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NEWS BRIEFS

David Lanier pre-files for Carnahan's seat

With the coming of the new year comes announcements of candidates running for office. David Lanier of Inverness has the distinction of becoming the first person to pre-file for a local government post in 2022. He will run as a Republican for District 4, a seat currently held by County Commissioner Scott Carnahan, according to the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Office. Carnahan has not said for sure if he plans to run again and has not filed papers to do so.

Theft, not robbery reported at gas station

There wasn't an attempted robbery the evening of Monday, Dec. 27, at a Circle K gas station in Inverness, but, instead, an incident of retail theft. According to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office on Thursday, a clerk of the station's convenience store at U.S. 41 and Eden Drive confronted a juvenile who was trying to steal cigarettes behind the counter. The sheriff's office case remains open at this time.

Shop local at the Market at the Depot

Start the New Year at the Market at the Depot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 1 at Liberty Park, 300 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness. Shop local for vegetables, desserts, jams and jellies, fine art, crafts and much more.

Lane closures planned for Forest Ridge Boulevard

Beginning on Jan. 3 and continuing for the first few months of 2022, citizens should expect single-lane closures on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. along North Forest Ridge Boulevard, from County Road 486 (Norvell Bryant Highway) to West Lake Beverly Drive.

An around-the-clock closure is also in place northbound on Forest Ridge Boulevard, from north of West Sugarmaple Lane to north of West Roosevelt Boulevard, through approximately March 2022. These closures are for construction of a "Safe Routes to Schools" sidewalk project that is expected to be completed in spring 2022.

To allow full roadway access during peak school drop-off and pickup times, lane closures will not be permitted on school days from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. or 3:30 to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/2p8s6hfn.

Tiger fatally shot after biting arm of man at zoo

NAPLES (AP) — A sheriff's deputy shot a Malayan tiger that grabbed the arm of a man who was either feeding or petting the animal at a zoo in southwest Florida. The Collier County Sheriff's Office said the man was seriously injured Wednesday evening when he entered an unauthorized area near the tiger's enclosure at Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens. News outlets reported the 8-year-old tiger named Eko later died.

Housing market still hot at year's end

By **MICHAEL D. BATES**
 Chronicle Reporter

Stop me if you've heard this before: the Citrus County home market is red-hot with no signs of cooling off. Florida Realtors this week released its November numbers and it shows closed sales were up 18.7 percent from the year before. The median sales price jumped

19 percent, from \$200,000 last year to \$238,000 this November — a 19 percent hike. Low home inventory continues to limit buyers' choices and bring in maximum money for sellers. Active inventory listings for the



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county were down 25%. Cheryl Lambert, broker-owner with Only Way Realty Citrus in Inverness, said the median time to a contract was 12 days for single-family homes. The median is the midpoint of the number of days it took for a property to receive a sales contract during that time, she said. "In markets across the state, the for-sale inventory

continues at low levels, and that puts pressure on prices and also impacts closed sales — some buyers may have paused their home search for now," said Lambert, who is also Florida Realtors president. Erica Plemmons, Florida Realtors economist and director of housing statistics, said the hot market was due to record-low mortgage rates, changes in consum-

ers' housing preferences, and demand from millennials who are now in their prime home-buying years for a continued hot market. According to Freddie Mac, the interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.07 percent last month, up from the 2.83 percent averaged during October 2020.

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Seventeen-year-old Shelby Slanker of Inverness, hangs upside down Saturday, March 6, as she and her twin brother, Trenton, play Knockerball during the the 34th annual Floral City Strawberry Festival. Participants climb into an inflatable ball to allow them to run into one another safely, at times falling on the ground on a cushion of air.



ABOVE: Yazmin Murillo seems relieved as she and her tandem instructor Jerrid Sallote come to a stop as their chute gently settles the morning of Saturday, Sept. 4, at Central Florida Skydiving in Dunnellon. Murillo and her husband jumped separately with Sallote from high above the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport. **RIGHT:** Four-year-old Kenshin Adorno can't contain his excitement as he leaps into the pool as YMCA swim instructor Nathan Hines holds onto the boy. The two work on an exercise where the child jumps into the water and safely returns to the wall from where he jumped.

2021
A YEAR IN PHOTOS

All photos by Chronicle Photo Editor Matthew Beck
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Turner Messer keeps his eye on the football while practicing his receiving skills at Crystal River Middle School practice Aug. 22. The school's athletes have been honored with the Fred E. Rozelle Sportsmanship Award for exemplifying excellent sportsman-like qualities.



DeSantis proposes historic level of education funding

By **BETHANY BLANKLEY**
 The Center Square

Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposed fiscal 2023 budget would dedicate an historic \$23.9 billion in funding to education, of which \$13.3 billion would go to K-12 public schools serving Florida's nearly 3 million students.



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DeSantis' proposal would invest more direct cash payments to teachers and principals in the form of bonuses, increase per-student funding, and prioritize parental rights. In a second round of cash payments directed by DeSantis, the budget would allocate \$238 million for one-time \$1,000 bonus checks for Florida's 179,000 teachers and principals. It also would increase teacher pay through an allocation of \$600 million, a \$50 million increase from last year, with a goal to reach a minimum

teacher salary of \$47,500. The budget plan would provide an increase in per-student funding to \$8,000 per student, the highest amount of per-student funding in Florida's history. While California's cost-per-student is more than \$20,000, and students are being subjected to se-

vere COVID-19 restrictions including requiring a COVID-19 vaccine to attend in-person classes, children in Florida remain free from such restrictions and mandates. On the issues of COVID-19 shots and facial coverings, DeSantis said,

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2021: A year in pictures

By **MATTHEW BECK**
Chronicle photo editor

The Chronicle has a unique role within the community for more than 125 years. From the County Fair to the courthouse, the school yard to city hall, life is documented in words and photos every day.

As 2021 comes to a close the Chronicle takes a look back at some of the moments captured in photos that have been printed in the newspaper over the last calendar year. So long 2021. Here's to a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022. For more photos, visit www.chronicleonline.com.

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Professional artist Christian Stanley works high above the ground Thursday, Nov. 18, as he paints a giant mural on the side of Coach's Pub and Eatery in downtown Inverness. When complete the project will transform the once-barren exterior wall into a scenic mural depicting many of the iconic setting in Inverness.



Lauren Stokes, 18, prepares her horse, IB Majestic, aka "BB" at her Lecanto stable July 19. The teen recently returned from the Florida State 4-H Horse Show with several first-place honors that she and her horse earned.



Brandon Koenig carefully puts a small piece of a clock movement into place while working at Maniques and Other Finery Antiques and Clock Repair in Inverness. Koenig, a Key Training Center program participant, works one day each week learning about and fixing clocks. "I've always been interested in mechanical movement," he said. The Key Center aids adults with developmental disabilities.



Citrus High School class president Justin Bedford finishes his speech Tuesday, May 25, as the Citrus High School commencement exercises begin. "We did it!," Bedford exclaimed.

Four-year-old Grayson Montgomery reacts with his 4-year-old sister Skylar Rathbun on Friday, April 2, at the Citrus County Fair Student's Day. School-aged children received free entry into the fair to take in all the sights, sounds, thrills and chills the fair had to offer.



Sea & Shoreline site supervisor Travis Benavidez uses a PVC pipe April 29 to strike a water-filled bag that collects organic materials taken from the bottom of the Hall's River in Homosassa. Striking the bag unclogs the porous material allowing water to escape while containing the organic materials collected from the river. The projects intends for native eelgrasses to grow and thrive.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Virus postpones Westminister Kennel Club's annual dog show

NEW YORK (AP) — The Westminister Kennel Club's annual dog show has become the latest event to be postponed or canceled in New York as the number of coronavirus cases surges.

The club's board of governors announced Wednesday it was postponing its 2022 event, scheduled for late January, to later in the year. A new date wasn't given.

"The health and safety of all participants in the Westminister Kennel Club Dog Show are paramount," the group said in a statement. "We appreciate the community's continued interest and support as we delay the show to a time when we can safely convene."

First held in 1877, the dog show attracts thousands of competitors from around the U.S. and is normally held in February, with semifinal and final rounds at Madison Square Garden. In 2021, it was moved to June and held outdoors at the Lyndhurst estate in suburban Tarrytown, north of New York City. Spectators weren't allowed, and human participants had to be vaccinated or newly tested.

A Pekingese named Wasabi won best in show, beating out a whippet, a French bulldog, an old English sheepdog, a German shorthaired pointer, a Samoyed and a West Highland white terrier.

With COVID-19 cases now exploding around the U.S., the postponement comes less than two weeks after more than 8,500 canines, owners and handlers converged for another top U.S. dog show, the American Kennel Club National Championship in Orlando, Florida.



Kathy Willens / AP

Wasabi, a Pekingese, rests on the winner's podium with its trophy and ribbons on June 13 after winning Best in Show at the Westminister Kennel Club dog show in Tarrytown, N.Y. The Westminister Kennel Club's annual dog show has become the latest event to be postponed or canceled in New York as the number of coronavirus cases surges. The club's board of governors announced Wednesday it was postponing its 2022 event, scheduled for late January, to later in the year. A new date wasn't given.

Tom Cruise lauds Ohio State marching band's Top Gun tribute

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Ohio State University marching band's tribute to the movie "Top Gun" has earned the attention and gratitude of the film's star, Tom Cruise.

For the Nov. 13 halftime show during Ohio State's 59-31 victory over Purdue, the marching band transformed into formations reminiscent of the 1986 film, such as a fighter jet complete with smoke machines and the iconic volleyball scene.

