes)
- **C.** Find love. I’d be ecstatic to share my life with someone new. (28 votes)
- **D.** Travel more. Adventure is calling my name. (70 votes)
- **E.** Explore a new hobby/activity. There’s something I’ve been meaning to try, and this year, I will. (23 votes)
- **F.** Quit smoking. (17 votes)
- **G.** Spend less time on my phone and live in the moment. (39 votes)
- **H.** Start volunteering, or volunteer more. (33 votes)
- **I.** Clear out the clutter; clean up, reorganize and redecorate the house. (148 votes)
- **J.** Get a new look. It’s full makeover time! (4 votes)
- **K.** My 2021 goal isn’t listed. I’ll write it in the comments. (49 votes)

Total votes: 623.

For this week’s online poll question, see Page A1.

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT

■ Local groups are welcome to add events to the Chronicle’s online calendar. For more information, call Christine Marino at 352-563-6363.

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthday — A change will motivate you to concentrate on the people and things you enjoy and to eliminate tedious situations that bog you down. Learn to say no, and it will be easier to deal with demanding people.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take action and refuse to let anyone get in your way. Let past occurrences guide you to make a better decision now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Look for the positive in every situation you face. Concentrate on what you can accomplish, and stop worrying about what you leave undone.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll gain insight into how best to use your time and skills to reach your goal. A promotion or positive change will result in greater cash flow.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — The changes going on around you will be a sign of what's to come. Analyze every scenario carefully.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Reach out to experts and those who have helped you in the past. Invest time, money and effort into a lifelong goal.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Keep your wits about you. Look at every possibility; gather information that will help you make the best decision.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Partnerships will make a difference. Choose people who have something to contribute, not those who ride your coattails.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Confusion will set in regarding work and what you want to pursue. A change may not be welcome initially, but it will push you to create an opportunity.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Set up a place at home conducive to learning or physical exercise. Focus on strength, fitness and being your very best.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Question anything and anyone who makes you feel the least bit uncertain. Knowledge is critical. Take better care of your health, diet and possessions.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Getting along with friends and family is encouraged. Use your imagination, and you'll deter others from putting you on the spot.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Lessons from the past will help you make better decisions. Be resourceful, check facts and question anything or anyone suspicious. Protect your reputation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sidelined 'Mean Girls' musical won't reopen on Broadway

NEW YORK — Producers of the Broadway musical "Mean Girls" have decided not to restart when authorities allow theaters to reopen in New York City, the second and likely not last established show to be a casualty of COVID-19 on the Great White Way.

The musical, based on Tina Fey's hit 2004 film, will abandon its spot at the August Wilson Theatre, having played over 800 performances and grossing some \$124 million.

The production plans to relaunch its North American tour, which began in 2019, "this summer or as soon as performances can resume," according to a statement. A film adaptation of the musical, announced last year, is also in the works.

"We remain excited to bring this musical to the big screen, relaunch the tour and prepare for a London production," said "Saturday Night Live" and "Mean Girls" producer Lorne Michaels in a statement. "I look forward to the day, hopefully soon, when theaters can open their doors again."

In May, the big budget Disney musical "Frozen" also decided not to reopen when Broadway theaters restart, marking the first time an established show had been felled by the coronavirus pandemic.

Broadway theaters abruptly closed on March 12, knocking out all shows, including 16 that were still scheduled to open. Late May is the earliest Broadway will reopen, according to the Broadway League.

Some scheduled spring 2020 shows — like a musical about



Associated Press

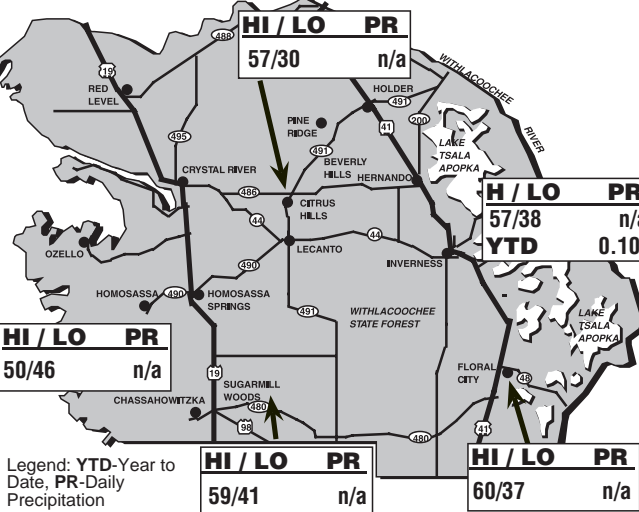
Tina Fey participates in the curtain call for the "Mean Girls" opening night on Broadway at the August Wilson Theatre on April 8, 2018, in New York. Producers of the musical, based on Tina Fey's hit film, have decided not to reopen when authorities allow theaters to open in New York City, the second and likely not last established show casualty of COVID-19 on the Great White Way.

Michael Jackson and a revival of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" starring Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker — pushed their productions to

2021. But others abandoned their plans, including "Hangmen" and a revival of Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 70° Low: 51°
Increasing high clouds, light winds

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 68° Low: 47°
Mostly cloudy, a few light showers possible

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 65° Low: 48°
Partly sunny, stray shower

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TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT		
Yesterday	57/40	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	39°	
Record*	86/20	HUMIDITY		
Normal	70/42	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	53%	
Mean temp.	56	POLLEN COUNT**		
Departure from mean	-8	Today's active pollen:		
PRECIPITATION		juniper and elm		
Yesterday	0.00"	Today's count: 8.5/12		
Total for the month	0.06"	Tuesday's count: 9.8		
Total for the year	0.06"	Wednesday's count: 9.1		
Normal for the year	0.93"	AIR QUALITY		
*Official record values from Tampa International		Yesterday observed	Good	
UV INDEX: 3		Pollutant	Ozone	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high				
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE				
30.26				

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
01/11	MONDAY	7:23	11:10	5:51	11:41
01/12	TUESDAY	7:23	None	5:52	12:11

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 5:51 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:23 am
MOONRISE TODAY 5:56 am
MOONSET TODAY 4:24 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:

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2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 or- Common Areas	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday		

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

MONDAY					
City	High	Low	High	Low	High
Chassahowitzka* 4:13 a.m.	0.7 ft 6:14 p.m.	0.1 ft 12:35 p.m.	0.0 ft 8:21 p.m.	0.1 ft	
Crystal River** 2:02 a.m.	2.4 ft 4:00 p.m.	1.4 ft 9:39 a.m.	-0.2 ft 8:59 p.m.	0.9 ft	
Withlacoochee* 1:40 p.m.	2.5 ft None	n/a 7:40 a.m.	-1.2 ft 7:18 p.m.	1.2 ft	
Homosassa*** 2:26 a.m.	1.5 ft 5:09 p.m.	0.5 ft 12:16 p.m.	-0.3 ft 8:37 p.m.	0.4 ft	

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	69	56	pc	Miami	75	67	mc
Fort Lauderdale	76	65	mc	Ocala	70	53	pc
Fort Myers	74	60	mc	Orlando	73	58	pc
Gainesville	68	52	mc	Pensacola	53	40	sh
Homestead	77	64	mc	Sarasota	71	60	mc
Jacksonville	65	52	mc	Tallahassee	58	48	mc
Key West	75	69	mc	Tampa	72	58	mc
Lakeland	72	57	mc	Vero Beach	74	60	mc
Melbourne	73	59	mc	W. Palm Bch.	74	67	mc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: Southeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

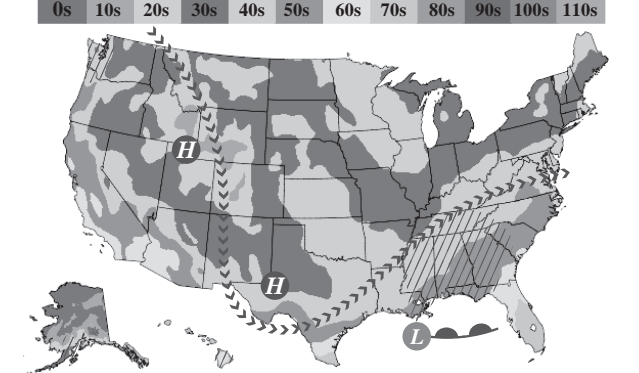
Gulf water temperature
57°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SUN	SAT	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.43	28.52	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.59	37.60	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.79	38.80	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.00	40.02	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. Monday

City	SUN			MON			City	SUN			MON		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest
Albany	25	14	0.00	31	23	mc	New Orleans	45	39	0.00	45	37	ra
Albuquerque	37	27	Trace	44	16	s	New York City	41	29	0.00	40	32	mc
Asheville	46	24	0.00	44	31	ra	Norfolk	46	34	0.00	50	37	mc
Atlanta	48	26	0.00	45	36	ra	Oklahoma City	37	28	0.00	47	30	s
Atlantic City	47	24	0.00	43	32	mc	Omaha	36	26	0.00	45	25	pc
Austin	45	34	1.04	46	29	pc	Palm Springs	72	48	0.00	72	48	s
Baltimore	50	26	0.00	44	29	mc	Philadelphia	46	30	0.00	42	29	mc
Billings	43	23	0.00	47	29	s	Phoenix	67	39	0.00	67	39	s
Birmingham	45	30	0.00	42	34	ra	Pittsburgh	36	26	0.00	41	27	mc
Boise	39	30	0.00	42	30	pc	Portland, ME	40	23	0.00	38	28	mc
Boston	41	27	0.00	39	28	mc	Portland, OR	46	42	0.13	49	46	ra
Buffalo	34	25	0.00	36	29	mc	Providence, RI	45	28	0.00	40	26	mc
Burlington, VT	28	18	0.00	30	26	ss	Raleigh	54	25	0.00	48	35	mc
Charleston, SC	57	29	0.00	57	45	sh	Rapid City	42	41	0.00	53	32	s
Charleston, WV	43	19	0.00	42	27	mc	Reno	48	21	0.00	51	31	pc
Charlotte	52	24	0.00	47	36	ra	Rochester, NY	36	19	0.00	37	29	mc
Chicago	31	27	0.00	31	26	mc	Sacramento	49	34	0.00	50	40	fg
Cincinnati	38	19	0.00	36	24	mc	Salt Lake City	37	21	0.00	37	21	pc
Cleveland	37	28	0.00	37	27	mc	San Antonio	48	36	0.89	49	31	pc
Columbia, SC	52	28	0.00	50	39	sh	San Diego	73	44	0.00	71	46	s
Columbus, OH	41	19	0.00	36	24	mc	San Francisco	58	43	0.00	59	48	pc
Concord, NH	38	21	0.00	36	17	mc	Savannah	56	32	0.00	61	47	sh
Dallas	39	33	0.12	47	30	mc	Seattle	49	41	0.03	51	46	ra
Denver	34	24	0.13	51	23	s	Spokane	41	30	0.00	41	36	mc
Des Moines	31	19	Trace	39	26	mc	St. Louis	31	27	0.00	36	28	mc
Detroit	36	19	0.00	34	26	mc	St. Ste Marie	36	30	0.05	33	26	cl
El Paso	43	32	0.00	47	28	pc	Syracuse	32	19	0.00	35	29	sn
Evansville, IN	32	30	0.00	35	25	pc	Topeka	36	24	0.00	47	27	s
Harrisburg	47	30	0.00	41	27	mc	Washington	50	34	0.00	45	30	mc

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW
HIGH 81, Madera, Calif.
LOW -22, Bondurant, Wyo.

WORLD CITIES

CITY	SUN H/L/SKY	Lisbon	50/39/s
Acapulco	94/70/d	London	43/34/mc
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Athens	69/60/pc	Mexico City	65/53/cl
Beijing	29/22/s	Montreal	28/17/cl
Berlin	35/31/sn	Moscow	8/-2/mc
Bermuda	64/64/ra	Paris	40/30/pc
Cairo	79/59/s	Rio	88/78/ra
Calgary	35/23/cl	Rome	46/38/pc
Havana	77/66/mc	Sydney	78/65/s
Hong Kong	53/46/ra	Tokyo	42/35/pc
Jerusalem	64/51/s	Toronto	35/29/mc
		Warsaw	33/30/mc

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Today in
HISTORY

Today is Monday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2021. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Jan. 11, 2020, health authorities in the central Chinese city of Wuhan reported the first death from what had been identified as a new type of coronavirus; the patient was a 61-year-old man who'd been a frequent customer at a food market linked to the majority of cases there.

On this date:
In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).
In 1913, the first enclosed sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.
In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, California, that made her the first person to fly solo across any part of the Pacific Ocean.
In 2010, Miep Gies, the Dutch office secretary who defied Nazi occupiers to hide Anne Frank and her family for two years and saved the teenager's diary, died at age 100.

Ten years ago: During a public Mass at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Tucson, Arizona, several hundred mourners remembered the victims of the shooting rampage that killed six people and wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Five years ago: Gunmen stormed into a Baghdad mall, killing 18 people; the Islamic State group claimed responsibility.

One year ago: Iran admitted that its military had "unintentionally" shot down a Ukrainian jetliner three days earlier, killing all 176 people aboard.

Today's Birthdays: Former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is 87. Country singer Naomi Judd is 75. World Golf Hall of Famer Ben Crenshaw is 69. Singer Mary J. Blige is 50. Actor Marc Blucas is 49. Actor Amanda Peet is 49. Actor Rockmond Dunbar is 48.

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Food **PROGRAMS**

FOOD PANTRIES

■ Daystar Life Center — 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. 352-795-8668. Food for dogs and cats may also be available. Other assistance available. A community service resource.

■ First Baptist Church of Homosassa Life Care Center — 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays for bread distribution at 10540 W. Yulee Drive, Homosassa. Homosassa residents may receive a bag of canned and dry goods once a month. Call 352-628-3858. We Care Mobile Pantry is at the church on the first Thursday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

■ A food pantry is provided by St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Life Tree Church from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at Life Tree Church at 1501 SE U.S. 19, Crystal River. Call 352-403-1498.

■ St. Anne's Episcopal Church — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the administration building, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Call 352-795-2176.

■ Citrus United Basket (CUB) — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1201 Parkside Ave., Inverness, to assist Citrus County residents facing temporary hardship. Call 352-344-2242 or go online to citrusunitedbasket.org.

■ We Care Food Pantry — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 5259 W. Cardinal St., Homosassa. If you need help, come sign up. The pantry gives away meat, dairy, produce, personal care items and more. Assistance is also available for SNAP, Medicare, Medicaid and Access Florida assistance is temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

■ First Baptist Church of Crystal River — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 700 N. Citrus Ave. Call 352-795-3367.

■ The First Lutheran Church of Inverness Food Pantry is open to all from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday. For information, call 352-726-1637.

■ Living Water Ministries — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, 4021 N. Lecanto Highway, in the Beverly Plaza. Call 352-270-8886.

■ Our Lady of Fatima — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, 604 U.S. 41 S., open to needy residents of Floral City, Hernando and Inverness. Call 352-726-1707.

■ Saint Margaret's Episcopal Church hosts a food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 114 N. Osceola Ave. in downtown Inverness. For information, call 352-726-3153.

■ The Citrus County Veterans Coalition's food pantry, for veterans and their families, operates from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and the first and third Thursdays (excluding holidays) at 1801 N. Paul Drive in Inverness, just west of U.S. 41, on Independence Highway. The pantry offers a variety of dry, canned and frozen goods (cereals, rice, canned vegetables, soups and meats) for veterans in need. For food assistance, call Food Pantry Director Trish Hendry at 352-857-1171, see a member at one of CCVC's flea markets, or ask a volunteer during food pantry hours.

■ Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church — 10 to 11 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. Call 352-746-2144.

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call 352-726-3153. Feed My Sheep is closed until further notice.

■ First Presbyterian Church of Crystal River — 9:30 a.m. to noon the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, 1501 SE U.S. 19. Call 352-795-2259.

■ Suncoast Baptist Church — food pantry open for bread distribution from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesdays, and the second Wednesday monthly is distribution of bread and vegetables from 7 to 9 a.m. at 5310 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa Springs. Open to Homosassa residents only. For information, call 352-621-3008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday or Wednesday and ask for Clara.

■ Homosassa First United Methodist Church Bread of Life Pantry — 8 to 11 a.m. Thursdays in fellowship hall. Bag of groceries with bread, meat and produce available for Homosassa residents once a month. Call 352-628-4083.

■ Serving our Savior (SOS) — 8:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando. This is a drive-thru food pantry. Clients are allowed to come every other week. SOS is an equal opportunity provider. Email sos4food@gmail.com

■ Calvary Church — 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, 2728 E. Harley St., Inverness. Photo ID and proof of Citrus County residency are required. Visitors can receive food once per month. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness — Free bagged groceries available from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays at 960 S. U.S. 41. 352-726-1480. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

■ Floral City First Baptist Church — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Thursday monthly. Proof of residency required.

■ Food and non-food items are available from 10 a.m. to noon every fourth Saturday at North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs. Remaining in their cars, people can enter at the Citrus Springs Boulevard entrance. They will be met with a person bringing them a bag of essential non-food items, which could include toilet paper, paper towels, personal hygiene items and other supplies based on availability. As cars continue around the drive, the food pantry crew waits with pre-assembled bags of food items. Cars then exit onto Elkcarn Boulevard. There is no charge for these ministries and all are welcome. North Oak Baptist Church is located at 9324 N. Elkcarn Blvd. in Citrus Springs. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

■ The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church is located on U.S. 19, approximately 1/2 mile south of the Cardinal Street intersection. The pantry provides bagged canned goods, non-perishable food items and food staples for people facing temporary hardship and living within parish boundaries. To be eligible, clients must present photo ID. Call 352-628-3366. Emergency help with utility shut-offs, prescriptions and other emergency services are provided. Volunteers are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

FREE MEALS

■ Peace Lutheran Church offers a free community meal from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. the third Monday monthly. This is not a fundraiser and there is no charge. Come be our guest(s). We care and you are important to us. All ages are welcome. Peace Lutheran Church ("The Church on the Hill") is at 7201 U.S. 41 South in Dunnellon (at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40). For more information, call the church at 352-489-5881.

■ The Salvation Army offers free hot meals from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the thrift store parking lot at Daystar Life Center, 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, and from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Homosassa Lions Club, 3705 S. Indiana Terrace, Homosassa.

■ Free hot meals are available Monday through Friday for clients ages 60-plus at the following community centers. Call to reserve your first meal as a visitor: Central Citrus Community Center at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto (352-527-5993; West Citrus Community Center at 8940 W. Veterans Drive in Homosassa (352-795-3831); East Citrus Community Center at 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Inverness (352-344-9666); and at the historic Hernando School on the corner of Florida Avenue and Parsons Point Road.

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church's Feed My Sheep outreach — 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Call

352-726-3153.

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness hosts a soup kitchen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday, at 960 S. U.S. 41. All are welcome. The meal includes soup, bread and dessert. For information, call 352-726-1480.

■ Our Father's Table — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays monthly at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, one mile west of the Plantation Inn on West Fort Island Trail. Call 352-795-2176.

GIVEAWAYS

■ El-Shaddai food ministries "brown bag of food" distribution is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Crystal River Church of God, 2180 W. 12th Ave. Although food is distributed once a week, families are only eligible for food once a month. Call 352-628-9087 or 352-302-9925.

■ Inglesia Comunidad Cristiana Nuevo Comienzo (New Beginnings Church) sponsors a food giveaway at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday morning at Shepherd's Way Community Church, 965 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. This is drive-thru pre-bagged groceries. For more information, call 352-804-2263 (Español) or 352-527-9900 (English).

■ Hernando Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1880 N. Trucks Ave., Hernando, provides food distribution for needy families from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly. Call 352-212-5159.

■ Christ Christian Bible Ministry distributes food at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at 619 NE Second St., Crystal River. Preparations are being made to provide a hot meal once a week. Call 352-513-8065.

■ We Care Food Pantry hosts distributions twice a month in Homosassa at the Catholic Charities Outreach Center. We Care also operates three mobile pantries. Once a month the mobile pantry goes to Chasahowitzka Fire Station, First Baptist Church in Old Homosassa and First Baptist Church in Ozello. Hours are 9-11 a.m. For information call 352-503-2079.

RANCH

Continued from **Page A1**

during her 2020 county commission campaign, invited him to the board meeting with the idea that commissioners could potentially provide the 357-acre tract known as Betz Farm for the ranch.

Commissioners heard from Coulton, but were reluctant to promise anything.

They said the Betz Farm property near Crystal River, given to the county in 2003 by the Tamposi family in exchange for Citrus Hills impact-fee credits, is worth over \$5 million and should be sold for private development.

"I'm in no hurry to get rid of that property," Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said.

Davis, who said Citrus County would benefit economically with a national mental-health program for women military veterans, said she was impressed with Coulton's plans.

"We're not going to give him anything that's not a direct benefit to the county," she said. "Right now it's just an idea."

Coulton founded Women Veterans in Crisis in 2013,

then under the name Project Strait for Veterans. Strait is an acronym for Short Term Residential and Intensive Treatment program.

The Women Veterans in Crisis website, www.wvicrisis.org, is loaded with statistics that show the dire situation women vets have when they return home: high suicide rates, sexual assault, and mental illness among others.

Whispering Oaks Village would house 250 women and 35 children in a ranch-type setting.

Coulton said he spent much of the past year in Washington, D.C., trying to muster congressional support for funding.

He said in a Friday interview, however, that he's given up that idea and instead is breaking the project into phases, with the first phase estimated at \$18 million, which he hopes to receive through a real estate investment trust. Operating dollars would come from billing patient insurance, he said.

The organization's website could give the impression that Whispering Oaks Ranch is already up and running in Marion County, including what Coulton acknowledged are stock photos of a horse farm.

"Whispering Oaks Ranch is fashioned to resemble an Ocala horse farm, which are prevalent in the area," the website reads. "This approach reflects the therapeutic movement away from institutional looking facilities and takes advantage of Ocala's beautiful rolling hills, moss-covered trees and pleasant climate."

Additionally, this horse farm environment promotes a significant reduction in client stress levels and provides a perfect setting for our intensive mental health services, equestrian PTSD, organic farming, our 24-hour child care center and other programs."

Coulton said he is often questioned whether the group offers any services that are mentioned on the website. He said no services are offered yet because the group doesn't have a trained staff, nor does it have any funding.

"We have to do a better job of clearing that up," he said.

Davis said the county could consider giving Coulton a letter of support, which the Marion County Board of Commissioners did in 2018.

"He does seem to talk the talk and walk the walk," she said. "He's really passionate about this project."

Coulton said he appreciates Davis inviting him to the county commission, which at least introduced him to Citrus County's

policy makers.

"If anything," he said, "the commissioners know we're out there and what we're trying to do."

D-I-Y ONLINE CALENDAR

- Local groups are welcome to add their upcoming events to the Chronicle's online community calendar. Here's how:
- Go to www.chronicleonline.com. At the very top of the screen, click on "Submit your news."
- Sign in or create an account.
- Once signed in, click on "Calendar Events" in the left-hand column, then click on "Create an event."
- Fill in all fields — those marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.
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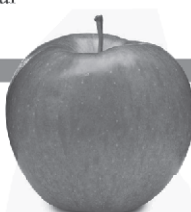
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ONLINE SHOPPING

‘E-fairness’ bill would give hope

The pandemic continues to loom large not just locally, but state and nationwide.

As the Florida Legislature is eight weeks from convening for its 2021 session, the financial impact of the pandemic will cast a large shadow upon the work of state lawmakers.

Revenues are down, with projections ranging from \$2.7 billion to \$3 billion.

With COVID-19 keeping consumers at home, online sales are higher than ever. As a result, Florida’s small businesses struggling to survive.

Consumers may avoid sales tax with many online purchases while the stores on Main Street pay the full tax.

Should state lawmakers be urged to level its bumpy online playing field? The Florida League of Cities believes so. It is campaigning for the Florida legislature to adopt “Sales Tax Fairness.”

At least one Florida lawmaker has taken notice, proposing to establish a legal sports wagering program and an “e-fairness” bill that

could together boost state coffers by more than \$1 billion annually.

Though no one likes more taxes, the pandemic has increased online shopping and that causes a big shortfall in state taxes.

That has to be made up some way, and we’d prefer it came from taxing online sales than a hike in other taxes.

Taxing online sales is a necessary means to

make the consumer playing field more level for the small businesses. Given the economic impact of the pandemic, now is the time to do it.

An “e-fairness” bill would provide equity among the taxes. You pay tax. Companies ought to pay tax, too. It’s simple equity.

The way the system is now, it’s a very unequal tax system all the way around.

The “e-fairness” bill without a doubt makes sense, especially if state lawmakers hope to avoid slashing much-needed services to constituents.

Lawmakers need to get this done.

THE ISSUE:

Support taxing online orders, help businesses.

OUR OPINION:

Lawmakers need to make it happen.

Invest more in unincorporated areas

County leaders should invest more in unincorporated-area beautification projects. Well, let’s start with the very first item on the list, which should be litter. It is disgusting and there’s no reason why we can’t keep it clean. They used to have the prisoners get out and clean up the areas, which they liked for the fresh air and it keeps our county beautiful.

Enforcing litter laws pretty useless

I’m responding to (the Friday, Dec. 18, 2020) Sound Off, “Start enforcing litter laws.” Really? I have two things to say: You make me laugh. You don’t even see the deputies on the highway monitoring traffic and you want them to enforce litter laws. Really? You think that’s going to work? Hypothetically, say they did catch someone littering and they issued them a ticket. Guess what? That’s a ticket blowing in the wind because they don’t pay that fine, they don’t go to jail and they don’t have to do

community service. All they do is take that ticket and send it to collections. Big deal. So what did you accomplish? Absolutely nothing.

Maybe they’ll rip the ticket up and now you’ll have more litter just floating around Citrus County. That’s the bottom line.

A small town with horrible traffic

My friends and I get a real laugh when we hear the city manager call Inverness a “small town done right.” It’s a small town stuck in the Stone Ages; a small town with horrible traffic. A small town who’s replacing small businesses with corporations is not a small town. Something needs to be changed because we’re just laughing so hard. Oh, by the way, can we stop talking about the COVID and go back to dogs in the stores?



What would impeachment do?

**DOUGLAS COHN
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Washington Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
Impeachment of President Donald Trump will go forward, not as a gesture nor for posterity, but because a clear and present danger exists and can be thwarted. Here is how:

The House of Representatives addresses the situation for the dire situation it is and moves expeditiously to pass the Article or Articles of Impeachment without delay, ideally as soon as they are presented when the House reconvenes today, Jan. 11. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., says the House of Representatives is on track to proceed.

But an impeachment under the current time-limited circumstances would be intended for an audience of one: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has the power to call the Senate back into session where a two-thirds majority is required to remove the president from office after Articles of Impeachment are passed by the House.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts would preside, but under precedents he set during the previous impeachment of President Trump, he would not take a judge’s proactive role, which means a Senate vote could quickly come.

If McConnell does not convene the Senate, the impeachment will die, and a message will be sent: the president does not present a clear and present danger even though a rising bipartisan chorus says the opposite.

If McConnell does call the Senate back into session, he and every senator will understand it will be for the sole purpose of convicting the president.

They will be compelled to vote, and enough Republican senators will join their Democratic colleagues to remove the president.

However, most of these Republican senators will not want to cast such a vote because the latest polls show a majority of the Republicans still support Trump.

And herein lies the purpose of the House passage of Articles of Impeachment.

“But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.”

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Other VOICES

As soon as McConnell announces the session, many if not most of the 50 Republican senators will be contacting Vice President Mike Pence, demanding that he and a majority of the president’s Cabinet invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office.

Currently, the vice president has indicated no desire to do this, perhaps because the required majority of Cabinet members are not yet on board. A chorus of Republican senators would certainly change their minds.

Further, the odds of a presidential resignation would increase.

So, in the end, the House passage of Articles of Impeachment will provide three pathways to end this constitutional crisis: the Senate votes to remove the president, the vice president and Cabinet invoke the 25th Amendment and remove the president, or the president removes himself.

Meanwhile, the cloud hanging over all of this is comprised of the millions of Americans who refuse to believe Trump lost in a fair election, having been mesmerized by the lies of the president and his individual and media enablers.

Republican governors and other state officials, Trump-appointed judges, and the U.S. Congress have confirmed the election’s validity to no avail.

An unequivocal pronouncement by Trump could change many of their minds, but he is unlikely to do this.

This means that a unified move denouncing the president by right wing media combined with a revolt of congressional Republicans and Trump’s Cabinet will be necessary if minds are to be changed and the country is to be brought back into a sense of national equilibrium. Impeachment can be the impetus.

Douglas Cohn’s latest books are “World War 4: Nine Scenarios” (endorsed by seven flag officers) and “The President’s First Year: The Only School for Presidents Is the Presidency.” Twitter: @douglas_cohn.

LETTERS



to the Editor

The growing litter problem

My wake-up call came when I was driving on Homosassa Trail. The amount of litter was enormous. At first, I was embarrassed for our county. But then I did what I often do when confronted with something I don’t understand. I took it to the internet. I found out with a simple search: “2020 increased roadside litter,” that the problem of growing litter is not unique to Citrus County at all. It is a growing problem throughout our country.

Many newspapers across the country are reporting on the problem in their communities. We are changing our behaviors because of COVID and we are littering more. We are using drive-thrus more, consuming the food and drinks in our cars, and then throwing the trash out the window. We are throwing away disposable masks and gloves on the streets and in parking lots. Do your own internet search and you will find all kinds of information.

This morning I took inventory. I picked up litter in my neighborhood and I can confirm that what I picked up would have been consumed in the car: water bottles, beer bottles, soda cans, fast food wrappers, snack wrappers, and fountain drink cups and lids. I easily filled up a reusable shopping bag in 30 minutes of walking. It was a lot of litter!