On Tuesday, the marching band tweeted that Cruise saw the performance and offered a personal message thanking them.

Cruise said the "tribute was fantastic," and invited the band to see

a screening in Columbus of the sequel "Top Gun: Maverick."

The actor also wished the OSU football team good luck in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, where the band will be performing during the parade and the halftime show.

Schwarzenegger and Shriver divorce final after 10 years

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver's marriage is officially over more than 10 years after the award-winning journalist petitioned to end her then-25-year marriage to the action star and former California governor.

A Los Angeles judge finalized the divorce on Tuesday, court records show.

The pair had been married since 1986 when Shriver filed for divorce in 2011 after Schwarzenegger disclosed he had fathered a child with a member of their

household staff years earlier.

The revelation set off a tabloid frenzy, but Schwarzenegger and Shriver handled their divorce quietly and without lobbing accusations in court or in public.

It's not clear why the process took so long. There were virtually no public actions taken in the case between the initial flurry of filings in 2011 and a resumption of court moves in June.

Financial details of the settlement were kept confidential. Because the couple's four children together are now all adults, there is no child support or custody arrangement.

Settlement papers say that neither owes the other any spousal support, but both reserve the right to seek it through the court in the future.

Messages left with the former couple's lawyers seeking comment were not immediately returned.

Schwarzenegger amassed a fortune playing action roles in the "Terminator" and "Conan" film franchises after a successful career as a bodybuilder. After California suffered economic problems and widespread power outages under the administration of then-Governor Gray Davis, voters recalled the Democratic incumbent and elected Schwarzenegger, a Republican, to the governorship in a free-for-all election in 2003.

Schwarzenegger put his film career aside and served two terms as governor. Within a year of leaving office, he admitted fathering a child, Joseph Baena, who is now 24, with a member of his household staff in the late 1990s.

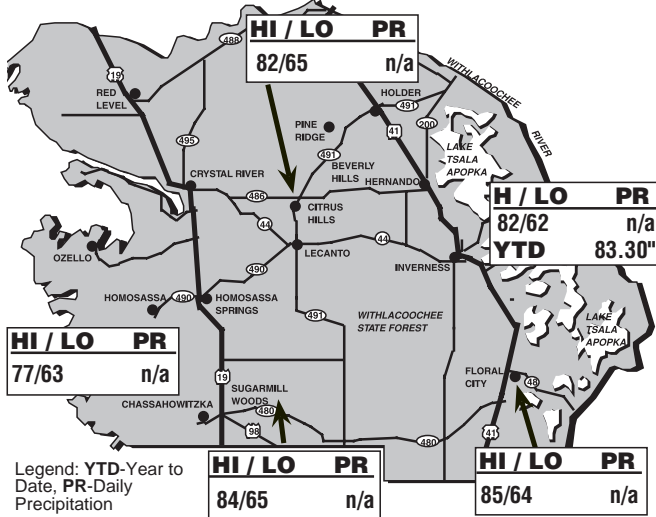


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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



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ALMANAC Data from Crystal River Airport. TEMPERATURE: Yesterday 83/63, Record* 84/22, Normal 70/43. DEW POINT: Yesterday at 3 p.m. 69°. HUMIDITY: Yesterday at 3 p.m. 90%. POLLEN COUNT** Predominant: Trees. AIR QUALITY: Yesterday observed Good, Pollutant PM2.5.

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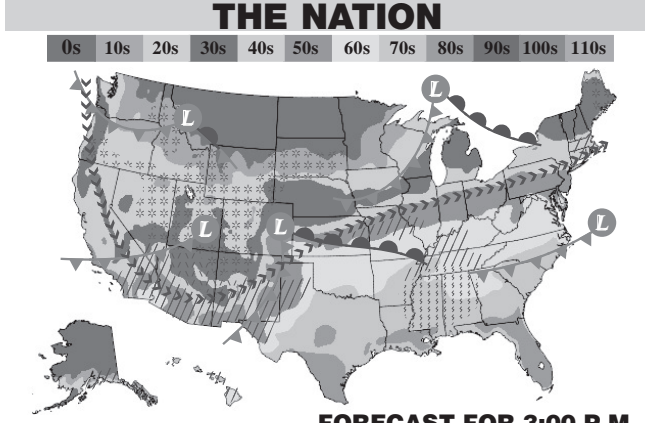


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TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2021.

Highlight in history: On Dec. 31, 1919, the health commission in the central Chinese city of Wuhan announced that experts were investigating an outbreak of respiratory illness and that most of the victims had visited a seafood market in the city; the statement said 27 people had become ill with a strain of viral pneumonia and that seven were in serious condition.

On this date: In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light by illuminating some 40 bulbs at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama signed a wide-ranging defense bill into law despite having "serious reservations" about provisions that regulated the detention, interrogation and prosecution of suspected terrorists.

Five years ago: Actor William Christopher, best known for playing Father Francis Mulcahy on the TV series "M.A.S.H.," died in Pasadena, California, at age 84.

One year ago: Around the world on New Year's Eve, pandemic restrictions on open air gatherings saw people turning to virtual celebrations or made-for-TV fireworks displays. In New York's Times Square, the ball dropped as always, but police fenced off the site to prevent crowds from gathering.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 84. Actor Tim Considine (TV: "My Three Sons") is 81. Actor Sarah Miles is 80. Actor Barbara Carrera is 80. Actor Sir Ben Kingsley is 78. Actor Val Kilmer is 62. Author Nicholas Sparks is 56. Donald Trump Jr. is 44. Rapper PSY (Park Jae-sang) is 44. U.S. Olympic gold medal gymnast Gabby Douglas is 26.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Henry 'Dick' Hirsch

Richard Henry "Dick" Hirsch passed away Dec. 24, 2021 at home in Homosassa, FL. Born in Baltimore, he spent most of his professional life in New York, where he was a national leader in the communications work of the Catholic Church.



Catholic Church in America as Communications Secretary to the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops. In that role, he supervised national media coverage of two papal visits to the United States, advised local dioceses and Catholic non-profits throughout the country on communications issues and practices, and coordinated national values-centered programming with major television networks. He was consultant for more than 100 major network television and radio programs and documentaries.

He retired in 2006 as Senior Vice President for Communications at Covenant House, an international Catholic social service agency for homeless youth. Since 2008, Mr. Hirsch resided in Sugar-mill Woods, Homosassa, FL with his wife of 26 years Jeanine Jacob Hirsch.

In addition to Mrs. Hirsch, Mr. Hirsch leaves behind a daughter, Ann Marie Hirsch of Cambridge, MA, and son, Richard "Charlie" Hirsch of Edinburgh, Scotland; brothers Dr. Robert G. Hirsch of Owl's Head, ME, and Dr. Thomas J. Hirsch, of Madison, WI, and their families. Also left to cherish his memory are loving cousins, nieces and nephews and their families in Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Bangkok, Thailand and Zihuatanejo, Mexico.

Mr. Hirsch was educated at Fordham University in New York, where he earned double Master's Degrees in Philosophy and English Literature. For 10 years, he ran the public relations function of the

After retirement, Mr. Hirsch and his wife enjoyed international travel and river boating aboard their "Lucky Star." He served as board member on the Sugarmill Woods Civic Association where he directed production of a 20-minute video on the 50th anniversary of Sugarmill's founding.

Family and friends will miss his wisdom, generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness. He was a special gift to all who knew him. Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Resurrection will be celebrated at St. Benedict Church, Crystal River at a date to be announced. An online memorial event also will be announced at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilderfuneral.com.

Orlin A. Brokenshire

Orlin A. Brokenshire, 64, of Hernando, FL passed away on December 28, 2021 under the care of Vi-

tas Healthcare in Hernando, FL. Arrangements by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Inverness, FL.

HOUSING

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But an inventory shortage is a problem, not only in Citrus County but statewide.

"Low inventory levels continue to hold back the market," Plemmons said. "At the end of October, single-family inventory (active listings) was 29.9 percent lower than it was a year ago."

Kelly Tedrick, president of the Realtors Association of Citrus County (RACC), said the local market is "ending the year strong."

"Year-to-date, we are up

over 14 percent in closed single-family home sales and a dollar volume of \$91.6 million for the year in single-family homes — 40 percent higher than last year's \$65.7 million."

Tedrick said mobile homes, vacant land, and condos haven't quite reached single-family home numbers "but are still growing and staying steady."

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TEDRICK

CDC: No cruises, regardless of vaccination

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
Associated Press

MIAMI — The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned people on Thursday not to go on cruises, regardless of their vaccination status, because of onboard outbreaks fueled by the omicron variant.

The CDC said it has more than 90 cruise ships under investigation or observation as a result of COVID-19 cases. The agency did not disclose the number of infections.

"The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads easily between people in close

quarters on board ships, and the chance of getting COVID-19 on cruise ships is very high," even if people are fully vaccinated and have received a booster, the CDC said.

The Cruise Lines International Association said it was disappointed with the new recommendations, saying the industry was singled out despite the fact it follows stricter health protocols than other travel sectors.

The decision "is particularly perplexing considering that cases identified on cruise ships consistently make up a very slim minority of the total population

onboard," a statement said. "The majority of those cases are asymptomatic or mild in nature, posing little to no burden on medical resources onboard or onshore."

In March 2020, as the coronavirus took hold in the U.S., the CDC put a halt to all cruises for what turned out to be 15 months. Last June, it allowed ships to resume sailing under new strict conditions.