The problem is not litter. Rather it is the result of the problem. The problem is littering. The problem is behavioral. To make any lasting change will require a county-wide effort. We need the attention of county

commissioners, city leaders, civic organizations, churches, and business leaders. We need a rallying cry. We need this newspaper to start covering the problem. We need funding for targeted campaigns that drive home the message littering will not be tolerated in our county.

The problem of litter was tackled in the 1960s. In a national campaign coined, “Don’t be a litterbug,” we were literally shamed if we dared litter. We all carried litter bags in our cars. We created an organization that is

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still around today named Keep America Beautiful (End littering — keep America beautiful (kab.org). Sadly, one-off letters like this one will achieve nothing.

Patricia Morgan
Inverness

Steve Alcorn
Beverly Hills

Address the recycling issue

I noticed a few weeks ago the very large bin for clean only plastic foam was gone. I figured they were trying to figure out a new way of collecting because it is always jammed full. I tried to deposit yesterday, but learned they no longer recycle plastic foam. We asked an employee why, and he shrugged and said, “I don’t know.”

Maybe it is time to have another study costing Citrus County taxpayers more thousands. So we will see more cups and packing debris gracing our roads. A fact I found, the foam occupies 30% more space than regular trash and it will be around 500 years plus. Does this bother anyone or have we gotten so blasé that we close our eyes and hope it will go away? Let’s hear from our know-it-all politicians a solution or is this when the study begins.

George Pratt
Hernando

Citizens should be outraged

This is in response to “Move on and accept the results” on Dec. 10, 2020 (the letter to the editor by Frank Simonelli of Inverness).

The writer says our behavior is childish and boring — a fraud-filled election is neither. Every person in this country should be outraged. We now have six states with overwhelming evidence of fraud. Thousands of dead people have voted — this is unacceptable. Some states had more people voting than were registered. This cannot be allowed in a free society.

If this election is made to stand as is and we move on, as you suggest, we will never have faith in our election process again.

Let the truth come out no matter what it is. The American people need to know the truth.

Joe Vellucci
Homosassa Springs

FUTURE

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Wilson said 437 third-graders in Citrus County are not reading at grade level. Statewide, that number is 91,066, with Miami-Dade and Hillsborough counties accounting for the worst numbers.

“We can’t grow our economy where we want it to be if our future workforce can’t read,” he said.

One bright spot: The number of children living in poverty in Citrus has decreased from the prior two years. But with the nation gripped by the COVID-19 pandemic, the numbers are bound to worsen, he said.

The Florida Chamber’s goal, he said, is to cut child poverty in half by 2030 and one way to do that is to find out how best to reach those at risk.

The prosperity initiative mission is to identify which ZIP code in each county has the highest poverty rate. Business and community leaders would then “adopt” a ZIP code and discover the specific needs in those parts of the county and try to solve them.

For example, if one ZIP code has less poverty, the business group can learn what is working there and help plant the same seeds in the other codes.

Wilson challenged the local chamber to form its own prosperity initiative and encourage businesses, churches and community organizations to become involved. Citrus County Chamber of Commerce President Josh Wooten said the chamber has already formed a prosperity sub-committee that is working in that direction.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

The Twisted Moon Boutique is located in downtown Inverness inside Tangles Hair Salon and Day Spa.

DREAM

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“She’s ambitious, she’s seeing what she wants and she’s going for it,” she said.

McKinney said she knows rent can be expensive in downtown Inverness so she was happy to work out a lease for her to get started.

“I (told her) I have this room and I think it would work out great for her,” McKinney said.

She’s impressed by the ever-

changing boutique stock and said she and her salon staff shopped there for Christmas.

McKinney said it helps the salon because clients now have an added experience when coming for their hair appointments.

Elson sells a variety of new jewelry and clothes.

Elson said her Twisted Moon boutique was named after her grandfather, who died three years ago.

“When me and my sister were growing up and we misbehaved, he always said he was going to send us ‘to the moon’ and that stuck with us,” Elson said.

Elson runs Twisted Moon by herself and

when the shop isn’t open, she is working at her other job as a dental assistant in Homosassa.

Elson, a native of Citrus County and Citrus High School graduate has worked in a boutique since she was 16 years.

About three months ago, she started an online store but wanted to expand into a brick-and-mortar operation.

Twisted Moon Boutique is open from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Sunday through Tuesday.

For information, visit www.facebook.com/twistedmoonboutique.

GAPS

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Many Citrus Virtual families are pondering their options — researching COVID-19 positivity rates and the vaccination progress — on whether to keep their children learning online.

“They’re still watching the numbers,” Hebert said. “They’re just not sure yet if they want to return.”

Hebert said some Citrus Virtual families might not notify the school district by Jan. 19 before they show up to campuses or bus stops with their children in tow.

Documented COVID-19 cases flared after students and school staff returned earlier this week from their holiday break.

A total 322 cases — students and staff — were tallied Wednesday across the district, spokeswoman Lindsay Blair told editorial board members.

It’s an increase of 57 since Dec. 18, when schools dismissed for the holidays.

Blair said the school district anticipated the infection spike because of holiday travels and the rise of COVID-19 transmissions across Citrus County, which has surpassed 7,000 cases and 270 deaths.

“People went out of town,” she said, “and we can’t prevent people from doing that.”

It’s also unclear when Florida officials will vaccinate teachers and other school employees, essential workers Gov. Ron DeSantis wants vaccinated after people over the age of 65.

Superintendent of Schools Sandra “Sam” Himmel and other school superintendents addressed DeSantis in December to prioritize inoculations for educators.

“Our staff is critical when the vaccine comes out,” she told a Chronicle

reporter during the holiday break.

Assistant School Superintendent Mike Mullen said Wednesday he expects the district’s health clinics to administer the vaccines to school personnel, like it does for the seasonal flu, but it will be up to school board members to set the district’s COVID-19 vaccination policy.

“We don’t know when that will possibly be,” he said.

Blair said the district’s hoping its elderly employees still take advantage of earlier vaccination access.

State testing, springtime school functions and graduation

Citrus County School District leaders knew students would be hampered by COVID-19’s impacts to schools when local PreK-12 distanced learning was first implemented to a large extent in March.

When students began their 2020-21 school year in August, months after the pandemic began closing schools, their teachers evaluated and monitored their schooling progress to gauge their shortfalls.

Hebert said schools are weaving suggestions they got from instructors on which schooling interventions should be put in place.

“What additional things do we need to put in place so those students can be successful?” Hebert said, noting schools have been offering expanded in-person and virtual tutoring sessions after school and during weekends.

Blair added the district recently launched a math homework hotline for students to sign into on and off to ask questions via Zoom.

Required state tests in the spring must also be done on campus, grouping virtual and brick-and-mortar students together and requiring schools to come up with scheduling and social-distancing plans.

Hebert said schools have

hosted successful student test sessions, and our exploring the pros and cons of outside testing venues to help alleviate parents’ concerns.

“We’re being as creative as we can,” he said, “working very collaboratively with the schools and families to accommodate everybody we can.”

Hebert said he appreciates the many school district volunteers who want to but can’t dedicate their time to academic and athletic programs because of school access limitations.

“We want them in, we do want them involved,” he said.

Himmel and Hebert said another focus is making sure seniors are poised to graduate with enough credits and a minimum GPA.

Virtual informational events, including a parent night, will take place in and after February to give

incoming and outgoing high schoolers guidance during their transitions, Hebert said.

Asked what their plans were for springtime functions, like prom and graduation, school district officials said those decisions won’t be made until there’s a better grasp of the vaccination rate.

“We’re just as eager to move forward into the normalcy we used to have,” Mullen said.

Himmel said the district takes heat on social media for its delay in decision-making, but those actions are needed to better understand an ever-changing situation.

“We are not one district that just jumps in and makes a decision the first time we see something,” she said, “we look at it, we look around the state ... we work with the health department.”



Mike Mullen assistant superintendent.



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Associated Press

In this Aug. 12, 2012 file photo, Park rangers patrol in the Virunga National Park near Rumangabo, some 40 miles north of Goma, eastern Congo. Gunmen have killed at least six rangers Sunday Jan. 10, 2021, in the Virunga National Park, the latest attack in the part of eastern Congo that is home to some of the world's last mountain gorillas, officials said Sunday.

6 rangers killed in latest attack at Congo park

KINSHASA, Congo — Gunmen have killed at least six rangers in Virunga National Park, the latest attack in the part of eastern Congo that is home to some of the world's last mountain gorillas, officials said Sunday.

The violence took place on Sunday in Nyamitwitwi, located in the Rutshuru area of the park, said Olivier Mukisya, spokesman for the Congolese Institute for the Conservation of Nature.

"We confirm that a group of armed men attacked our positions," Mukisya told The Associated Press. "We have dead and wounded among our ranger colleagues."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, though past attacks on Virunga park rangers have been blamed on several armed groups that vie for control of eastern Congo's natural resources. Among those rebel groups is the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda, known by its French acronym FDLR, an ethnic Hutu group opposed to the government of neighboring Rwanda and one of the last factions of Rwandan rebels active in the Congo.

More than 200 rangers have been killed since Virunga became a national park in 1925, officials say.

Chinese media blast Pompeo move on Taiwan

BEIJING — China's state media lashed out at the latest move on Taiwan by the departing Trump administration, accusing U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo of "seeking to maliciously inflict a long-lasting scar on China-U.S. ties."

A writer for the official Xinhua News Agency also said in a commentary Sunday that the lifting of long-standing restrictions on U.S. government contacts with Taiwanese counterparts proves that Pompeo "is only interested in stoking unwarranted confrontations, and has no interest in world peace."

Another commentary posted online by CGTN, the English-language channel of state broadcaster CCTV, called Pompeo's announcement "a cowardly act of sabotage" of the next U.S. administration.

"The Trump administration, in its continuing efforts to burn the house down before leaving office, has crossed a dangerous red line with China days before incoming President Joe Biden takes office," the commentary read in part.

Biden takes office on Jan. 20.

— From wire reports

Money, support lacking
Vaccine rollout confirms public health officials' warnings

MICHELLE R. SMITH AND
CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Public health officials sounded the alarm for months, complaining that they did not have enough support or money to get COVID-19 vaccines quickly into arms.

Now the slower-than-expected start to the largest vaccination effort in U.S. history is proving them right.

As they work to ramp up the shots, state and local public health departments across the U.S. cite a variety of obstacles, most notably a lack of leadership from the federal government.

Many officials worry that they are losing precious time at the height of the pandemic, and the delays could cost lives.

States lament a lack of clarity on how many doses they will receive and when. They say more resources should have been devoted to education campaigns to ease concerns among people leery of getting the shots. And although the federal government recently approved \$8.7 billion for the vaccine effort, it will take time to reach places that could have used the money months ago to prepare to deliver shots more efficiently.

Such complaints have become a common refrain in a nation where public health officials have been left largely on their own to solve complex problems.

"The recurring theme is the lack of a national strategy and the attempt to pass the buck down the line, lower and lower, until the poor people at the receiving end have

nobody else that they can send the buck to," said Gianfranco Pezzino, who was the public health officer in Shawnee County, Kansas, until retiring last month.

Operation Warp Speed, the federal vaccine program, had promised to distribute enough doses to immunize 20 million people in the U.S. in December. It missed that target, and as of Friday, about 6.6 million people had received their first shot, according to a tracker from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 22 million doses have been delivered to states.

The American Hospital Association has estimated that 1.8 million people need to be vaccinated daily from Jan. 1 to May 31 to reach widespread immunity by the summer. The current pace is more than 1 million people per day below that.



Associated Press

Trump supporters try to break through a police barrier, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at the Capitol in Washington. As Congress prepares to affirm President-elect Joe Biden's victory, thousands of people have gathered to show their support for President Donald Trump and his claims of election fraud.

US Capitol police overrun,
'left naked' against rioters

COLLEEN LONG,
MICHAEL BALSAMO AND
LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite ample warnings about pro-Trump demonstrations in Washington, U.S. Capitol Police did not bolster staffing on Wednesday and made no preparations for the possibility that the planned protests could escalate into massive violent riots, according to several people briefed on law enforcement's response.

The revelations shed new light on why Capitol police were so quickly overrun by rioters. The department had the same number of officers in place as on a routine day. While some of those officers were outfitted with equipment for a protest, they were not staffed or equipped for a riot.

Once the mob began to move on the Capitol, a police lieutenant

issued an order not to use deadly force, which explains why officers outside the building did not draw their weapons as the crowd closed in. Officers are sometimes ordered against escalating a situation by drawing their weapons if superiors believe doing so could lead to a stampede or a shootout.

In this instance, it also left officers with little ability to resist the mob. In one video from the scene, an officer puts up his fists to try to push back a crowd pinning he and his colleagues against a door. The crowd jeers "You are not American!" and one man tries to prod him with the tip of an American flag.

"They were left naked," Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said of the police in an interview with AP. She had raised security concerns in a Dec. 28 meeting of House Democrats and grilled Steven Sund, the Capitol Police chief, during an hourlong private call on New Year's Eve. "It turns out it

was the worst kind of non-security anybody could ever imagine."

The Capitol police's lackluster response to the riots has drawn condemnation from lawmakers and prompted the ouster of the department's chief. As the full extent of the insurrection becomes clear, the FBI is also investigating whether some of the rioters had plans to kidnap members of Congress and hold them hostage.

Investigators are particularly focused on why some of them were seen carrying plastic zip-tie handcuffs and had apparently accessed areas of the Capitol generally difficult for the public to locate, according to an official.

The official was among four officials briefed on Wednesday's incident who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation publicly.

Schwarzenegger compares mob to Nazis

BOBBY CAINA CALVAN
Associated Press

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger compared the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol to the Nazis and called President Donald Trump a failed leader who "will go down in history as the worst president ever."

The Republican said in a video he released on social media on Sunday that "Wednesday was the Night of Broken Glass right here in the United States." In 1938, Nazis in Germany and Austria vandalized Jewish homes, schools and businesses during an attack that

became known as Kristallnacht or "the Night of Broken Glass."

"The broken glass was in the windows of the United States Capitol. But the mob did not just shatter the windows of the Capitol, they shattered the ideas we took for granted," he said. "They trampled the very principles on which our country was founded."

Schwarzenegger, who was born in Austria, compared the Proud Boys — a far-right American extremist group — to the Nazis. Some Proud Boys leaders were arrested in the nation's capital, before and after Wednesday's riots.

In his video, Schwarzenegger

called Trump a failed leader and said he took solace that Trump's presidency was coming to an end and "would soon be as irrelevant as an old tweet."

He called for national unity and vowed support for President-elect Joe Biden after mobs loyal to Trump broke into the U.S. Capitol, causing a temporary suspension of the electoral count. Members of Congress later returned and certified the results.

Five people died, including a Capitol police officer. Scores of rioters have been arrested and many more are being sought after the brazen attack.

World BRIEFS



Associated Press

Moroccan and U.S. flags are seen outside the provisional consulate of the U.S. in Dakhla, Morocco-administered Western Sahara, Jan. 10, 2021.

US Consulate a turning point for disputed Sahara

DAKHLA, Western Sahara — Trawlers pack the bustling Western Saharan port of Dakhla, where fish scales glisten from workers' arms as they roll up their nets and buyers shout bids in a sprawling auction warehouse. Nearby, turquoise waters lap wide, nearly empty Atlantic beaches and diners sip tea in sidewalk cafes.

The United States plans to put its footprint in this picturesque setting.

U.S. Ambassador to Morocco David T. Fischer took part in a ceremony Sunday in Dakhla, the first formal step to open a consulate, marking a turning point for the disputed and closely policed territory in North Africa.

The U.S. move recognizes Morocco's authority over the land — in exchange for Morocco normalizing relations with Israel.

Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, helped broker a normalization deal between Morocco and Israel announced last month, part of a series of historic accords that won Arab countries major favors from Washington in exchange.

Indonesian divers find parts of plane wreckage

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Authorities said they determined the location of the crash site and black boxes of a Boeing 737-500 on Sunday, a day after the aircraft crashed into the Java Sea with 62 people on board shortly after taking off from Indonesia's capital.

The head of Indonesia's National Search and Rescue Agency, Bagus Puruhito, said officials believe they identified the location of the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder — the so-called black boxes — because emergency signals transmitted by the devices were detected by a navy ship's sonar system.

"Hopefully we can lift the black boxes in short time to determine the cause of the crash," military chief Hadi Tjahjanto said.

Earlier Sunday, search and rescue operations resulted in parts of the plane being found in the sea at a depth of 75 feet, leading rescuers to continue searching the area.

"We received reports from the diver team that the visibility in the water is good and clear, allowing the discovery of some parts of the plane," Tjahjanto said in a statement. "We are sure that is the point where the plane crashed."

He said the objects found included broken pieces of fuselage with aircraft registration parts.

Earlier, rescuers pulled out body parts, pieces of children's clothing and scraps of metal from the surface.

— From wire reports

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Rushing yards for Lamar Jackson, making him the second quarterback to run for over 100 in a playoff game in NFL history.



Lamar Jackson

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Bucs get playoff win



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12) throws a pass during the second half of an NFL wild-card playoff game against the Washington Football Team, Saturday in Landover, Md.

Brady outduels surprise starter Heinicke, leading Tampa Bay past Washington 31-23

STEPHEN WHYNO
AP sports writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to press deadlines, a recap of Saturday night's game did not make it in Sunday's edition.

LANDOVER, Md. — New team, same swashbuckling playoff success for Tom Brady.

Brady threw for 381 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Tampa Bay Buccaneers past Washington 31-23 in their NFC wild-card game Saturday night for their first playoff victory

since the 2002 season. Brady was critical of his play and the offense's performance in the red zone but relished picking up his 31st career postseason win.

"Certainly a lot to improve on, but great to get a win," said Brady, who was 22 of 40 passing. "If you could win 100-0, it's going to be the same result in the end. You'd love to play great every game. I think it's good to win and advance."

In his 42nd postseason start and first not in a New England Patriots

uniform, Brady made the most of a lack of early pressure to build a lead against the NFL's second-ranked defense that held up.

"He is a fighter, he plays hard, works hard and studies hard, and he is the man for the job," Buccaneers running back Leonard Fournette said.

Brady had to outduel Washington's Taylor Heinicke, who had a breakout performance in just his second pro start and first in the playoffs in place of injured starter Alex Smith. Heinicke — signed in early December

to the practice squad — ran for 46 yards and a touchdown and threw for 306 yards and a score.

"He almost beat us with his legs," Tampa Bay coach Bruce Arians said. "He was very elusive. We knew he was going to scramble around, there was going to be bootlegs and scrambles. We were really hoping for Alex because we knew that part of the game wasn't going to be in there."

But Heinicke wasn't enough to overcome Brady's off-and-on brilliance.

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Tide seek 6th title under Saban

Buckeyes stand in the way in CFP finale tonight

RALPH D. RUSSO
AP college football writer

MIAMI — Trying to figure out which of Nick Saban's Alabama

teams is best is akin to picking Michelangelo's greatest work of art or Ernest Hemingway's best novel.

They are all excellent in their own way.

The first to win a national championship came in 2009 and is still the only Alabama team to finish unbeaten under Saban in 14 seasons of unprecedented dominance.

The 2011 national champions had maybe the greatest defense

of college football's modern era of high-powered offenses. The current Crimson Tide team has one of the most prolific and talented offenses in the history of the sport.

"Every team is different. Every team has its own personality," Saban said Sunday. "But it's hard to compare teams."

The top-ranked Tide (12-0) are set to face No. 3 Ohio State (7-0) on Monday for the College Football Playoff championship in

search of their sixth national title with Saban as coach.

The final game of this taxing and strange season played through the coronavirus pandemic is on schedule to take place at Hard Rock Stadium, home of the NFL's Miami Dolphins, as planned. Because of COVID-19, which caused the postponement or cancelation of nearly 130 games, nothing has been guaranteed this season. But Alabama arrived in South

Florida on Friday and Ohio State got to town Saturday.

The usual day-before-the-championship-game news conference with the coaches was held Sunday morning via Zoom. No sharing of a stage, posing with the trophy and staged handshakes this year.

"It certainly has been a strange road to get here," Ohio

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CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Who: No. 1 Alabama (12-0) vs. No. 3 Ohio State (7-0)

Where: Miami Gardens

Line: Alabama by 8 1/2.

Series record: Alabama 3-1.

What's at stake?

The Crimson Tide will play for their sixth national championship under coach Nick Saban, 13th overall in college football's poll era (1936-present) and first since 2017. Alabama is 2-2 in CFP championship games. A sixth title at Alabama for Saban would match Paul "Bear" Bryant's total with the Tide, but it would give him a record seven overall. He also won a BCS title at LSU in 2003.

For Ohio State, it would be its seventh national championship of the poll era and first since 2014, the inaugural season of the playoff.

Players to watch

Ohio State: QB Justin Fields. The junior is coming off the best game of his career and maybe the best game a quarterback has had this season. Fields threw six touchdowns and had only six incomplete passes in the Sugar Bowl against Clemson. He also took a nasty hit to the side that left him aching throughout the game. Fields' mobility is big part of his game. If he's limited, it takes away a key weapon for the Buckeyes.

Alabama: WR DeVonta Smith. The Heisman Trophy winner has been close to unstoppable in the second half of the season and had three more touchdowns on seven catches for 130 yards against Notre Dame in the Rose Bowl. Tide offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian gets the most out of Smith and keeps defenses guessing by lining him up wide, in the slot and often sending him in motion.



Associated Press

Alabama wide receiver DeVonta Smith (6) gets past Notre Dame linebacker Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah (6) and cornerback Clarence Lewis (26) on his way to the end zone for a touchdown in the first half of the Rose Bowl, Jan. 1 in Arlington, Texas.

Lamar winless in playoffs no more

QB, Ravens get payback against Titans

TERESA M. WALKER
AP pro football writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Lamar Jackson finally has his first postseason victory — and on the road, no less.

Combine that with Baltimore smothering 2,000-yard rusher Derrick Henry, and the Ravens look playoff tough.

Jackson ran for 136 yards and a 48-yard touchdown while throwing for 179 more as the Ravens rallied from 10 points down and beat the Tennessee Titans 20-13 Sunday in their AFC wild-card game.

Baltimore also held Tennessee to its fewest points all season.

The Titans (11-6) had the ball and a chance to tie when Marcus Peters intercepted Ryan Tannehill's pass intended for Kalif Raymond with 1:50 left. After the turnover, the Ravens came onto the field and started waving good-bye to the Titans — drawing a taunting penalty they didn't mind at all.

"We finished finally," Jackson said. "We finally finished."

Tannehill thought Raymond was bumped by Peters.

"It definitely looked like it could've been a flag and probably should've been, but it wasn't thrown so here we are," Tannehill said.

The Ravens (12-5) snapped a string of 21 straight games lost by the franchise in either the regular season or playoffs when trailing by 10 or more. They will play either top-seeded Kansas City or Buffalo in a divisional game set up by how Baltimore stopped Henry for the first time in three games.

The All-Pro ran all over the Ravens with 328 yards rushing combined in the past two meetings. With both Calais Campbell and Brandon Williams back on the Baltimore D-line, Henry had his worst performance this season with 18 carries for 40 yards.

"Our defense was tired of hearing the noise," Jackson said. "And they did what they were supposed to do."

Henry credited the Ravens with being the better team.

"This definitely is going to sting probably in my mind for the rest of this year until we suit back up," said Henry, who missed two key plays following an 7-yard catch midway through the third quarter after losing a shoe.

Baltimore also slowed a Tennessee offense that tied for fourth averaging 30.7 points a game and had more offensive yards per game during the season than any team but Kansas City. The Ravens finished with a 401-209 yards edge in total offense.

"This may be the best win I've ever been associated with," said

Baltimore coach John Harbaugh, who won a Super Bowl eight years ago and now has eight road playoff victories, surpassing the career mark of Hall of Famer Tom Landry and Tom Coughlin. "It was a very strong effort. Our tackling was strong, all the outside backers. That kind of physicality. We were able to hit him with multiple helmets and take him back."

The Titans lost their first home playoff game in 12 years and now have had three of their past eight postseasons ended on their own field by Baltimore.

"We won the division, hosted a home playoff game," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. "Wasn't good enough today. Our guys competed and battled and came up short."

Tennessee sacked Jackson five times and got an interception. But the Titans couldn't slow Jackson enough after halftime. Jackson turned in the sixth 100-yard rushing game by a quarterback in the postseason, and joined Colin Kaepernick with two.

The Titans took a 10-0 lead with Tannehill tossing a 10-yard TD pass to Pro Bowl wide receiver A.J. Brown. Stephen Gostkowski kicked a field goal set up by Malcolm Butler's interception, his first in the postseason since picking off Russell Wilson in Super Bowl 49 to preserve New England's win over the Seahawks.

"We didn't get rattled," Jackson said.

Baltimore's defense, the second-stingiest scoring unit in the NFL, took over. The Ravens held Tennessee to minus-7 yards in the second quarter, the third fewest in any quarter of a playoff game since the 2000 season.

The 2019 NFL MVP set up a 33-yard field goal by Justin Tucker with a 28-yard pass to Marquise Brown. Jackson then tied it by breaking loose for a 48-yard TD run, diving for the pylon — the second-longest TD run by a quarterback in the Super Bowl era behind Kaepernick's 56-yarder for the 49ers against the Packers on Jan. 12, 2013.

"It's the best run I've seen by a quarterback," Harbaugh said. "It just got us back in the game. We needed points at that point."

Rookie J.K. Dobbins made it 17-10 with a 4-yard TD run to open the third quarter. That gave him a rushing TD in seven straight games, second only to Maurice Jones-Drew's eight in 2006 since the 1970 merger.

INJURIES

Titans wide receiver Corey Davis was seen on the sideline without a helmet but there was no report on his condition. Vrabel said only Davis wasn't able to go.

UP NEXT

The Ravens continue their quest for playoff redemption.

The Titans head into the offseason with fixing their defense at the top of their to-do list.



Associated Press

Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson (8) celebrates after scoring a touchdown on a 48-yard run against the Tennessee Titans in the first half of an NFL wild-card playoff game Sunday, in Nashville, Tenn. At right is Titans cornerback Kristian Fulton (26).

Brees, Saints pull away late



Associated Press

New Orleans Saints wide receiver Michael Thomas (13) pulls in a pass over Chicago Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller in the second half of an NFL wild-card playoff game, Sunday in New Orleans.

New Orleans to meet Bucs after victory over Bears

BRETT MARTEL
AP sports writer

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees will get to celebrate his 42nd birthday by preparing for a playoff game that will also feature the one active NFL quarterback older than him.

Brees completed 28 of 39 passes for 265 yards, connecting with Michael Thomas and Latavius Murray for touchdowns, and the New Orleans Saints defeated the Chicago Bears 21-9 in an NFC wild-card game Sunday.

The victory for the Saints (13-4) and Brees, who turns 42 on Friday, sets up a divisional-round meeting next weekend in the Superdome with Tampa Bay and 43-year-old QB Tom Brady. The Saints won each regular-season matchup with the NFC South rival by double digits.

"The minute that he signed with the Bucs and came to the division, you felt like that was going to be a team to contend with, that was going to be a team that would have playoff aspirations and beyond, just like us," Brees said of meeting Brady in the playoffs for the first time. "So, I guess it was inevitable."

Alvin Kamara rushed for 99 yards and added a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter after sitting out the regular-season finale and not practicing this past week because of contracting COVID-19.

"I was fine, no real symptoms," Kamara said of his absence. "I got a bye week. It's like, you have no choice but to sit and recover and get your body back right. I felt good."

The Bears (8-9) put forth a scrappy performance defensively that prevented the Saints from building more than a one-touchdown lead until Murray's 6-yard catch-and-run made it 14-3 late in the third quarter.

That score resulted from a big

Bears mistake: Safety Eddie Jackson, lined up for an apparent blitz, jumped offside on fourth-and-3 from the Bears 13-yard line.

"It was basically a no-brainer freeze. We were just going to take a delay (of game) and then kick the field goal," Payton said. "It worked pretty well."

Two plays later, Brees scrambled right and spotted Murray waving for the ball. Brees sent a short touch pass over onrushing linebacker Khalil Mack, and Murray sprinted straight to the goal line, diving through converging tacklers to reach the end zone.

Brees' first touchdown pass in the opening quarter was 11 yards over the middle to Thomas, back from a three-game absence to help heal a nagging ankle injury. The 2019 Offensive Player of the Year missed nine games this season and had not caught a touchdown pass since December 2019.

"He had a few big plays for us and he's going to continue to have more and more big plays," Payton said. "I'm glad that he had that time to really stay off his ankle. And I know it's not 100% but, man, he's going to be significant for us in all of these games."

Thomas finished with five catches for 73 yards and Deonte Harris, back from a neck injury, caught seven passes for 83 yards.

Tashaun Gipson set up Chicago's first points and might have prevented a Saints score on the same play. He got his hand on the ball as Taysom Hill attempted to throw deep. The ball fluttered a few yards and defensive lineman John Jenkins caught it, setting up Cairo Santos' 36-yard field goal to make it 7-3. But the Chicago offense struggled against a defense ranked fourth in the NFL. Mitch Trubisky was 19 of 29 for 199 yards and one inconsequential TD pass to Jimmy Graham as time expired. The Bears were held to 48 yards rushing.

"Making the playoffs is great, but what we did today has to be a lot better," Trubisky said. "Today wasn't good enough. And you look at a team like the Saints that has been there,

done that on the coaching side, player-wise. I think that that's a start for us to realize, 'You want to go ahead and do damage in the playoffs, you can see situationally, discipline-wise, all that stuff, how we've got to be better.' "

The Saints never previously allowed fewer than 14 points in a playoff game.