In August, as the delta variant surged, the agency warned people who are at risk of severe illness despite being vaccinated not to go on cruises.

The CDC on Thursday

also recommended that passengers get tested and quarantine for five days after docking, regardless of their vaccination status and even if they have no symptoms.

Omicron has sent cases skyrocketing to unprecedented levels across the U.S., including Florida, the hub of the nation's cruise industry. The state set another record this week for new daily cases, with more than 58,000 recorded Wednesday.

U.S. cruise lines have not announced any plans to halt trips, though vessels have been denied entry at some foreign ports.

EDUCATION

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"Let the parents make the decision that's best for their kids."

In November, the Florida governor called a special legislative session to ban mask and vaccine mandates. The legislature passed bills that DeSantis signed into law banning both as part of Florida's "freedom agenda." Florida also sued the Biden administration over COVID-19 vaccine mandates and forced the U.S. Department of Education to drop its efforts to require Florida schools to impose facial covering requirements on students.

Despite Florida spending less than half of what California spends per student, Florida's K-12 students ranked third in the country for achievements in Education Week's latest Quality Counts report, far above California students who consistently rank among the bottom in education outcomes. And while schools nationwide were reporting failing grades in 2020 and dropped in their rankings, Florida's ranking improved from 2019 and received its highest score in the history of the ranking.

"Florida's hardworking teachers and families have endured much through our response and recovery and we have them to thank for continuing to keep our students on track, learning and growing," Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran said of the ranking. He's argued that implementing Florida's B.E.S.T. standards, early learning and literacy initiatives, and helping struggling schools and at-risk students will help close achievement gaps and enable Florida students to

"become #1 in the nation."

The budget also seeks to allocate \$421 million for school safety and mental health initiatives. This includes \$210 million for the Safe Schools Program, a proposed increase of \$30 million from the previous year, and \$140 million for mental health, a proposed \$20 million increase from the previous year. It also would allocate \$42 million for school hardening grants and \$4 million for safety initiatives at Jewish Day Schools.

To fully eliminate the Florida Standards Assessment and replace it with progress monitoring, the budget proposes \$15.5 million in recurring funding to provide schools with necessary monitoring tools.

"The governor's decision to end the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) is a perfect opportunity to address the needs of struggling students in a real and impactful way," Andrew Spar, president of the Florida Education Association, said in a recent op-ed published by the Orlando Sentinel.

The budget also would prioritize early childhood education by allocating \$1.4 billion to a range of programs, including more than \$406 million for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, a high-quality, free education initiative that serves approximately 158,000 four-

and five-year-olds.

Early childhood funding includes \$72 million for the School Readiness Program, \$100 million in federal funds to increase eligible early learning coalitions' provider reimbursement rates, and \$40 million for performance funding for all participating school readiness providers. This also includes \$3.9 million to deliver high-quality School Readiness curriculum directly to parents so to help at-risk children.

The budget also would allocate \$36.4 million to serve approximately 36,000 at-risk School Readiness eligible 4-year-olds through direct instructional support for reading, \$10 million for early childhood teacher scholarships, and \$1.8 million to connect children and families with resources related to early childhood development.

Spar argues the budget doesn't do enough to retain veteran teachers. He told WCTV News that DeSantis "... clearly recognizes the value of experience. But when it comes to education, he's basically saying let's just raise the pay of beginning teachers at the expense of veteran teachers and other staff who work in our schools because he has no plan to increase the pay of those who work in our schools."

He says the legislature

must "increase pay and address pay inequities for teachers and staff in our public schools. It is insane to think that there are more than 20 rules and laws that dictate teacher pay, and it is plain wrong that a teacher with 20 to 30 years of experience is making less in salary than teachers with the same experience did 10 years ago. We cannot bonus our way to great teachers and staff; we must revise policies and make a real investment."

When the legislature convenes early next year, it's tasked with approving a budget, as well as authorizing a range of other initiatives, including DeSantis' proposal to cut state gas and fuel taxes by \$1 billion.

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Florida sees spike in COVID cases; hospitalizations rise

MIAMI (AP) — Florida is seeing a sharp rise in coronavirus infections as the omicron variant rages through the state. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported more than 58,000 new cases for Wednesday and revised its tallies to add thousands of cases to the daily counts of previous days, setting new pandemic records. The new CDC estimate raises the 7-day average in Florida to more than 36,400 new cases. The number was at around 26,600 at the peak of the summer surge in August, which was fueled by

the delta variant. In Miami-Dade County, where cases have been concentrated, one out four people is testing positive for the virus. Because of the surge, Miami-Dade County Public Schools said that, starting Monday, all employees, volunteers and visitors will be required to wear face coverings at schools and facilities, and students will be strongly encouraged to wear them. Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law in November a measure that prevents school districts from imposing mask man-

dates for students. The U.S. Health and Human Services Department says Florida hospitals were treating about 4,000 COVID-19 patients on Thursday, compared to 3,400 the previous day. Those numbers are still well below the 17,000 hospitalized patients seen during the summer. The Florida Hospital Association said on Wednesday that hospitals are facing "the strain of workforce challenges." "ERs are being put under increased pressure to provide care," the group posted on Twitter.



Hollywood Police Lt. Karen Zorsky distributes COVID-19 at-home rapid test kits to a motorcyclist on Thursday at the Hollywood Library in Hollywood. *Amy Beth Bennett / South Florida Sun-Sentinel / AP*

New Year's Eve celebrations in Florida adjust to omicron

MIAMI (AP) — There are no plans for the neon Big Orange to rise up the side of the Intercontinental Hotel in Miami this year, and a festival with food trucks and performers in a north-east Florida beach town has been canceled. But Key West's maroon-heeled shoe will descend from a Duval Street bar. Welcome to New Year's Eve 2021, where some Florida celebrations are proceeding as planned, while others have been adjusted to fit the rapidly changing COVID-19 environment. In Miami, city officials said the annual countdown

had been canceled and instead "a digitized laser Big Orange will be created with the traditional countdown clock." Steve Carpenter, the man behind the "Big Orange," told WPLG that he and his staff had tested positive for the coronavirus after Christmas. Last year's Big Orange countdown also was canceled because of coronavirus. Other celebrations are planned in Miami, including a concert in Bayfront Park. In St. Augustine Beach, a massive fireworks show was still planned, but an

accompanying festival with food trucks and performers was canceled because of the recent COVID-19 surge, as the highly contagious omicron variant quickly overtakes the delta variant in the U.S. "We're happy now ... that we decided to go in this direction given the new variant and given that the cases are going up right now," city spokeswoman Melinda Conlon told News4Jax. In Key West, the well-known drag performer known as Sushi will drop from above a Duval Street bar in a giant maroon, high-

heeled shoe, continuing a two-decade tradition in the continental United States' southernmost town. "We hope people stay out-

side, stay in groups of people they know are vaccinated and stay away from people who are unvaccinated," Key West Mayor Teri Johnston

told fkeysnews.com. Other Key West celebrations include a conch shell drop and a "pirate wench" drop.

Publix to offer paid parental leave

LAKELAND (AP) — The Publix grocery store chain will start offering paid parental leave to employees who are new parents, company officials announced Wednesday. Eligible full-time and part-time workers will be able to take off the time during the first year of the birth or adoption of a child, starting with the new year, the Florida-based company said. The change in benefits

was first reported by Florida Politics. The new benefits come as retailers across the U.S. are facing a worker shortage, and some are offering new benefits to attract or retain workers. St. Louis-based Schnucks recently gave its grocery store workers a one-time retention bonus of \$600. "Publix is committed to being a great place to work, and we frequently review our benefits to continual-

ly offer a comprehensive package to our associates," Maria Brous, Publix's communications director said in an email. The email didn't offer details on how much paid time off new parents would get. The privately held, employee-owned company has 225,000 workers at almost 1,300 stores in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

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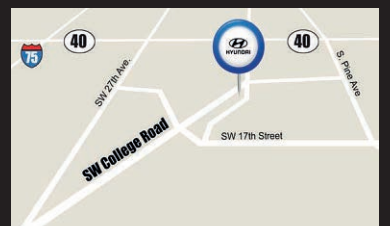
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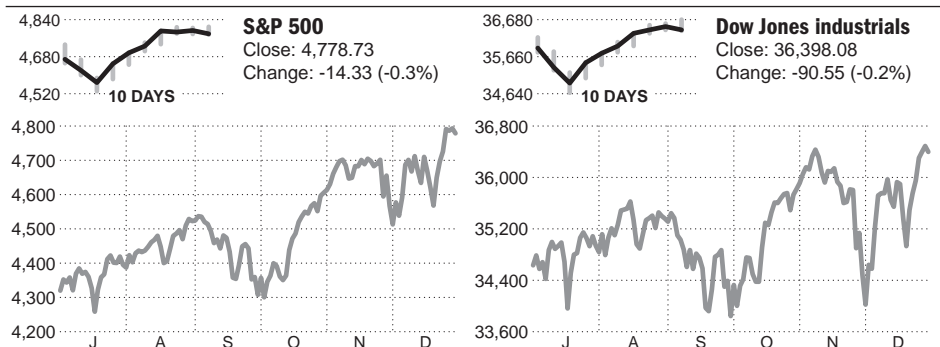
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StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD	DOW	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	2,751	3,245	16,380.55	36,679.44	36,372.13	36,398.08	-90.55	-0.25%	+18.92%
Pvs. Volume	2,686	3,244	977.45	16,531.38	16,369.24	16,380.55	-85.66	-0.52%	+30.97%
Advanced	1,300	2,088	970.89	978.82	970.89	977.45	+2.34	+0.24%	+13.05%
Declined	1,166	1,404	17,149.93	17,238.64	17,149.93	17,164.24	+14.31	+0.08%	+18.17%
New Highs	144	91	15,729.16	15,868.09	15,729.16	15,741.56	-24.65	-0.16%	+22.14%
New Lows	23	120	2,838.04	4,808.93	4,775.33	4,778.73	-14.33	-0.30%	+27.23%
			2,839.33	2,864.71	2,838.04	2,839.33	-8.50	-0.30%	+23.09%
			48,607.95	48,894.81	48,578.18	48,607.95	-69.26	-0.14%	+23.19%
			2,248.79	2,271.82	2,247.47	2,248.79	-0.45	-0.02%	+13.87%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	33.88	24.78	+14	+0.6	▲	▲	▲	-13.8	-5.8	cc	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	148.07	146.47	-94	-0.6	▲	▲	▲	+21.1	+22.9	37	0.80
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	79.67	60.55	+29	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	-13.4	-13.8	21	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	29.57	48.69	44.53	-10	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	+46.9	+51.0	13	0.84
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	29.00	26.81	-35	-1.3	▲	▲	▲	+9.1	+11.1	13	0.64f
Citigroup	C	57.40	80.29	60.43	-11	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	-2.0	+2.5	6	2.04
Disney	DIS	142.04	203.02	155.93	+106	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	-13.9	-13.2
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	108.38	104.79	+03	...	▲	▲	▲	+14.4	+20.2	59	3.94f
EPR Properties	EPR	30.79	56.07	47.52	-15	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	+46.2	+53.0	...	3.00
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.03	29.29	26.19	-08	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	-4.0	-3.5	...	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.97	66.38	60.79	-36	-0.6	▲	▲	▲	+47.5	+56.2	...	3.52f
Ford Motor	F	8.43	21.49	20.47	-09	-0.4	▲	▲	▲	+132.9	+134.7	24	0.40
Gen Electric	GE	83.20	116.17	94.70	-09	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	+9.9	+12.3	...	0.32
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	156.43	263.92	258.11	-38	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	+56.9	+57.7	24	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59	420.61	409.94	-90	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	+54.3	+53.3	29	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	46.49	68.49	51.74	-09	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	+3.9	+12.9	10	1.39
IBM	IBM	114.56	152.84	133.91	+56	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	+6.4	+16.7	23	6.56
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	60.05	59.34	+03	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	+68.4	+62.9	19	...
Lowes Cos	LOW	150.84	263.31	256.39	-118	-0.5	▲	▲	▲	+59.7	+58.5	27	3.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66	16.60	12.74	+10	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+30.7	+39.8	...	1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	269.72	267.21	-128	-0.5	▲	▲	▲	+24.5	+27.6	29	5.16
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	349.67	339.32	-2.63	-0.8	▲	▲	▲	+52.6	+52.7	38	2.48f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	165.60	273.51	271.09	-1.64	-0.6	▲	▲	▲	+59.4	+61.0	47	2.84
NexEra Energy	NEE	68.33	92.70	92.77	+78	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+20.2	+23.8	58	1.54
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	20.35	18.45	+08	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	+13.7	+17.8	45	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	15.70	24.89	21.87	+02	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	+35.7	+41.0	9	0.68
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	140.65	135.34	+24	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	+17.1	+19.5	17	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	160.57	202.26	189.41	-140	-0.7	▲	▲	▲	+15.4	+21.0	24	4.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	258.86	209.39	+92	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	-1.1	-1.1	26	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.69	59.85	52.25	-11	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	-11.1	-6.3	10	2.56f
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	20.36	15.15	-14	-0.9	▲	▲	▲	-8.1	-2.7	cc	1.06e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	152.57	143.17	+46	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	-0.7	-0.2	40	2.20
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.03	57.05	51.99	-26	-0.5	▲	▲	▲	+30.4	+34.4	20	1.91

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

Interests



The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.51% on Thursday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

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

Commodities

Crude oil prices rose slightly, and gasoline prices rose 1.1%. Heating oil futures rose 0.8%, and natural gas prices fell. Gold and silver prices rose slightly, while copper fell.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	CHG	%CHG	1YR	AGO
3-month T-bill	.05	.0508	
6-month T-bill	.19	.1909	
52-wk T-bill	.38	.39	-0.01	-.01	.12	
2-year T-note	.73	.75	-0.02	-.02	.12	
5-year T-note	1.27	1.29	-0.02	-.02	.37	
7-year T-note	1.44	1.47	-0.03	-.03	.66	
10-year T-note	1.51	1.54	-0.03	-.03	.91	
30-year T-bond	1.92	1.96	-0.04	-.04	1.66	

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L	WK	6MO	1YR
	AVG	AGO	AGO	AGO
48 month new car loan	3.41	▼ 3.42	3.55	4.11
Money market account	0.07	■ 0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28	■ 0.28	0.28	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	■ 6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.27	▲ 3.19	3.23	3.08
15 year fixed mortgage	2.54	▲ 2.50	2.52	2.39

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	76.99	76.56	+0.56	+58.7
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14	...	+49.1
Heating Oil (gal)	2.40	2.38	+0.76	+61.5
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.56	3.99	-7.24	+40.3
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.30	2.27	+1.10	+61.3

METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1812.70	1804.80	+0.44	-4.3
Silver (oz)	23.03	22.83	+0.88	-12.6
Platinum (oz)	963.60	968.50	-0.51	-10.4
Copper (lb)	4.38	4.40	-0.50	+24.8
Palladium (oz)	1979.20	1982.70	-0.18	-19.2

AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.39	1.39	-0.25	+23.1
Coffee (lb)	2.29	2.29	-0.02	+78.4
Corn (bu)	5.96	6.06	-1.57	+23.1
Cotton (lb)	1.14	1.13	+1.19	+46.4
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1157.70	1170.00	-1.00	+32.3
Orange Juice (lb)	1.40	1.37	+2.27	+13.4
Soybeans (bu)	13.28	13.57	-2.12	+1.0
Wheat (bu)	7.80	7.88	-1.02	+21.7

MutualFunds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.49	...	+15.8	+16.3	+15.4	+11.5
	CptWldGrncA m	63.64	+0.2	+14.7	+14.9	+18.6	+13.2
	CptInclBldrA m	70.07	-0.2	+14.8	+15.2	+11.8	+8.1
	FdmTlnvsA m	76.08	-0.6	+22.7	+23.2	+21.9	+15.7
	GrAmrcA m	74.75	-0.6	+20.1	+20.5	+28.8	+21.0
	IncAmrcA m	25.81	...	+17.2	+17.7	+13.7	+9.9
	InvCAMrcA m	51.90	-1.0	+25.3	+26.0	+21.5	+14.5
	NwPrspctvA m	66.59	-0.7	+18.1	+18.1	+27.3	+20.0
	WAMTlnvsA m	60.50	-1.4	+28.5	+29.6	+20.5	+15.2
	Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.06	+0.2	-0.9	-0.8	+6.0
Stk		246.02	-0.7	+32.1	+33.1	+21.2	+14.2
Fidelity	500IdxInsrPm	165.75	-48	+29.0	+29.9	+26.5	+18.5
	BCCrowth	184.82	+0.1	+23.5	+23.0	+39.2	+29.7
	Contrafund	18.88	-0.3	+25.1	+25.6	+29.6	+22.8
	GroCo	36.70	-0.3	+23.4	+22.9	+42.4	+30.2
	TlMktIdxInsrPm	134.15	-26	+26.0	+26.6	+26.2	+18.0
	USBdIdxInsrPm	119.97	+0.2	-1.9	-1.8	+4.8	+3.5
Schwab	SP500Idx	73.35	...	+29.4	+30.4	+26.6	+18.5
	BCCr	179.38	-0.8	+18.7	+19.1	+28.0	+23.7
T. Rowe Price	500IdxAdmrl	440.97	-1.28	+29.0	+29.8	+26.5	+18.5
	DivGrInv	39.22	-0.9	+24.6	+25.7	+22.7	+16.9
Vanguard	GrIdxAdmrl	166.11	-49	+28.0	+28.4	+35.4	+24.9
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.70	...	+1.2	+1.2	+4.4	+3.8
	IntlGrAdmrl	139.62	+1.29	-0.5	-0.8	+28.0	+21.2
	MdCpldxAdmrl	315.82	+0.7	+24.7	+25.2	+24.9	+15.9
	PmCpAdmrl	170.05	-61	+22.3	+22.9	+22.8	+18.5
	STInvmGrAdmrl	110.77	+0.1	-0.3	-0.3	+3.6	+2.7
	SmCpldxAdmrl	108.44	+0.4	+17.8	+17.8	+21.7	+13.5
	TlBIdxAdmrl	11.18	+0.2	-1.8	-1.7	+4.9	+3.6
	TlInSlIdxAdmrl	34.16	+0.4	+8.5	+8.3	+13.8	+9.9
	TlInSlIdxInv	20.42	+0.2	+8.5	+8.2	+13.7	+9.8
	TlSlIdxAdmrl	117.88	-22	+26.1	+26.7	+26.3	+18.0
TlSlIdxInv	117.86	-21	+25.9	+26.5	+26.1	+17.9	
WlghtAdmrl	83.89	-0.3	+19.2	+19.8	+17.6	+12.4	
WlsltyIncAdmrl	70.06	+0.9	+8.5	+8.9	+11.2	+8.1	