"Our defense played outstanding," Payton said. "We tackled well in space. ... Ultimately we forced them to become one-dimensional, and when you do that you're going to win a lot of games."

EJECTED

Bears starting receiver Anthony Miller was ejected for shoving Saints defensive back C.J. Gardner-Johnson after a failed third-down play early in the second half. Gardner-Johnson also was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct but not ejected. That marked the second time this season a Bears player was thrown out for action taken against Gardner-Johnson after the whistle. During a regular-season meeting, Bears receiver Javon Wims was ejected and suspended two games for punching Gardner-Johnson.

INJURIES

Bears: Reserve safety DeAndre Houston-Carson was evaluated for a concussion during the second quarter ... Defensive back Sherrick McManis left with a hamstring injury in the first half.

Saints: Cornerback Patrick Robinson and running back Latavius Murray each were checked for thigh injuries in the second half.

UP NEXT

Bears: Head into offseason with uncertainty surrounding the futures of general manager Ryan Pace and head coach Matt Nagy. The Bears have reached the playoffs twice since Pace took over in 2015, both times under Nagy, who was hired in 2018. Chicago lost its playoff opener both times.

Saints: Host Brady and the Buccaneers in the divisional round next Sunday night.

Browns beat Steelers in wild-card round finale



Associated Press

Cleveland Browns strong safety Karl Joseph (42) celebrates after recovering a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown during the first half of an NFL wild-card playoff game against the Pittsburgh Steelers, Sunday in Pittsburgh. The Browns won 48-37.

FOOTBALL

Tampa Bay 31,
Washington 23

Tampa Bay	9	9	0	13	—	31
Washington	0	7	9	7	—	23
First Quarter						
TB—FG Succop 29, 11:49.						
TB—Brown 36 pass from Brady (kick blocked), 2:51.						
Second Quarter						
Was—McKissic 2 run (Hopkins kick), 12:59.						
TB—Godwin 27 pass from Brady (run failed), 10:03.						
TB—FG Succop 23, 1:50.						
Third Quarter						
Was—FG Hopkins 36, 11:46.						
Was—Heinicke 8 run (pass failed), 2:14.						
Fourth Quarter						
TB—FG Succop 38, 13:32.						
TB—Fournette 3 run (Succop kick), 9:11.						
Was—S.Sims 11 pass from Heinicke (Hopkins kick), 4:51.						
TB—FG Succop 37, 2:49.						
A—0.						

	TB	Was
First downs	26	23
Total Net Yards	507	375
Rushes-yards	29-142	23-86
Passing	365	289
Punt Returns	2-16	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-26	1-31
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-40-0	26-44-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-16	2-17
Punts	3-42.3	5-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-24	2-25
Time of Possession	31:12	28:48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Fournette 19-93, Brown 1-22, Vaughn 5-21, S.Miller 1-8, Brady 3-(minus 2), Washington, Heinicke 6-46, Gibson 14-31, McKissic 2-5, S.Sims 1-4.

PASSING—Tampa Bay, Brady 22-40-0-381. Washington, Heinicke 26-44-1-306.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Evans 6-119, Godwin 5-79, Brate 4-80, Fournette 4-39, Brown 2-49, S.Miller 1-15, Washington, C.Sims 7-104, McLaurin 6-75, Thomas 5-74, S.Sims 3-33, McKissic 2-8, Gibson 2-4, Sprinkle 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Baltimore 20,
Tennessee 13

Baltimore	0	10	7	3	—	20
Tennessee	10	0	0	3	—	13
First Quarter						
Ten—A.Brown 10 pass from Tannehill (Gostkowski kick), 5:39.						
Ten—FG Gostkowski 45, 1:38.						
Second Quarter						
Bal—FG Tucker 33, 9:59.						
Bal—L.Jackson 48 run (Tucker kick), 2:32.						
Third Quarter						
Bal—Dobbins 4 run (Tucker kick), 9:01.						
Fourth Quarter						
Ten—FG Gostkowski 25, 14:56.						
Bal—FG Tucker 51, 4:19.						
A—14,029.						

	Bal	Ten
First downs	22	12
Total Net Yards	401	209
Rushes-yards	35-236	22-51
Passing	165	158
Punt Returns	0-0	2-8
Kickoff Returns	1-20	2-46
Interceptions Ret.	1-13	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	17-24-1	18-26-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-14	1-7
Punts	2-50.5	5-45.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-60	2-10
Time of Possession	33:38	26:22

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Baltimore, Jackson 16-136, Dobbins 9-43, Edwards 8-38, M.Brown 2-19, Tennessee, Henry 18-40, Tannehill 2-6, McNichols 1-4, D.Evans 1-1.

PASSING—Baltimore, Jackson 17-24-1-179. Tennessee, Tannehill 18-26-1-165.

RECEIVING—Baltimore, M.Brown 7-109, Andrews 4-41, Ricard 3-26, Snead 2-9, Dobbins 1-(minus 6), Tennessee, Brown 6-83, Henry 3-11, Firkser 2-44, Westbrook-Ikhine 2-17, J.Smith 2-9, Batson 1-6, Swaim 1-5, Tannehill 1-(minus 10).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Baltimore, Tucker 52.

New Orleans 21,
Chicago 9

Chicago	0	3	0	6	—	9
New Orleans	7	0	7	7	—	21
First Quarter						
NO—Thomas 11 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 5:09.						
Second Quarter						
Chi—FG Santos 36, 8:06.						
Third Quarter						
NO—Murray 6 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 4:08.						
Fourth Quarter						
NO—Kamara 3 run (Lutz kick), 8:50.						
A—3,000.						

	Chi	NO
First downs	11	27
Total Net Yards	239	385
Rushes-yards	19-48	35-123
Passing	191	262
Punt Returns	0-0	3-22
Kickoff Returns	2-68	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-0	28-39-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	1-3
Punts	7-40.1	3-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-50	4-20
Time of Possession	21:02	38:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Chicago, Montgomery 12-31, Trubisky 3-10, Carter 1-3, Patterson 1-2, Miller 1-2, Nall 1-0. New Orleans, Kamara 23-99, T.Hill 4-15, Murray 4-9, Brees 3-2, Harris 1-(minus 2).

PASSING—Chicago, Trubisky 19-29-0-199. New Orleans, Brees 28-39-0-265.

RECEIVING—Chicago, Robinson 6-55, Carter 3-17, Kmet 3-16, Ridley 2-36, Graham 2-25, Miller 2-22, Wims 1-28. New Orleans, Harris 7-83, Thomas 5-73, Cook 4-40, Kamara 2-17, Burton 2-15, Murray 2-11, T.Hill 2-5, Sanders 2-3, Humphrey 1-14, Trautman 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—New Orleans, Lutz 50.

Cleveland 48,
Pittsburgh 37

Cleveland	28	7	0	13	—	48
Pittsburgh	0	10	13	14	—	37
First Quarter						
Cle—Joseph 0 fumble return (Parkey kick), 14:46.						
Cle—Landry 40 pass from Mayfield (Parkey kick), 9:46.						
Cle—Hunt 11 run (Parkey kick), 4:50.						
Cle—Hunt 8 run (Parkey kick), 1:46.						
Second Quarter						
Pit—Conner 1 run (Boswell kick), 1:44.						
Cle—Hooper 7 pass from Mayfield (Parkey kick), :34.						
Pit—FG Boswell 49, :00.						
Third Quarter						
Pit—Ebron 17 pass from Roethlisberger (pass failed), 7:22.						
Pit—Smith-Schuster 5 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 2:57.						
Fourth Quarter						
Cle—Chubb 40 pass from Mayfield (Parkey kick), 12:32.						
Pit—Claypool 29 pass from Roethlisberger (pass failed), 11:08.						
Cle—FG Parkey 24, 4:28.						
Cle—FG Parkey 37, 2:51.						
Pit—Claypool 7 pass from Roethlisberger (Conner pass from Roethlisberger), 1:09.						

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early)	PICK 5 (early)
1 - 8	9 - 7 - 6 - 6 - 7
PICK 2 (late)	PICK 5 (late)
7 - 3	5 - 8 - 9 - 8 - 6
PICK 3 (early)	FANTASY 5
7 - 3 - 0	4 - 7 - 8 - 15 - 24
PICK 3 (late)	CASH 4 LIFE
4 - 3 - 1	5 - 43 - 46 - 49 - 52
PICK 4 (early)	CASH BALL
1 - 6 - 4 - 9	4
PICK 4 (late)	
8 - 5 - 0 - 3	

Saturday's winning numbers and payouts:

Powerball: 14 – 26 – 38 – 45 – 46	5-of-6 5x 1 winner \$15,000
Powerball: 13	5-of-6 10x No winner
5-of-5 PB No winner	Fantasy 5: 6 – 20 – 23 – 24 – 28
No Florida winner	5-of-5 1 winner \$237,974.91
5-of-5 2 winners \$1 million	4-of-5 271 \$141.50
1 Florida winner	3-of-5 9,985 \$10.50
Lotto: 5 – 14 – 34 – 35 – 36 – 44	Cash 4 Life: 19 – 27 – 46 – 49 – 50
6-of-6 No winner	Cash Ball: 1
5-of-6 2x 5 winners \$6,000	5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-6 3x 3 winners \$9,000	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-6 4x 4 winners \$12,000	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

AUTO RACING

6:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Dakar Rally Stage 8: Sakaka to Neom (Same-day Tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. (FS1) Connecticut at DePaul

NBA

7 p.m. (FSNFL) Milwaukee Bucks at Orlando Magic

8:30 p.m. (NBA) New Orleans Pelicans at Dallas Mavericks

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m. (ESPN) (ESPN2) (ESPNU) (SEC) CFP National Championship: Ohio State vs Alabama

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

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

6 p.m. Seven Rivers at FAL

7 p.m. Lecanto at Wildwood

BOYS BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. Seven Rivers at FAL

7:30 p.m. Tavares at Citrus

GIRLS SOCCER

6:30 p.m. Lecanto at Fivay

BOYS SOCCER

6 p.m. PK Young at Crystal River

7 p.m. Lecanto at Weeki Wachee

A—0.	Cle	Pit				
First downs	20	34				
Total Net Yards	390	553				
Rushes-yards	31-127	16-52				
Passing	263	501				
Punt Returns	1-8	2-16				
Kickoff Returns	3-83	6-146				
Interceptions Ret.	4-56	0-0				
Comp-Att-Int	21-34-0	47-68-4				
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0				
Punts	5-39.6	3-41.7				
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1				
Penalties-Yards	3-20	4-25				
Time of Possession	27:14	32:46				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
RUSHING—Cleveland, Chubb 18-76, Hunt 8-48, Mayfield 5-3, Pittsburgh, Conner 11-37, Snell 2-13, D.Watt 2-2, Roethlisberger 1-0.						
PASSING—Cleveland, Mayfield 21-34-0-263, Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 47-68-4-501.						
RECEIVING—Cleveland, Hooper 7-46, Landry 5-92, Chubb 4-69, Higgins 2-28, Hunt 1-13, Peoples-Jones 1-8, Njoku 1-7, Pittsburgh, Smith-Schuster 13-157, Johnson 11-117, Ebron 7-62, Washington 5-72, Claypool 5-59, Conner 5-30, Snell 1-4.						
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.						

NFL Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 9

Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24
Los Angeles Rams 30, Seattle 20
Tampa Bay 31, Washington 23

Sunday, Jan. 10

Baltimore 20, Tennessee 13
New Orleans 21, Chicago 9
Cleveland 48 Pittsburgh 37

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 16

Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay, 4:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Buffalo, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 17

Cleveland at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 6:40 p.m.

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 24

AFC

TBD

NFC

TBD

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 7

At Tampa, Fla.

TBD, 6:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	7	3	.700	—
Boston	7	3	.700	—
New York	5	5	.500	2
Brooklyn	5	6	.455	2½
Toronto	2	7	.222	4½

Southeast Division

	W	L
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Heat-Celtics postponed by virus protocols

NBA battling COVID-19 issues

TIM REYNOLDS
AP basketball writer

The NBA is continuing its season as planned even after concerns about COVID-19 exposure forced the postponement of Miami's game at Boston on Sunday, a day where no fewer than 15 players around the league were officially declared unable to play for virus-related reasons.

The Celtics had seven of those players and Miami had another. But after Heat guard Avery Bradley was ruled out for Sunday — his test result was not announced, just his status — the rest of the Miami players needed their contact-tracing data analyzed to determine if they had been potentially exposed.

That process would not have been completed in time for the 7 p.m. game, so the league called it off. Boston was preparing to play the game with eight available players; the Celtics have 17 on their roster, seven were out due to the COVID-19 protocols and two more with injuries.

Meanwhile, the Heat simply were not cleared to play anyone.

"We anticipated that there would be game postponements this season and planned the schedule accordingly," NBA spokesman Mike Bass said in a statement distributed to The Associated Press and other outlets. "There are no plans to pause the season, and we will continue to be guided by our medical experts and health and safety protocols."

The NBA had 148 games on the schedule so far through Sunday; the Boston-Miami game was only the second to be postponed for virus-related reasons. The other was Dec. 23, an Oklahoma City at Houston game where the Rockets did not have the required eight players available.

But many teams are feeling the effects of missing players because of testing or other possible exposure. Brooklyn's Kevin Durant had the virus last spring,

but he had to miss three games last week after being exposed to someone who had tested positive for COVID-19. He returned to the Nets on Sunday night.

"You are starting to see what is going on in our country directly affect the NBA because we are no longer in that safety net of the bubble," said Denver coach Michael Malone, whose club has been without Michael Porter Jr. for its last six games — and counting — because of the league's protocols.

The Heat were staying in Boston overnight Sunday and are scheduled to play in Philadelphia, another team with virus issues, on Tuesday and Thursday. The 76ers had eight eligible players and used only seven Saturday in a loss to Denver, doing so in part because some were ruled out in accordance with the virus protocols.

The Celtics were to have been without Jaylen Brown, Javonte Green, Semi Ojeleye, Jayson Tatum, Tristan Thompson, Grant Williams and Robert Williams on Sunday. That's the most any team has ruled out for a game because of virus-related issues so far this season but does not necessarily mean any of the affected Celtics tested positive.

They were in Miami for a game on Wednesday, and Bradley played in that game for the Heat.

Additionally, a fourth Dallas player was added to the COVID-19 protocol list Sunday, but Maxi Kleber is listed as questionable instead of out for Monday's home game against New Orleans. Starters Josh Richardson and Dorian Finney-Smith and backup Jalen Brunson are still listed as out. Those three stayed behind in Denver after a win over the Nuggets on Thursday and missed Saturday's victory at home against Orlando.

The NBA and National Basketball Players Association put together a plan last year to finish the season in a bubble environment at Walt Disney World in Central Florida, where nobody tested positive and no games were missed because of the virus. But NBA Commissioner Adam Silver told teams last month that issues would be "inevitable" with games going on



Associated Press
Boston Celtics center Robert Williams III (44) dunks the ball over Miami Heat guards Avery Bradley (11) and Andre Iguodala (28) during the second half of a game on Wednesday in Miami.

outside a bubble, and he's been proven correct.