OPINION

► *“Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.”*

Brad Paisley

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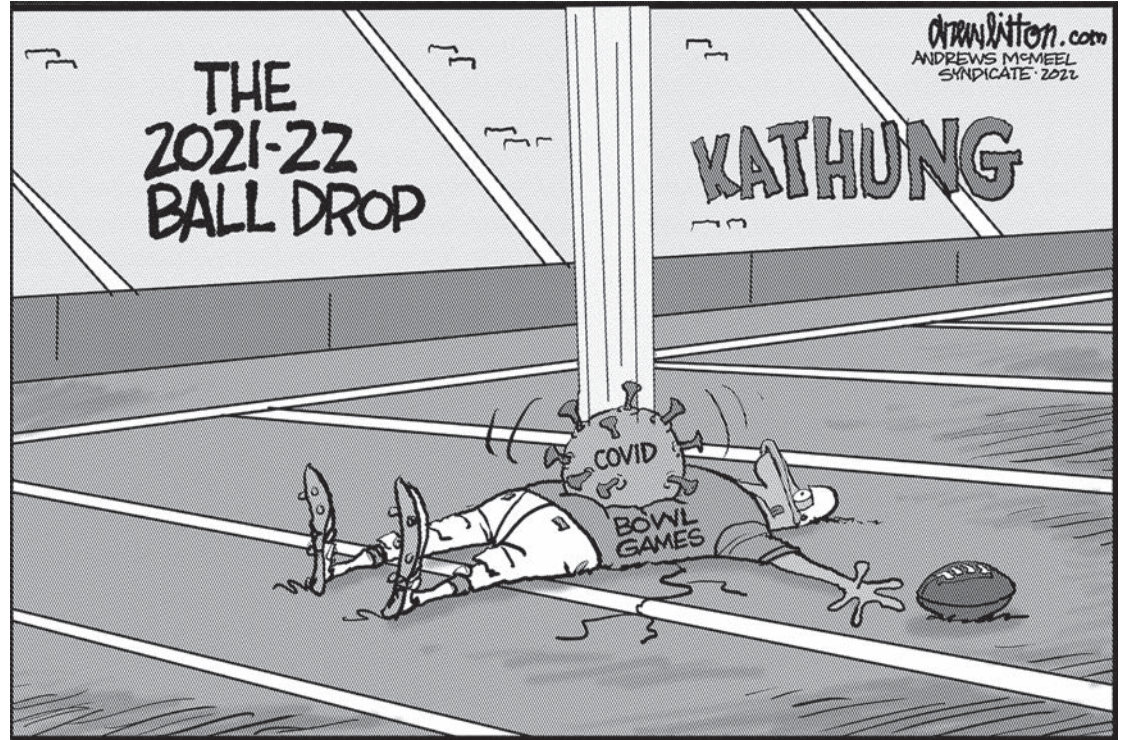
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EDITORIAL

Economic diversity key to improving jobless rate

It’s not brag-worthy news: Citrus tied with Highlands County for the fifth-highest unemployment rate in the state for November at 4.9 percent. Four counties can lay claim their worse than Citrus when it comes to jobless rate. Florida’s rate in November was 3.6 percent.

Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, said critical factors affecting local employment include retirement, access to affordable child care, looking for a better-paying job and family lifestyle adjustments for second family earners.

Social media users had plenty of offerings, suggesting attracting the likes of Target, Aldi and others would improve Citrus’ woe-ful unemployment rates. But in a county known for its plethora of service-related jobs, that doesn’t solve the long-term problems.

The problems we have can be solved with a good vision for the future of what we want the county to be, improved infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer and fiber options. By making these improvements, the county then can attract higher-paying employers to set up shop in Citrus.

Right now, the county has no vision for the future, despite the soon-to-be-opening Suncoast Parkway, the porous conditions of a number of its roads, a number of which needed to be redone or widened, lack of water and sewer lines in

THE ISSUE:
Citrus jobless rate fifth highest in state.

OUR OPINION:
With a vision, improved infrastructure, better jobs will come.

undeveloped areas of the county as well as internet options make it a difficult task to attract light industry into this county.

It’s not just pivotal, it’s critical, the county develop a vision for the future, not just in five years, but 10, 20 and 30 years down the line. The county will have sessions in the coming months for doing just that. While there are many here who continually clamor for zero growth, that’s unrealistic, as figures have shown. Florida is one of the fastest growing states in the U.S. We can either be well-prepared with a plan, or watch as the growth overruns us.

Within the vision, the county must develop a plan for upgrading its infrastructure to attract would-be employers. It needs to find a suitable partner for improving the fiber system throughout the county. It’s not a business government officials need to try: The city of Dunnellon is a prime example of why government should not try to be in the fiber business.

Citrus County’s destiny does not have to be that of one of the highest unemployment rates in the state; it must plan properly to attract businesses that will offer increased wages and benefits.

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Will boys of summer be returning this spring?

Will there be spring training? Have the baseball “savants” come any closer to an agreement to end the shutdown/shutdown?

Those of us who ove baseball above other sports are eager to hear positive news about a possible robust, healthy, full baseball season! Please, baseball players, take excellent care!!! Your fans are waiting!

Sue Kelder Norman
 Homosassa

Reader should read letter with open mind

I guess I hit a nerve with my previous letter, perhaps a nerve related to understanding. Mr. Reagan accuses me of dealing in fiction, a demonstrably false accusation.

Example: “(CNN) The FBI released its annual Uniform Crime Report for 2020 on Monday, showing that the number of homicides increased nearly 30 percent from 2019, the largest single-year increase the agency has recorded since it began tracking these crimes in the 1960s.”

Example: “The US. Border Patrol reported more than 1.6 million encounters with migrants along the US.-Mexico boarder in the 2021 fiscal year, more than quadruple the number of the prior fiscal year...”

Example: “Catch and Bus: Thousands of Freed Border-Crossing Immigrants Are Dispersing Across America – Charters and Greyhound Are Delivering Them Where They Want To Go.” Center for Immigration Studies, 2021.

Example: “Nov.4, 2021 – Ille-

Paper carriers do good work

(Re Friday, Dec. 24’s Page A10, Sound Off, “Our newspaper carriers are great”): Good morning, Oak Village and Sugarmill Woods. I’m glad to see “The Girls,” Lisa and Brianna, have gained so much respect. I was a carrier for almost 30 years before they got there. I’m the carrier that taught them a lot of things about carrying papers, especially in that area – who to take care of and how to take care of them. I’m so happy they listened. They are great carriers. They were green; they were willing to listen and learn and take good care of the customers. The customers are what matters, carriers. Remember that.

Order trash pickup

I’m responding to (Friday, Dec. 24’s Page A10) Sound Off, “Start picking up trash,” where the person told them why don’t you do it instead of complaining about it? Well, I’ll tell you what, instead of I’m picking up the trash, why don’t we get all these people with these outstanding court fines – multi-millions of dollars that go to collection agencies – and let them pick up the trash and clean the county and let them do it until their fines are paid. And guess what? If their fines ain’t paid, then they go to jail for the remainder of time. That’s the only way you can enforce and start collecting the money. It’s ridiculous.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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borders? He broke that oath his first day in office! That should be an impeachable offense. Need I continue?

We all have the right to be wrong and we’re all wrong at times. As to my “Letter” of Dec. 18, I feel Mr. Reagan should reread it with an open mind and he may find his “fiction” is in fact, a fact!

David W. Martin
 Hernando

Paper should reconsider changes to comics

To pile on to Bob Clayton’s recent letter, I also miss the horoscopes, The Rubes, The Grizzwalds, Frank & Earnest, and Herman, when all too often he seems to be omitted.

With what we’ve been going through over the past 2 years, the one thing we can’t do without is a little humor. What kind of paper doesn’t include Snoopy? It’s un-American. (Of course, I jest, but you get the point.) And “Parade Magazine,” my wife’s favorite part of the Sunday paper. Bob had some very good points in his letter. I hope you will consider his/our suggestions.

Gary Kenworthy
 Beverly Hills

Paper carriers are great, quality people

I’d like to echo the comment about the quality of your carriers. They are great people, dedicated to doing that job every single day. Our carrier is Gary Cambell and he is great at his job, dedicated and friendly, and has been for 30 years now. Good man, thank you Chronicle.

Matt Terry

gal immigrant who posed as minor charged with murder ... in Florida.”

President Biden opened the border his first day in office, inviting an invasion of our country. That’s a fact! “The Constitution states: The United States shall ... protect each of them (the states) from invasion.” The oath that Biden swore states he will uphold the Constitution. Did he not swear to uphold the laws of this country, to protect our

People parking in fire zone

The police need to patrol the Publix shopping center in Citrus Hills in Hernando. People are parking in the fire zone.

Prove you’re looking for work

I want to know when DeSantis is going to put back on the unemployment (that applicants must be) actively looking for employment, where you have to list the people you call, who you speak to and what they say. I had to do it quite a few years ago. This is ridiculous. Every store you go to has a “Help Wanted” sign and no one is applying for jobs because they’re getting unemployment without any problem. If they had to prove that they were looking for it, you would have people working again.

Imagine, fighting fires

Yes, the Chronicle got rid of some of the best cartoons there are and they have stupid ones, but you still have a Sound Off that made me laugh (Tuesday, Dec. 28, Page A9, titled, “No firefighters”). As a retired firefighter, I couldn’t believe the Sound Off that somebody said there was no firemen – no, we’re not firemen, we’re firefighters – at either of the stations. Did you ever stop to think that maybe they were doing their job of fighting fires? Gee, imagine that; firefighters going out and fighting fires or going

to accidents when somebody is hurt. Gee, what a wonderful idea; firefighters going out and doing their job. People, I can’t believe somebody would go to the firehouse and wonder why nobody’s there.

Print is too small

I’m calling to complain about the Chronicle. I know there are new owners and they’ve made a lot of changes, which are, all in all, seem like they’re pretty good, but for one thing: Evidently, they don’t realize most of the population in our county is older people and we all wear glasses. The print is too small. To read the Chronicle, I have to use a magnifying glass along with my glasses. And another thing is the delivery is lousy. I live on an incline and the other newspaper carrier I had was able to drive up my driveway. Now the driver is throwing it down. I live on an incline and the driver throws it down the incline. I walk with a cane and a walker. I wish that driver could throw it closer to my garage door where I don’t have to drive my car down the hill to get the paper. Thank you very much.

Clean up your mess

To the lady...that’s had all the skeletons in her yard since before October, then she added Christmas Santa Clauses in with the skeletons: It’s time to clean up that mess. It’s ridiculous, ma’am, it’s ridiculous. Please put your skeletons back in your closet. They look terrible out where you have them.



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U.S. children being hospitalized with COVID in record numbers

By **MARTHA BELLISLE and TERRY TANG**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The omicron-fueled surge that is sending COVID-19 cases rocketing in the U.S. is putting children in the hospital in record numbers, and experts lament that most of the youngsters are not vaccinated.

“It’s just so heartbreaking,” said Dr. Paul Offit, an infectious-disease expert at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. “It was hard enough last year, but now you know that you have a way to prevent all this.”

During the week of Dec. 22-28, an average of 378 children 17 and under were admitted per day to hospitals with the coronavirus, a 66 percent increase from the week before, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday.

The previous high over the course of the pandemic was in early September, when child hospitalizations averaged 342 per day, the CDC said.



Damian Dovarganes / AP
Medical tents for vaccinations are set up outside the Children's Hospital Los Angeles on Dec. 18.

On a more hopeful note, children continue to represent a small percentage of those being hospitalized with COVID-19: An average of nearly 10,200 people of all ages were admitted per day during the same week in December. And many doctors say the youngsters seem less sick than those who came in during the delta surge over the summer.

Two months after vaccinations were approved for 5- to 11-year-olds, about 14

percent are fully protected, CDC data shows. The rate is higher for 12- to 17-year-olds, at about 53%.

A study released Thursday by the CDC confirmed that serious side effects from the Pfizer vaccine in children ages 5 to 11 are rare. The findings were based on approximately 8 million doses dispensed to youngsters in that age group.

Dr. Albert Ko, professor of epidemiology and infectious diseases at the Yale School of Public Health,

noted that the low vaccination rate is, in part, a matter of timing: Younger children were not approved for the vaccine until November, and many are only now coming up on their second dose.

Offit said none of the vaccine-eligible children receiving care at his hospital about a week ago had been vaccinated, even though two-thirds had underlying conditions that put them at risk — either chronic lung disease or, more commonly, obesity. Only one was under the vaccination age of 5.

The scenes are heart-rending.

“They’re struggling to breathe, coughing, coughing, coughing,” Offit said. “A handful were sent to the ICU to be sedated. We put the attachment down their throat that’s attached to a ventilator, and the parents are crying.”

None of the parents or siblings was vaccinated either, he said.

The next four to six weeks are going to be rough, he said: “This is a virus that thrives in the winter.”

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Colorado governor slashes trucker's prison term

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Gov. Jared Polis on Thursday shortened the prison sentence of a truck driver convicted in a deadly crash to 10 years, drastically reducing his original 110-year term that drew widespread outrage.

The decision on Rogel Aguilera-Mederos' sentence was among several year-end commutations and pardons issued by Polis.

The move comes days after a judge scheduled a hearing for next month to reconsider the sentence at the request of the district attorney, who planned to ask that it be reduced to 20 to 30 years.

Around 5 million people signed an online petition seeking clemency for Aguilera-Mederos, who was convicted of vehicular homicide and other charges in an explosive pileup that killed four people in 2019.

Aguilera-Mederos testified that he was hauling lumber when the brakes on his semitrailer failed as he was descending a steep grade of Interstate 70 in the Rocky Mountain foothills.

His truck plowed into vehicles that had slowed because of another wreck, setting off a chain-reaction crash and a fireball that consumed vehicles and melted parts of the highway.

Israel approves 4th vaccine dose for most vulnerable

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel has approved a fourth vaccine dose for people most vulnerable to COVID-19, an official said Thursday, becoming one of the first countries to do so as it braces for a wave of infections fueled by the omicron variant.

Nachman Ash, the director general of the Health Ministry, announced the decision at a press conference, saying the doses would initially be given to

those with weakened immune systems.

“We will continue to track the data on a daily basis and we will see if we need to broaden this recommendation to more of the population,” he said.

Iran launches rocket into space amid Vienna talks

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran launched a rocket with a satellite carrier bearing three devices into space, authorities announced Thursday, without saying whether any of the objects had entered Earth’s orbit.

It was not clear when the launch happened or what devices the carrier brought with it. Iran aired footage of the blastoff against the backdrop of negotiations in Vienna to restore Tehran’s tattered nuclear deal with world powers. An eight round had been underway this week and is to resume after New Year’s holidays.

Previous launches have drawn rebukes from the United States. The U.S. State Department, Space Force and the Pentagon did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Thursday’s announcement from Iran.

Hong Kong editors charged with sedition

HONG KONG (AP) — Two former editors from a Hong Kong online pro-democracy news outlet were charged with sedition and denied bail Thursday, a day after one of the last openly critical voices in the city said it would cease operations following a police raid on its office and seven arrests.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam defended the raid on Stand News amid a wider crackdown on dissent in the semi-autonomous city, telling reporters that “inciting other people ... could not be condoned under the guise of news reporting.”

Biden, Putin talk as alarm rises over Ukraine

By **AAMER MADHANI and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — Presidents Joe Biden and Vladimir Putin spoke frankly for nearly an hour late Thursday amid growing alarm over Russia’s troop buildup near Ukraine, a crisis that’s deepened as the Kremlin has stiffened its insistence on border security guarantees and test fired hypersonic missiles to underscore its demands.

Putin’s foreign affairs adviser said Biden reaffirmed the U.S. threat of new sanc-

tions against Russia in case of an escalation or invasion, to which Putin responded with a warning of his own that such a U.S. move could lead to a complete rupture of ties.

“It would be a colossal mistake that would entail grave consequences,” said Yuri Ushakov. He added that Putin told Biden that Russia would act as the U.S. would if offensive weapons were deployed near American borders.

White House officials said the leaders agreed there are areas where the two sides could make meaningful

progress but also that there are differences that might be impossible to resolve.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said that Biden “urged Russia to de-escalate tensions with Ukraine” and “made clear that the United States and its allies and partners will respond decisively if Russia further invades Ukraine.”

Putin requested the call, the second between the leaders this month, ahead of scheduled talks between senior U.S. and Russian officials Jan. 9 and 10 in Geneva. The Geneva talks will be followed by a meeting of

the Russia-NATO Council on Jan. 12 and negotiations at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Vienna on Jan. 13.

White House officials said Thursday’s call lasted 50 minutes, ending after midnight in Moscow.

Russia has made clear it wants a written commitment that Ukraine will never be allowed to join NATO and that the alliance’s military equipment will not be positioned in former Soviet states, demands that the Biden administration has rejected.

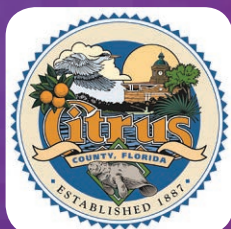
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Rockin' in new year, playoff style



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Cincinnati quarterback Desmond Ridder (9) looks to pass from the pocket during the first half of the American Athletic Conference championship game against Houston, Dec. 4 in Cincinnati. The fourth-ranked Bearcats (13-0) get their shot in the CFP semifinal Cotton Bowl on Friday against No. 1 defending national champion Alabama.

Non-P5 Cincy takes CFP journey to Cotton semi against Bama

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Cincinnati quarterback Desmond Ridder and the breakthrough Bearcats aren't caught up in what their unprecedented play-

off appearance could eventually mean for other non-Power Five teams. This is their journey.

After a season-long debate about whether the outsider deserved a spot in the College Football Playoff, and being the only team to win ev-

ery game along the way, the fourth-ranked Bearcats (13-0) get their shot in the CFP semifinal Cotton Bowl on Friday against top-ranked defending national champion Alabama.

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Surprising Michigan takes run at Georgia's dominant D in CFP

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Football Writer

Just about everything about this season has been a joyride for No. 2 Michigan, the first team to start unranked in the AP Top 25 and reach the College Football Playoff.

"We're happy to be here, but not just happy to be here," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said.

Reaching the playoff in 2021 was always the expectation for No. 3 Georgia, and it seemed like a foregone conclusion by November as the Bulldogs rampaged through their schedule.

Not even a resounding loss to Alabama in the Southeastern Conference title game could keep Georgia out. But instead of bound-

ing into the Orange Bowl semifinal off huge victories like Michigan, the Bulldogs enter trying to re-establish the air of invincibility they carried much of the season.