"I think the NBA's doing all they can and they're doing a great job, and the (National Basketball Players Association) as well, working together to do a great job to make sure we are as safe as possible," Indiana guard Victor Oladipo said. "It's tough. You can try your best and

unfortunately there will still be some people that catch it."

Bradley — who signed with the Heat during the offseason — opted not to join the Los Angeles Lakers, his former team, in the bubble last year because he has a child with breathing problems and did not want to take any unnecessary risks. He chose to play this season, calling living in

a COVID-affected world "the new normal."

"The numbers are spiking," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said Saturday. "That is the reality. We are committed to proceeding with our industry and we're doing it with all the best science and adherence to the protocols, but ultimately we're not in control."

Garza lifts No. 5 Iowa over No. 16 Minnesota

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Luka Garza scored 33 points and Joe Wieskamp added 20 as No. 5 Iowa beat No. 16 Minnesota 86-71 on Sunday.

Jordan Bohannon had 19 points and a career-high 14 assists for the Hawkeyes (11-2, 5-1 Big Ten), who avenged their overtime loss to the Golden Gophers on Christmas. Bohannon did not have a turnover in 36 minutes.

Iowa, which led 39-37 at halftime, opened the second half with a 22-6 run. Garza had 10 of his points in that stretch.

Minnesota (10-4, 3-4) rallied from a 63-45 deficit to get to within five points twice late in the second half. The Gophers defeated Iowa 102-95 in overtime on Dec. 25 by coming back from seven points down with 44 seconds left.

Maryland 66, No. 12 Illinois 63

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Darryl Morsell scored 19 points, Donta Scott added 16 and Maryland upset Illinois.

The game was fast-paced and close throughout. Hakim Hart hit a 3-pointer with 4:08 left to give the Terrapins a 62-61 lead, which Maryland didn't relinquish.

No. 19 Virginia Tech 77, Notre Dame 63

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Jalen Cone scored 18 points off the bench to lift Virginia Tech over Notre Dame.

Cone connected on 5 of 11 from the floor, including four 3-pointers, as the Hokies (9-2, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) bounced back from Wednesday's loss at Louisville.

Leonard gets 10,000th point in victory

Davis has 27 as LA rolls over Rockets

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LOS ANGELES — Kawhi Leonard scored a season-high 35 points, going over 10,000 in his career, and the Los Angeles Clippers rallied to beat the Chicago Bulls 130-127 on Sunday.

Leonard reached the milestone on one of his five 3-pointers in the third quarter, when he scored 21 points. His points and 3-pointers made were the most in a single quarter in his career. Leonard's last 3-pointer in the quarter gave the Clippers their first lead since they scored the game's first basket. In all, he had seven 3-pointers, tying his career high.

Paul George had 28 points, seven rebounds and nine assists for the Clippers, who avoided their first three-game losing streak of the season. Lou Williams added 21 points off the bench.

Zach LaVine led six Bulls in double figures with a season-high 45 points — four off his career high — and he made a season-best 10 3-pointers.

Lakers 120, Rockets 102

HOUSTON — Anthony Davis had 27 points, LeBron James added 18 and Los Angeles won for the sixth time in seven games with a victory over Houston.

It was a testy game that included five technical fouls, two flagrant fouls and the first-half ejections of Markieff Morris and DeMarcus Cousins.

Davis, who sat out on Friday with a groin strain, helped the Lakers finish with 62 points in the paint in a game in which they led by as many as 27.

Christian Wood scored 23 points and James Harden had 20 in the first of two straight games against the Lakers with the second one coming Tuesday night in Houston.

Thunder 129, Nets 116

NEW YORK — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 31 points to lead Oklahoma City over Brooklyn.

Gilgeous-Alexander was one of six players to finish in double-figure scoring for the Thunder, who won their



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Los Angeles Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard (2) dunks against the Chicago Bulls during the second half of a game Sunday in Los Angeles.

third straight and beat Brooklyn for the fifth consecutive time.

Hamidou Diallo finished with 25 points, Al Horford had 22, George Hill added 14, and Lugentz Dort and Isaiah Roby had 13 each.

Kevin Durant scored 36 points for Brooklyn after sitting three games after being exposed to COVID-19. Caris LeVert added 21 points, Jarrett Allen had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot scored 12 as the Nets dropped their second straight.

Nuggets 114, Knicks 89

NEW YORK — Nikola Jokic had 22 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in another short night, and Denver reached .500 for the first time this season with a victory over New York.

The Nuggets opened 1-4 after reaching the Western Conference finals last season but have now answered with four wins in five games.

Gary Harris added 14 points for the Nuggets, who got only nine from star guard Jamal Murray.

Julius Randle had 29 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for the Knicks, which the team said made him the only player other than Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson to have at least 200 points, 115 rebounds and 70 assists in his team's first 10 games of a season.

Jazz 96, Pistons 86

DETROIT — Donovan Mitchell scored 13 of his 28 points in a decisive first quarter, and Utah held on for a victory over Detroit.

The Pistons were coming off an overtime win over Phoenix on Friday night in which they rallied from a 23-point deficit, but they couldn't climb out of another big hole. Utah scored the game's first nine points and never trailed. The Jazz went on a 17-0 run later in the first, pushing their lead to 20 before the quarter was over.

Jerami Grant scored 28 points for the Pistons, who cut the deficit to six late in the third quarter. They had the ball down five late in the fourth, but Rudy Gobert blocked a shot by Mason Plumlee, and Mike Conley

made two free throws to make it 93-86 with 1:00 remaining.

Conley finished with 22 points.

Timberwolves 96, Spurs 88

MINNEAPOLIS — D'Angelo Russell had 27 points, five rebounds and five assists as the Minnesota Timberwolves snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 96-88 win over the San Antonio Spurs.

Russell scored eight of his points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer to tie the score with 7:02 left and two free throws to ice it with 31.5 seconds remaining. Russell and Malik Beasley, who added 24 points, helped the Wolves get their first win since Dec. 26.

Lonnie Walker IV picked up the scoring slack with DeRozan out, with a season-high 25 points to lead the Spurs. He paced the offense in the first half with 17 points on 8-of-14 shooting.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 20 points for the Spurs, and Patty Mills scored 18 points off the bench.

Harris English wins at Kapalua in playoff

*Earns first
PGA victory
in 7 years*

DOUG FERGUSON
AP golf writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Harris English went more than seven years without winning on the PGA Tour, and he didn't mind going one extra hole to win the Sentry Tournament of Champions on Sunday.

English missed a 10-foot eagle putt in regulation on the par-5 18th hole at Kapalua for a 4-under 69 to force a playoff with Joaquin Niemann, and he ended it on the 18th with a 6-foot birdie.

Niemann, who closed with a 64, pulled his approach enough to tumble down the steep, shaggy hill. His full swing from thick grass got him to the fringe, but he missed the birdie putt.

English capped off his remarkable turnaround at a tournament he ordinarily wouldn't be allowed to play. The Tournament of Champions is for winners only from the previous year, but the field was expanded to include anyone who reached the Tour Championship because of the COVID-19 pandemic that shut down the PGA Tour for three months.

The fact English made it to the Tour Championship was proof of turning around his game. He ended the previous season without a full card and mired in a slump that dropped him



Harris English holds the champions trophy after the final round of the Tournament of Champions golf event, Sunday at Kapalua Plantation Course in Kapalua, Hawaii.

to No. 369 in the world. He did everything last year but win, and he took care of that in the first event of the new year.

Now the 31-year-old from Georgia is among the top 20 in the world, and guaranteed a return to Kapalua next year.

Niemann had eight birdies through 14 holes and matched the low score of the tournament. His regret might be a 6-foot birdie putt he missed in regulation. All he could do was wait, and he spent most of that hour at a picnic table with Sergio Garcia and their wives, heading to the practice

green as English was coming up the 18th.

English won for the third time in his career, and his first title since the OHL Classic at Mayakoba at the end of 2013, his second victory of that year.

Justin Thomas stayed in the mix one day after he was heard uttering a homophobic slur under his breath after missing a short putt. Thomas apologized, and did so again after a 66 left him one shot out of the playoff.

He missed an 8-foot birdie chance on the 16th, and then three-putted from long range on the 17th for bogey. A birdie on

the final hole wasn't enough.

Dustin Johnson, in his first start since winning the Masters on Nov. 15, made an early run until he lost a tee shot in the native grass on No. 12 and made double bogey. He shot 69 and tied for 11th, ending his streak of seven consecutive top 10s dating to the first week in August.

Ryan Palmer, who shared the 54-hole lead with English, had an early lead with an eagle on the fifth hole. His hopes came undone when his tee shot on the par-3 11th turned left with the wind into the shin-high grass. It took

Sentry Tournament of Champions			
Sunday			
At Kapalua Plantation Course			
Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii			
Purse: \$6.7 million			
Yardage: 7,596; Par: 73			
Final Round			
Individual FedExCup Points in parentheses			
Harris English (500), \$1,340,000	65-67-66-69—267	-25	
Joaquin Niemann (300), \$782,000	69-67-67-64—267	-25	
Justin Thomas (190), \$490,000	65-69-68-66—268	-24	
Ryan Palmer (135), \$378,000	67-67-64-71—269	-23	
Sungjae Im (105), \$280,500	67-68-67-69—271	-21	
Xander Schauffele (105), \$280,500	69-66-70-66—271	-21	
Bryson DeChambeau (85), \$199,333	69-67-70-66—272	-20	
Collin Morikawa (85), \$199,333	69-65-65-73—272	-20	
Jon Rahm (85), \$199,333	70-66-69-67—272	-20	
Daniel Berger (75), \$172,000	69-65-67-72—273	-19	
Sergio Garcia (68), \$155,500	67-71-67-69—274	-18	
Dustin Johnson (68), \$155,500	71-65-69-69—274	-18	
Patrick Cantlay (56), \$125,250	68-68-67-72—275	-17	
Lanto Griffin (56), \$125,250	71-68-69-67—275	-17	
Scottie Scheffler (56), \$125,250	70-66-70-69—275	-17	
Brendon Todd (56), \$125,250	68-67-70-70—275	-17	
Abraham Ancer (48), \$92,000	70-71-69-66—276	-16	
Martin Laird (48), \$92,000	69-69-68-70—276	-16	
Sebastian Munoz (48), \$92,000	75-66-67-68—276	-16	
Webb Simpson (48), \$92,000	70-67-69-70—276	-16	
Patrick Reed (41), \$75,000	67-68-72-70—277	-15	
Adam Scott (41), \$75,000	68-71-68-70—277	-15	
Michael Thompson (41), \$75,000	73-68-67-69—277	-15	
Billy Horschel (34), \$63,200	71-66-66-75—278	-14	
Kevin Kisner (34), \$63,200	70-71-69-68—278	-14	
Marc Leishman (34), \$63,200	69-69-71-69—278	-14	
Cameron Smith (34), \$63,200	70-70-66-72—278	-14	
Richy Werenski (34), \$63,200	69-69-70-70—278	-14	
Brian Gay (29), \$55,000	70-67-71-71—279	-13	
Nick Taylor (29), \$55,000	67-71-69-72—279	-13	
Cameron Champ (24), \$49,000	71-68-70-72—281	-11	
Stewart Cink (24), \$49,000	71-69-67-74—281	-11	
Tony Finau (24), \$49,000	74-68-68-71—281	-11	
Viktor Hovland (24), \$49,000	69-68-68-76—281	-11	
Jason Kokrak (21), \$43,000	71-66-70-76—283	-9	
Hudson Swafford (21), \$43,000	73-70-72-68—283	-9	
Carlos Ortiz (19), \$41,000	69-67-75-74—285	-7	
Andrew Landry (17), \$39,000	70-71-76-70—287	-5	
Kevin Na (17), \$39,000	71-68-69-79—287	-5	
Robert Streb (17), \$39,000	67-72-72-76—287	-5	
Mackenzie Hughes (15), \$36,500	73-71-72-72—288	-4	
Hideki Matsuyama (15), \$36,500	73-75-72-68—288	-4	

him two to get out and he made double bogey. Palmer rallied with four birdies on his last five holes but shot 71 to finish two back.

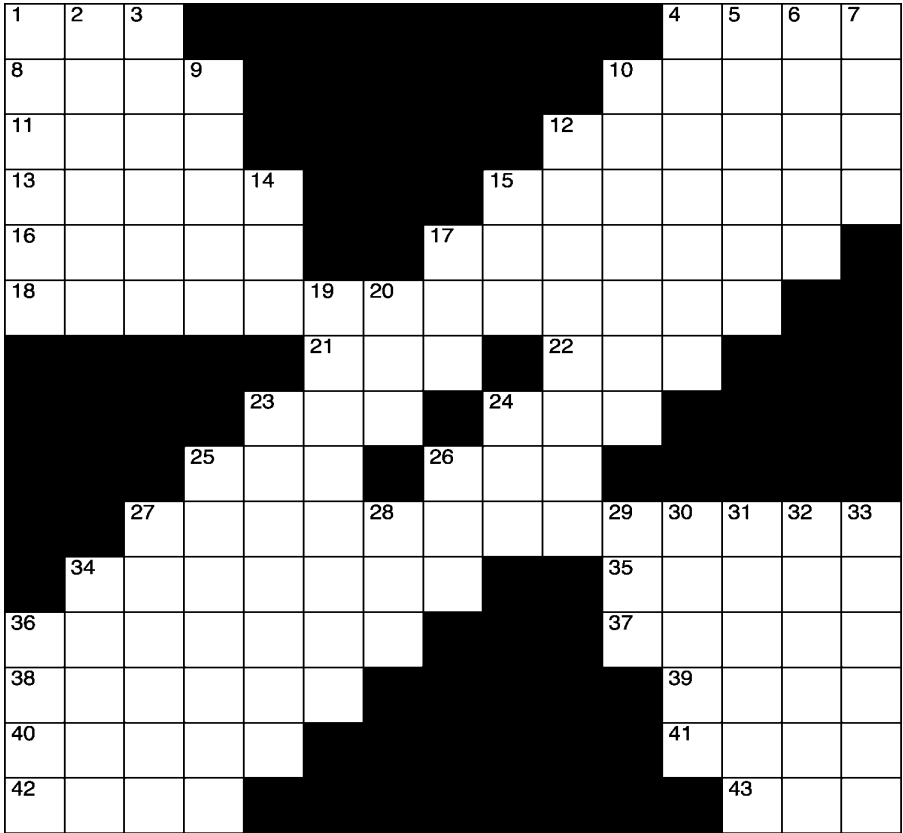
The most significant wind of the week eventually allowed for some separation, and it came down to English, Niemann and Thomas over the final hour.

English got back in the game by running off four birdies in a five-hole stretch starting at No. 11, and he appeared to be in control until attacking a back pin on the 16th, going just over the green and making bogey.