"You lose some, and you just go on getting better," Georgia All-America defensive tackle Jordan Davis said. "Obviously we're not going to be the same team from last game to this game with Michigan, but we just have to keep moving forward and worry about ourselves and just get ready for the game."

The Wolverines (12-1) and Bulldogs (12-1), two storied programs that haven't played in more than half a century, took very different paths to their meeting

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Julio Cortez / AP

Michigan defensive end Aidan Hutchinson rushes against Maryland during the first half of a Nov. 20 game in College Park, Md.

2021 ALL-CHRONICLE SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAMS

The fastest in the pool from Citrus County



Josh Ambrose, sophomore, Lecanto



Grace Burkholder, junior, Lecanto



Drew Jenkins, junior, Citrus



Nicole Shanks, freshman, Lecanto



Mateo Valach, freshman, Lecanto



Olivia Szylkowski, sophomore, Crystal River

By **CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.**
Staff writer

Girls

Boys

Josh Ambrose, sophomore, Lecanto
Noah Ambrose, senior, Lecanto
Dean Carey, freshman, Crystal River
Garrett Hickman, junior, Crystal River
Drew Jenkins, junior, Citrus
Mateo Valach, freshman, Lecanto

Boys Swimmer of the Year finalists

Josh Ambrose, So., Lecanto

The sophomore was a Gulf Coast 8 conference champion in the 100-yard freestyle (52.38) and 100 backstroke (1:01.46). He was also a district runner-up in the 100 free (50.98) and placed third in the 100 back (59.16), qualifying for regionals in both events.

Drew Jenkins, Jr., Citrus

The only boy from the county to advance to states, he went to the Class 2A FH-SAA Finals in two events and made the consolation final in both, taking 16th in the 100 fly (55.35) and 12th in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.30).

He collected his first regional title, swimming a first-place 1:02.79 in the 100 breast, and was second in the 100 fly (54.25). At districts, he was first in the 100 fly (56.86) and three-peated as the champ in the 100 breast (1:04.99), and he was a conference champion in both races, as well.

Mateo Valach, Fr., Lecanto

A regional qualifier in both the 200 IM and 500 free, he was a conference champion in the 200 (2:01.87). At districts, he placed fifth in the 100 fly (1:01.53) and seventh in the 200 IM (2:23.57).

Grace Burkholder, junior, Lecanto
Molly Maguire, junior, Crystal River
Hayley Henry, senior, Crystal River
Nicole Shanks, freshman, Lecanto
Olivia Szylkowski, sophomore, Crystal River
Baylie Wells, sophomore, Crystal River

Girls Swimmer of the Year finalists

Grace Burkholder, Jr., Lecanto

The junior advanced to regionals in two individual events after she was second in the district in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.73) and fourth in the 50 free (25.52). She was a conference champ in two individual races, posting a 25.43 in the 50 free (25.43) and 1:06.89 in the 100 backstroke.

Nicole Shanks, Fr., Lecanto

Capping a sensational freshman campaign by advancing to states, she made the consolation finals at the Class 3A state meet. She came in 10th in the 500 free with a time of 5:16.09. She had qualified after placing fourth at regionals (5:14.91) and winning a district title (5:16.79). She also made regionals in the 200 IM after taking third in the district (2:18.66).

Olivia Szylkowski, So., Crystal River

The sophomore played a big role in the Pirates girls winning the GC8 meet, taking first in the 200 free (2:12.95) and 100 fly (1:07.32), as well as swimming on the winning 200-medley and 400-free relays. She went on to make regionals in the 100 fly after taking third in the district (1:03.95) and the 100 back having finished fourth at districts (1:06.26).

Note: The athlete of the year finalists and winners in each sport will be honored this spring at the annual Student Athletic Recognitions banquet.

Purdue edges Tennessee 48-45 in Music City Bowl

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Purdue came into the Music City Bowl short-handed and banged-up, particularly at wide receiver.

The Boilermakers are going home winners after a game that had people clicking over to catch an amazing finish.

Mitchell Fineran kicked a 39-yard field goal in overtime and Purdue finished off its best season since 2003 by overcoming a 14-point deficit and beating Tennessee 48-45 on Thursday in a record-setting Music City Bowl.

Purdue's Aidan O'Connell threw for 534 yards and five touchdowns with three interceptions. He couldn't explain the final five minutes of regulation as the teams combined to score four TDs — two apiece.

"It's why you love the game, it's why it keeps bringing you back," O'Connell said. "The fact it's unknown. No one knows what's going to happen. It's not a movie or TV show where the actors get retries. It seems like the world's watching and anything could happen."

Purdue (9-4) tied for the second-most wins in program history as only the 12th team in the Boilermakers' 134-year history to win nine games. They also won their fifth game away from home, something they hadn't done since 1943.

"We found a way to just barely win," Purdue coach Jeff Brohm said.

Tennessee (7-6) missed a chance to make Josh Heupel the first Vols coach to cap his debut season with a bowl win since Bill Battle won the 1971 Sugar Bowl. The Vols



Purdue place kicker Mitchell Fineran (24) watches along with holder Jack Albers (11) as Fineran's 39-yard field goal goes through the uprights to beat Tennessee in overtime in the Music City Bowl on Thursday, in Nashville, Tenn. Purdue won 48-45.

Mark Humphrey / AP

also snapped a four-game bowl victory streak with a loss that dropped the Southeastern Conference to 1-5 this bowl season.

The teams combined for 1,293 yards of total offense — second-most in overall bowl history, trailing only the 1,397 yards Baylor and Washington had in the 2011 Alamo Bowl. Tennessee became the 10th team in bowl game history to run 100 or more plays, and the combined 185 plays rank seventh.

This high-scoring game featured a flurry of big plays and points in the final five minutes only to see Purdue's defense make the deciding play.

On the first possession of

overtime, Jamar Brown and Kieren Douglas stopped Vols running back Jaylen Wright short on fourth-and-goal. The stop was upheld on review for Wright's forward progress being stopped despite Wright reaching the ball over the goal line before the whistle without a knee touching the ground while laying on top of Douglas.

"I love these guys," Heupel said. "They fight, they scratch, they claw and they compete. We came up a play short."

Tennessee quarterback Hendon Hooker watched the replay on the large video board and was excited.

"I thought we scored, but you know it's a tough call," Hooker said. "Feels like me

and my teammates gave it our all.

After Purdue ran three plays, Fineran sealed the victory with his fourth field goal of the game, sending the Boilermakers running down the field in celebration after what Brohm called "a crazy game."

"It really picked up there at the end," Brohm said.

The Vols had a final chance to win in regulation, but Chase McGrath's 56 yard field goal fell well short.

Tennessee finished with 639 yards total offense and Purdue had 623 in regulation — both bowl records before overtime. O'Connell easily set the yards passing record, well above the 383 Mike Glennon had with

N.C. State.

Purdue came in without a pair of All-Americans in defensive end George Karlaftis and wide receiver David Bell, both prepping for the NFL draft, with a receiving corps further thinned by injuries. Broc Thompson, who needs offseason surgery on both knees, filled in with seven catches for a game-high 217 yards and two TDs.

The Boilermakers had a chance to keep this finish from being quite so exciting. But they settled for three field goals in the second quarter and only led 23-21 at halftime. Tennessee led 31-30 after the third.

Hooker finished with 378 yards passing. Tillman had

three touchdowns on seven receptions for 150 yards, and Jabari Small ran for 180 yards. Small wasn't available in overtime with Heupel saying he was fighting "some things" all through the game.

The takeaways

Tennessee: The Vols set a single-season record with 511 points, topping the 484 scored in 12 games in 1993. ... The Vols brought out a record crowd of 69,489 topping the previous mark of 69,143 set in 2010 when Tennessee also played in this bowl.

Purdue: Brohm said his Boilermakers had a lot of wide receivers, and they tapped that depth in this game. O'Connell spread the ball around connecting with nine receivers.

Penalty issues

The Vols were flagged 14 times for 128 yards.

"End of the day you can't control when they yellow hankies come out," Heupel said. "There's some things I don't agree with. Yeah, everyone knows that. But it's about what we can control."

Up next

Tennessee is set up nicely for 2022. Tillman, who came into this season with eight career catches, finished with the Vols' first 1,000-yard season since 2012. He's already announced he's returning next season along with Hooker, tight ends Jacob Warren and Princeton Fant and a handful of other Vols.

Purdue has O'Connell coming back along for 2022, giving Brohm a chance to build on an offense that threw the ball more than any other team in school history.

Brooks' 3 TDs push Oklahoma past Oregon 47-32 in Alamo Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bob Stoops and Oklahoma were winners together again, just like old times.

Kennedy Brooks ran for 142 yards and three touchdowns, Caleb Williams passed for three more scores and the 14th-ranked Sooners rode a dominant first half to a 47-32 win over No. 15 Oregon in the Alamo Bowl on Wednesday night.

The victory marked a brief and happy reunion for the coach and school he led to a national championship and 10 Big 12 titles from 1999-2016. Stoops was called off a golf course to come out of retirement to coach the bowl game after the abrupt departure of Lincoln Riley for Southern California.

"I've been out of it, came back," Stoops said. "It was fun. More than anything, I appreciate the young people, the guys in the program, embraced me, were all in, and worked hard."

Stoops earned career win No. 191 and boosted his bowl record to 10-9. Getting the latest victory was maybe the easiest part in all this.