He bounced back, first with a birdie on the 18th to catch Niemann at 25-under 267, and then with a birdie to win.

Puzzles Galore!

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Adequate yearly progress (abbr.)
- 4. Silicon Valley's specialty
- 8. Gather a harvest
- 10. Famed mathematician
- 11. No (slang)
- 12. Students use one
- 13. Type of molecule
- 15. Play make-believe
- 16. Large barrel-like containers
- 17. Touching
- 18. Treats allergies
- 21. Calendar month
- 22. Single
- 23. Cease to live
- 24. Brew
- 25. What ghosts say
- 26. Geological time
- 27. Focus
- 34. Discomfort
- 35. A citizen of Iran
- 36. Trip
- 37. Imitate
- 38. Makes happy
- 39. Double-reed instrument
- 40. Body parts
- 41. Transgressions
- 42. One-time emperor of Russia
- 43. Time zone

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used in treating bruises
- 2. One who cultivates a small estate
- 3. One who supports the Pope
- 4. Annuity
- 5. Geological period
- 6. Grab onto tightly
- 7. Kept
- 9. Chinese city
- 10. The most direct route
- 12. Type of tooth
- 14. ___ kosh, near Lake Winnepago
- 15. Popular veggie
- 17. Supervises interstate commerce
- 19. Foolish behaviors
- 20. Witness
- 23. Gives
- 24. Expression of creative skill
- 25. A way to prop up
- 26. Midway between northeast and east
- 27. Winter melon
- 28. Supernatural power
- 29. Target
- 30. Threes
- 31. A type of poetic verse
- 32. They make some people cry
- 33. Kindest
- 34. Forman and Ventimiglia are two
- 36. A way to liquefy

WORD SEARCH (Gift Giving)

- BAG

BOX

BUDGET

CONSIDERATE

COWORKER

DECORATE

FAMILY

FRIENDS

GIFT

GREETING

HOLIDAYS

IDEA
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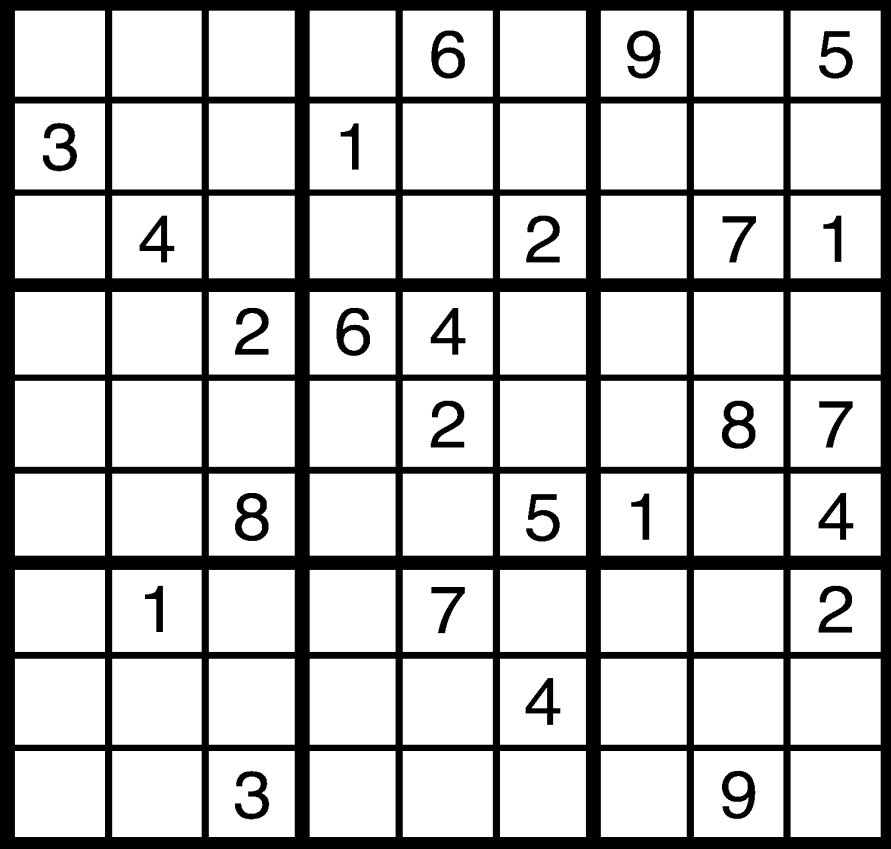
WRAPPING PAPER

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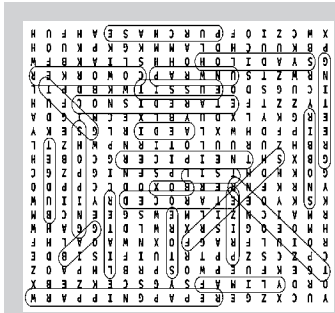
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

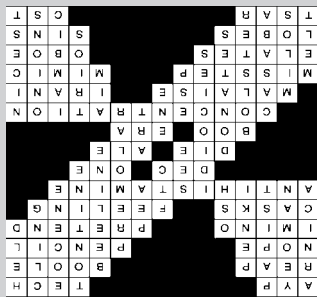
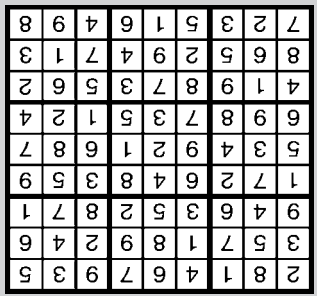


Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Answers to "Puzzles Galore"



MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 11, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights							
	C	S	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	ET	Holly	Ellen's Game		The Wall (N) 'PG'		Weakest Link 'PG'		News	J. Fallon
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) 8		Antiques Roadshow (N) 'G' 8		American Experience (In Stereo) 'PG'		Independent Lens Life in America over a 24-hour period. '14'		Luminaries	
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	BBC	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Roadshow		Amer. Experience		Independent Lens (N) '14' 8		BBC	
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Ent. Tonight	Ellen's Game of Games (N) 'PG'		The Wall 'Brittany and CJ' (N) 'PG'		Weakest Link (N) 'PG' 8 (DVS)		NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo) '14' 8 (DVS)		The Good Doctor "Lim" (N) '14'		Eyewit. News		Jimmy Kimmel	
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Neighborhood	Bob-Abishola	All Rise (In Stereo) '14' 8		Bull A woman evades criminal charges. '14'		10 Tampa Bay	Late-Colbert
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Ac. Hollywood	TMZ (N) 'PG'	9-1-1 "What's Next?" '14' 8 (DVS)		9-1-1: Lone Star '14' 8 (DVS)		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 8		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 8	
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			News	ABC	ET	Inside Ed.	The Bachelor (N) '14' 8 (DVS)				The Good Doctor (N) Jerusalem		News Keith Moore 'G'	J. Kimmel The Great Awake
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Jewish Roots		Great Awakening with a Child 'G'		R & L Roberts	Andrew Wom		Christ in Prophecy		
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash 'G'	Citrus Today	Sully's Biz Brew		Heartland Poker Tour		Vegas Unveiled: A Virtual Vegas		Citrus Court	Citrus Today
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Inside Edition	The List (N) 'PG'	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo) '14' 8 (DVS)				The Good Doctor "Lim" (N) '14'		ABC Action News	Jimmy Kimmel
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' 8	Mom '14' 8	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			S.Channel	The 700 Club 8	Lovels		Child	Kenneth Cox	Franklin		S.Channel	Healing	Faith	Prince
43 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	All American Stories (N) 'PG' 8		Penn & Teller: Fool Us 'PG' 8		CW44 News (N)	CW44 News (N)	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls '14'
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe	Te doy la vida 'PG'	Amor eterno (N) 'PG'		Como tú no hay dos		Noticias		Noticiero	
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	9-1-1 (In Stereo) '14'		9-1-1: Lone Star '14'		FOX 51 News		Dateline 'PG' 8	
55 (WXPX) ION		17				NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	The First 48 (In Stereo) 'PG' 8		The First 48 "Fateful Date" '14' 8		The First 48 (In Stereo) '14' 8		The First 48 "Last Shift" '14' 8		The First 48 (In Stereo) '14' 8		The First 48 Presents Critical	
(ACCN)		99				Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball	
(AMC)	55	64	55			*** "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt.		*** "Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson. A veteran detective is paired with an eccentric partner. 'R'		*** "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci. 'NR' 8							
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	Alaska: The Last Frontier '14' 8		Alaska: The Last Frontier '14' 8		Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge "A Threatened Frontier" (N) '14'				Homestead Rescue: Survival Shelter		The family races to save another cabin. (N) 'PG'	
(BET)	96	71	96			*** "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson. A man juggles woman-izing with fighting his mother's boyfriend. 'R' 8				*** "Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself" (2009) Tyler Perry. A boozy singer finds a way to change her life. 'PG-13' 8							
(BIGTEN)	742	809				The B1G Show (N) (Live) 8		B1G Football in 60 8		B1G Football in 60 8		Campus Eats 'G'	The B1G Story	The B1G Show 8		B1G Football in 60 8	
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Below Deck '14'		Below Deck '14'		Below Deck (N) '14'		Below Deck (N) '14'		Watch		Below Deck '14' 8	
(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Office '14' 8	The Daily Show	The Office '14' 8
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Mom '14' 8	Mom 'PG' 8	Mom 'PG' 8	Mom '14' 8	Mom '14' 8	Mom '14' 8	Reba 'PG' 8	Reba 'PG' 8
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room		Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	College GameDay (N) 8			Studio	CFP National Championship Ohio State vs Alabama. (N) (Live)							Studio
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	ESPNU	Football		Studio	College Football Playoff Bowl (N) (Live)							Scores
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Kennedy (N) 8		The Evening Edit		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Kennedy 8	
(FLIX)		118	170			** "Letters to Juliet" (2010, Drama) Amanda Seyfried. (In Stereo) 'PG' 8				*** "Your Sister's Sister" (2011) Emily Blunt. 'R' 8		*** "Peace, Love & Misunderstanding" (2011) Jane Fonda.				*** "Metropolitan" (1990) 'PG-13'	
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report		The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) 8		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night	
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Chopped 'G' 8		Chopped 'G' 8		Kids Baking		Kids Baking Championship 'G' 8				Chopped 'G' 8	
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) Matt Damon. Jason Bourne fights back when the CIA tries to kill him.				*** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007, Action) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 8						The 700 Club (In Stereo) 8	
(FS1)	732	112	732			College Basketball Connecticut at DePaul.			Boxing					Skip and Shannon: Undisputed		Sports	
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Inside	Pregame	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Orlando Magic.		Postgame				Inside the Magic		World Poker	
(FX)	30	60	30		51	** "The Equalizer 2" (2018) 'R' 8		*** "The Fate of the Furious" (2017, Action) Vin Diesel. A mysterious woman forces Dom to betray the crew. 'PG-13' 8						*** "The Fate of the Furious" (2017, Action) Vin Diesel. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 8			
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Golf Central 'G'		PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Final Round. 'G' 8								Golf Central 'G'	
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"Love on the Sidelines" (2016, Drama) Emily Kinney, John Reardon. 'NR' 8				"Love in Paradise" (2016, Comedy-Drama) Luke Perry, Emmanuelle Vaugier. 'NR' 8				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	Tiger (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2) 'MA' 8		** "The Curse of La Llorona" (2019) Linda Cardellini. 'R' 8		30 Coins "The Mirror" (In Stereo) 'MA'		** "Walk of Shame" (2014) Elizabeth Banks. (In Stereo) 'R' 8				30 Coins 'MA'	
(HBO2)	303	202	303			"Good Liar" 30 Coins Priest's troubling past comes to light. (In Stereo) 'MA'				30 Coins "Ouija" (In Stereo) 'MA'		** "Fifty Shades of Black" (2016) Marlon Wayans. 'R' 8		** "Collateral Beauty" (2016, Drama) Will Smith. 'PG-13' 8			
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Dream Home	Dream Home	100 Day Dream Home (N) 'G' 8		100 Day Dream Home (N) 'G' 8		Ty Breaker (Season Premiere) (N) 8		Celebrity IOU (N) 'G' 8		Flip or Flop 'G'	Flip or Flop 'G'
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	Pawn Stars An iconic warship. 'PG'		Pawn Stars "Dueling and Dealing" 'PG'		Pawn Stars "Knock Your Sox Off" 'PG'		Pawn Stars "Wild West Pawn" (N) 'PG'		Pawn Stars 'PG' 8 (DVS)		Pawn Stars "Gotsta Get Pawned" 'PG'	
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles "Burden of Proof" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14' 8		Rizzoli & Isles "Foot Loose" '14' 8		Rizzoli & Isles "Gumshoe" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles "In Plain View" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles "Bite out of Crime" '14'	
(LMN)	119	50	119			"Mommy Is a Murderer" (2020, Suspense) Bree Williamson, Jason Cermak. 'NR' 8				"Birthmother's Betrayal" (2020, Suspense) Monica Rose Betz, Tanya Clarke. 'NR' 8				"Beware of Mom" (2020, Suspense) Crystal Allen, Rene Ashton. 'NR' 8			
(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			Dakar Rally	Dakr Rally	Poker Central		Poker Central		Poker Central		Poker Central		Poker Central	
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Tiny House	Tiny House	Nation Two separate spaces. 'PG' 8		Tiny House Nation 'PG' 8		Tiny House Nation 'PG' 8		Tiny House Nation 'PG' 8		Tiny House Nation 'PG' 8	
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud	Loud	** "The Rugrats Movie" (1998) 'G' 8		Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
(OWN)	125	24	103			Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Deadline: Crime		Dateline on OWN	
(OXY)	123	44	123			NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'	
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	*** "My Cousin Vinny" (1992) Joe Pesci. An inept lawyer tries to free his cousin from a Dixie jail. (In Stereo) 'R' 8						*** "The Help" (2011, Drama) Viola Davis, Emma Stone. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 8			
(SEC)	745	72				SEC Nation (N) (Live)				SEC Studio (N) (Live)						SEC Now (N) (Live)	
(SHOW)	340	241	340			*** "Top Gun" (1986) Tom Cruise. (In Stereo) 'PG' 8		The Circus Ins		Your Honor "Part Six" 'MA' 8		Shameless "NIMBY" 'MA' 8		*** "1917" (2019, War) George MacKay, Mark Strong. (In Stereo) 'R' 8			
(SUN)	36	31	36			Epic Trails	Facing Waves	Chad Hoover	Sport Fishing	Sportsman	Florida Sport	Sport Fishing	Reel Animals 'G'	To Be Announced			
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** "Speed" (1994) Keanu Reeves. A transit bus is wired to explode if it drops below 50 mph. 'R'				*** "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron. 'PG-13' 8				*** "The Green Mile" (1999) Tom Hanks. 'R' 8			
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Go-Big Show '14'		Conan	Go-Big
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "Dark of the Sun" (1968, Adventure) Rod Taylor, Yvette Mimieux. 'PG' 8				*** "The Four Feathers" (1939, Adventure) John Clements. 'NR' 8				*** "Jungle Book" (1942) Sabu. Kipling's boy hero Mowgli can talk to animals.			
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Street Outlaws: Racer vs. Racer '14'		Street Outlaws: Racer vs. Racer '14'		Street Outlaws (Season Premiere) (N) (In Stereo) '14' 8						Street Outlaws: Fastest in America '14'	
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	Pregnant Husb.		1000-Lb. Sisters '14'		Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper			1000-Lb. Sisters '14'		Unpolished (N) '14'	
(TMC)	350	261	350			"Cutting Class" "The Murder of Nicole Brown Simpson" (2019) Mena Suvari.				* "Paranoia" (2013, Suspense) Liam Hemsworth. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 8				"Mob Town" (2019) David Arquette. (In Stereo) 'R' 8		"Dark Blue" 'R'	
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	*** "Captain Marvel" (2019, Action) Brie Larson. 'PG-13' 8 (DVS)				*** "A Star Is Born" (2018) Bradley Cooper. A country music star falls in love with a talented singer. 'R' 8 (DVS)						*** "A Star Is Born" (2018) 'R'	
(TOON)	38	58	38	33		Teen	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	True Terror		True Terror		True Terror		Unexplained		Paranormal De.		Paranormal De.	
(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	Jokes	Jokes	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	** "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"		King	King
(TVL)	32	49	32	34	24	Andy G.	Andy G.	Andy G.	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		
(USA)	47	32	47	17	18	Chicago P.D. "False Positive" '14'		Chicago P.D. "Informant" '14'		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) 'PG, V 8						Straight Up	Modern Family
(WE)	117	69	117			Criminal Minds "The Apprenticeship" '14'		Criminal Minds "The Fallen" '14'		Criminal Minds '14' 8 (DVS)		Criminal Minds '14' 8 (DVS)		Criminal Minds "The Lesson" '14'		Criminal Minds "Perennials" '14'	
(WGN-A)	18	18	18	18	20	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation 8	

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: About six months ago, my boyfriend, ‘Jordan,’ relocated to another state for work. We’ve talked about my eventually moving there, too, so we could be together, but we’ve held off making firm plans.

He says he needs more time to settle in to life there. He also says he wants to be positive he sees himself at this job long term before I uproot my life, too.

He visited twice within the first month after moving,

but in the past five months, he’s visited only once. I went out there once a couple of months ago. We do talk on the phone or video chat every other day, which helps.

The reason I’m writing is this. A friend of mine was recently in Jordan’s town for work. She is single and uses a dating app that shows people within a few-mile radius. While she was on her trip, she was scrolling through profiles, when she came across Jordan and recognized him. (She’s never met him in real life, but she’s seen photos of us.)

She sent me a screenshot. I was shocked. I asked her to connect with him on the app to see what he said. He messaged her back almost immediately — but not because he recognized her as a friend of mine. He thought she was just a random woman, and he started chatting her up and asking what she was up to.

Devastated, I called him immediately and asked for an explanation. He said that he was just using the app to make friends and that if it made me uncomfortable, he would delete his account.

I told him I thought that was a good idea. I’m wondering whether I’d be a fool to trust this man again. — **Fooled Once**

Dear Fooled Once: You know the saying, so I won’t remind you of the rest. Don’t give Jordan another chance to break your trust.

That dating app is not meant for making friends, and this man is not meant for you. As soon as you accept that, you’ll be one step closer to finding someone who is.

Dear Annie: My father recently passed away. He had friends and acquaintances whom I did not know. Many came to his wake and left Mass cards not from his church.

The problem is that the majority did not put a return address on the card or envelope. I have no way of thanking these people now and feel bad about this.

Please inform your readers that if they would like a thank-you for a kind gesture such as this, they should attach a return address label so the family of the deceased can know where to send it. — **Grieving in Upstate NY**

Dear Grieving: I am so sorry for your loss. Your plea is duly noted, though it sounds as though your father’s friends simply wanted to honor him and cared little about the acknowledgment — a sign of what good company he kept.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

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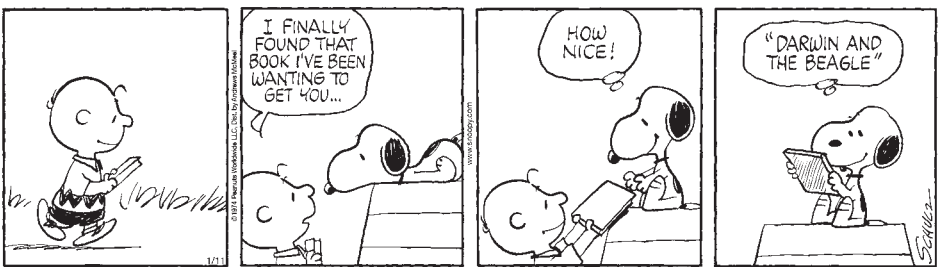
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Richard M. DeVos, who was a businessman and owner of the Orlando Magic basketball team, said, “Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A word of optimism and hope. A ‘you can do it’ when things are tough.”

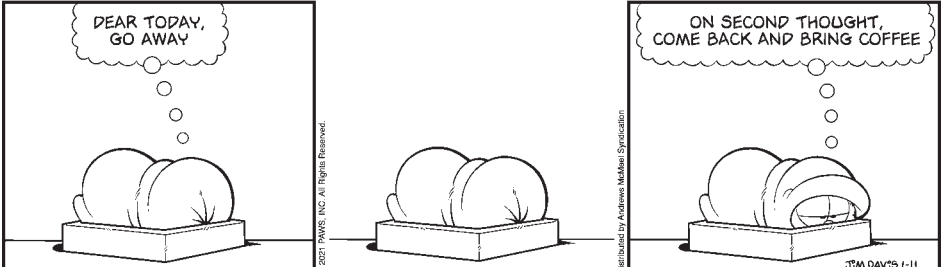
Some defenses are just too tough for (almost) everyone. This deal is doubly difficult for both sides because it occurred during an online

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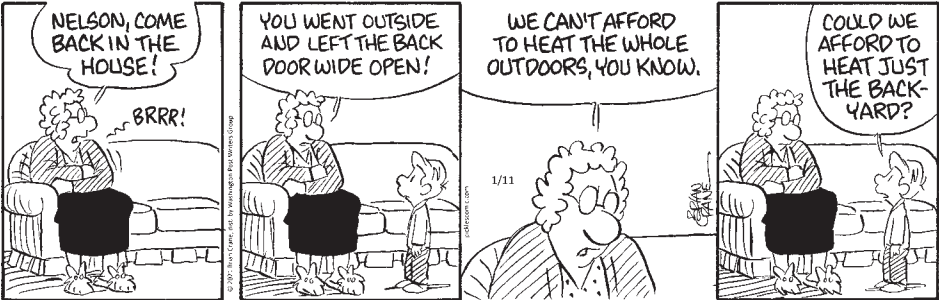
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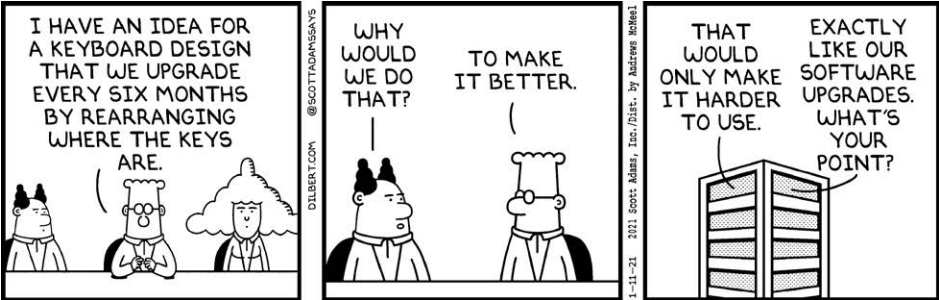
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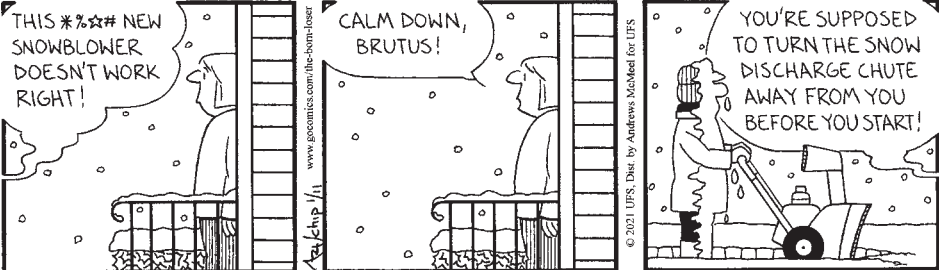
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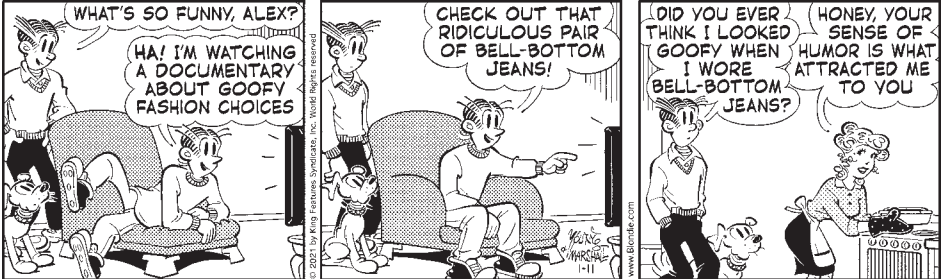
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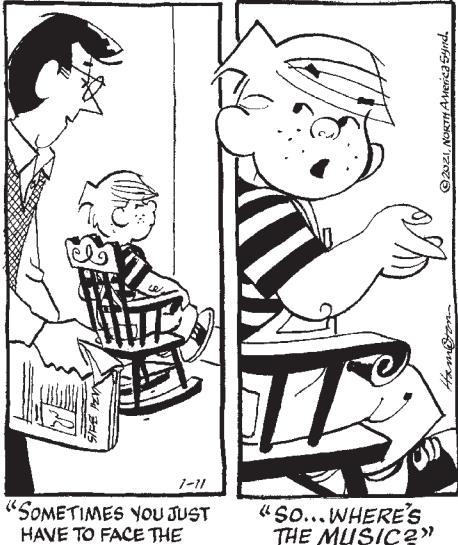
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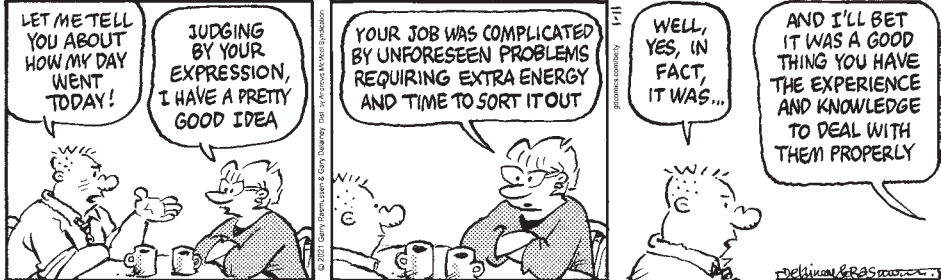
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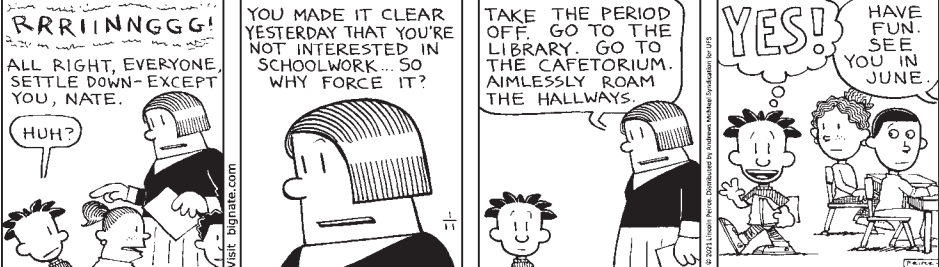
Doonesbury Flashbacks



Betty



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Today's MOVIES

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"The Big Lebowski" (R) Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

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"Lincoln" (PG-13) Jan. 17, 3 p.m.

"Lilies Of The Field" (NR) Jan. 18, 1 p.m.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: S equals W

"P SIJ CNJY DRPMD IY YUPJ WIKHHK —

LRRV, LRRV, LRRV! YUHM ... IY 38, RU,

VB DRZ — P ORKDRY YR DHY

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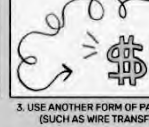
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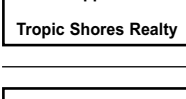


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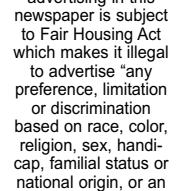
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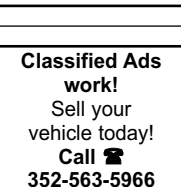
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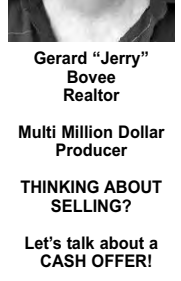
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Solution to Saturday's puzzle 1/11/21

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

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

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KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- REBUFFED

(REBUFFED: rih-BUFT: Rejected bluntly.)

Average mark 17 words
Time limit 25 minutes

Can you find 21 or more words in REBUFFED?
The list will be published tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S WORD -- GRUELING

ginger	gurgle	rune	line	lunge
girl	reign	rung	liner	lure
glen	rein	uglier	ling	luring
glue	rile	urge	linger	ingle
gluing	ring	urging	lire	inure
grin	ruin	urine	luge	niggle
gruel	ruing	lien	lugger	
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guile	ruling	liger	lung	

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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5 Transport for Sinbad
8 Son of Aphrodite
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15 Bartok or Lugosi
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20 Meager
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24 Slack
27 Set straight
30 Put — — fight
31 Caesar's day
32 Away
34 Catch on
35 Klondike strike
36 Debate side

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1 Correspond
2 Ra's symbol
3 Soften
4 Stings

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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5 Wild West show
6 Stop — — dime
7 Criticized vehemently
8 Expel air
9 Posterior

10 Burden of proof
11 Discount event
19 Wool supplier
21 Stiffly formal
24 Drag along
25 Energy cartel
26 Pledge
27 Greases
28 Slangy refusal
29 Go left or right
31 Bored note-takers
33 Child pleaser
35 Chew like a beaver
38 Photos
39 Formal attire, for short
40 Repeat performance
42 Sonnets and odes
43 Urban blight
44 Kind of stick
45 Butler, to Gable
47 Opera solo
48 TKO officials
49 Sizable purse
52 Senorita's aunt

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1. Chop press agents from the staff (1)

2. Scribbled yea or nay on a ballot (1)

3. Despicable pathway in a store (1)

4. Clay cooking pot inventory (1)

5. College's three-legged seats (1)

6. Chowhound brokerage founder E.F. (2)

7. Trendy urbanite purveyor of bon mots (2)

1. AX FLACKS 2. WROTE VOTE 3. VILE AISLE 4. CROCK STOCK
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