Just as important were the tasks of steadying the program overall after Riley's bolt west turned the pro-



Oklahoma wide receiver Drake Stoops (12) makes a touchdown catch over Oregon cornerback Trikweze Bridges (11) during the Alamo Bowl on Wednesday in San Antonio.

Eric Gay / AP

gram upside down. And he had to build a stable bridge to the new era under incoming coach Brent Venables, his former Oklahoma assistant who has spent the past nine seasons at Clemson.

"They're getting a guy with passion, a guy that loves the game," Stoops said. "A winner."

And the coach who once earned the nickname Big Game Bob also turned into Big Hug Bob when he got to embrace son and Sooners receiver Drake Stoops af-

ter a second-quarter touchdown catch. Drake walked on at Oklahoma in 2018 after Bob had retired.

Oklahoma (11-2) raced out to a 30-3 lead as Brooks and Williams sliced up the Oregon defense. Brooks had 127 yards on just 10 carries in the first half with scoring runs of 16 and 29 yards, and another 40-yard run that set up Williams' first touchdown pass to Drake Stoops.

Williams' 55-yard TD pass to Marvin Mims Jr. hit the receiver perfectly in

stride behind two Ducks defenders who were two steps late. Brooks then punched in the final score of the half.

The Sooners were so dominant at that point they looked like some of Stoops' old teams of bulldozing running backs, defense and Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks.

But Oregon (10-4) didn't quit and made a game of it in the second half. The Ducks scored three touchdowns in the third quarter, two coming on long throws by quar-

terback Anthony Brown, to get within 44-25 by the start of the fourth. Brown finished with 306 yards passing and Travis Dye rushed for 153 yards and a touchdown for Oregon.

Oregon was led by assistant coach Bryan McClendon, elevated to interim head coach for the bowl game after Mario Cristobal left for Miami. Oregon has hired Georgia defensive coordinator Dan Lanning, who will take over the Ducks after the College Football Playoff.

"It hurts," McClendon said. "As well as we played in the second half, it's not a consolation prize."

Big picture

Oklahoma: Riley's sudden departure and several players bolting early for the NFL or transferring had the program's fan base in a bit of a panic. Venables was at the game and was around the team during bowl practices. He should have a keen handle on where the Sooners are headed next season.

Venables' biggest job is building a potential future with Williams, who hasn't said definitively whether he plans to stay with the Soon-

ers next year.

Williams did not settle the issue after the game. He called the last few weeks a "rollercoaster" and said he will be taking a vacation with his family.

Oregon: The Ducks put up a fight in the second half but it was too late. Lanning, who will be a first-time head coach when he takes over after the CFP, will at least know he inherits a team that won't quit. Lanning is leaving a national-title contender and has said Oregon should be one as well. The Ducks have played in the Pac-12 title game the last three seasons.

No helmet, no score

Oklahoma's Mario Williams was all smiles as he waltzed into the end zone by himself with his helmet off and hair flying in the second quarter. The only problem was, that's against the rules. Williams was ruled down on the Oregon 33 as soon as Ducks safety Avan Dickerson had grabbed his facemask and pulled the helmet off. The Oklahoma drive instead ended with a 40-yard field goal from Patrick Brkic for a 9-3 Sooners lead.

South Carolina gets past North Carolina in Mayo Bowl, 38-21

By **STEVE REED**
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — South Carolina coach Shane Beamer anticipated getting a bucket of mayonnaise dumped over his head would be awful.

And yet, it was worse than he could have imagined.

Beamer got hit in the back of the head by the cooler before 4 1/2 gallons of mayo cascaded over his face and down his shirt, capping the Gamecocks' celebration after their 38-21 victory over North Carolina in the Duke's Mayo Bowl on Thursday.

"I got hammered in the back of the head from the cooler — and then came the mayo," Beamer said. "I may have a concussion. It was awful."

He changed his shirt for the postgame news confer-

ence, but joked, "I still have mayo in my pockets."

But, for Beamer, it was all worth it to cap the season with a bowl win.

Jaheim Bell had five catches for 159 yards and two touchdowns for South Carolina (7-6), which rebounded nicely after it lost 30-0 to Clemson in its regular-season finale on Nov. 27. Kevin Harris added 169 yards rushing and a score.

Bell, a sophomore tight end, got free for a 69-yard touchdown reception from converted wide receiver Dakereon Joyner and hauled in a 66-yard TD catch from former graduate assistant coach Zeb Noland on South Carolina's first two possessions. Juju McDowell added a 35-yard TD run in the second quarter as South Carolina averaged 11.6 yards per play while opening a 25-13 halftime lead.

"Everyone on offense was locked in and keyed into the details," Bell said.

Sam Howell threw for 205 yards and a touchdown, and reserve running back British Brooks had a bowl record 63-yard touchdown run for the Tar Heels (6-7).

South Carolina rushed for 301 yards, despite Tar Heels coach Mack Brown saying North Carolina's game plan was to stop the run.

"You're not going to win football games like that," Brown said. "They ran it, we didn't."

Quarterback rotation

South Carolina rotated Joyner and Noland under center, and both were effective.

Joyner came into the game having attempted only one pass this season and 31 in his college career. But the element of surprise proved

effective on the Gamecocks' first possession, when Joyner hit the 6-foot-3, 232-pound Bell in stride down the middle of the field.

Joyner, who was named the game's most valuable player, finished 9-of-9 passing for 160 yards and also ran for 64 yards.

"The element of making them defend the quarterback run was big," Beamer said. "And he's a talented thrower, too. ... We just wanted to give them something else to defend."

Joyner, who has struggled at times to find a role with the Gamecocks, said he learned about playing quarterback during the first bowl practice earlier this month.

"This means everything to me," Joyner said. "This still feels like a dream. I thank God for preparing me these last four years. Never give up on your dreams. Adver-

sity will come, but it's how you overcome it."

Beamer said in hindsight he should have used Joyner more at quarterback earlier in the season.

Howell's future

Howell, a projected first-round pick in the NFL draft, wouldn't say if he plans to turn pro. After the game, he retreated to a corner of the field, spending time soaking in the moment of what could be his final college game.

"I have a decision to make," he said, adding that it will involve a lot of prayer.

Howell made several impressive throws with his strong, accurate arm. But the junior quarterback spent most of the game under heavy duress playing behind an offensive line that struggled.

"We wanted to limit their

explosive plays — and we wanted to make sure (Howell) didn't get too many yards when he got out of the pocket," South Carolina safety Jaylan Foster said.

The takeaway

South Carolina: The Gamecocks posted wins over Florida and Auburn this season in what was expected to be down season. Winning seven games was an encouraging sign that Beamer may finally have this once-proud program headed in the right direction. "This is a great statement about where we are," Beamer said.

North Carolina: The Tar Heels started the season ranked in the top 10 in the country and finished the year with a losing record, so it's hard to describe this season as anything but a major disappointment.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	32	21	7	4	46	106
Florida	31	20	7	4	44	117
Toronto	30	20	8	2	42	98
Detroit	31	15	13	3	33	88
Boston	26	14	10	2	30	71
Buffalo	32	10	17	5	25	86
Ottawa	28	9	17	2	20	79
Montreal	33	7	22	4	18	71

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	32	18	9	5	41	110
Minnesota	30	19	9	2	40	112
Nashville	32	19	11	2	40	95
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115
Winnipeg	30	14	11	5	33	90
Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82
Chicago	30	11	15	4	26	72
Arizona	30	6	21	3	15	63

Pacific Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	33	21	12	0	42	120
Anaheim	33	17	9	7	41	104
Calgary	28	15	7	6	36	87
Edmonton	30	18	12	0	36	103
San Jose	31	16	14	1	33	86
Los Angeles	31	14	12	5	33	83
Vancouver	32	15	15	2	32	83
Seattle	31	10	17	4	24	86

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's Games
 New Jersey 4, Buffalo 3
 Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
 Washington 5, Nashville 3
 St. Louis 4, Edmonton 2
 Philadelphia 3, Seattle 2, OT
 Vancouver 2, Anaheim 1, OT
 Boston at Ottawa, ppd
 Chicago at Winnipeg, ppd
 Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, ppd
 Pittsburgh at Toronto, ppd
 Dallas at Colorado, ppd

Thursday's Games
 Carolina 4, Montreal 0
 Florida 9, Tampa Bay 3
 Columbus 4, Nashville 3, SO
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Buffalo 1
 Calgary at Seattle
 Philadelphia at San Jose
 Vancouver at Los Angeles

Friday's Games
 Edmonton at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Ottawa, ppd
 Anaheim at Vegas, 3 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Dallas, ppd
 Winnipeg at Calgary, ppd

Saturday's Games
 Buffalo at Boston, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Columbus, 1 p.m.
 Montreal at Florida, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at Nashville, 2 p.m.
 Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
 Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Minnesota at Target Field, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m.
 Boston at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 San Jose at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Anaheim at Colorado, 3 p.m.
 New Jersey at Washington, 3 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Vegas, 4 p.m.
 Calgary at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Arizona, ppd

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Brooklyn	23	10	.697	—
Phila.	19	16	.543	—
New York	17	18	.486	7
Boston	16	19	.457	8
Toronto	14	17	.452	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	22	14	.611	—
Dallas	16	18	.471	5
San Antonio	14	19	.424	6½
New Orleans	13	22	.371	8½
Houston	10	25	.286	11½

Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	25	9	.735	—
Denver	17	16	.515	7½
Minnesota	16	18	.471	9
Portland	13	21	.382	12
Oklahoma City	12	22	.353	13

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	27	7	.794	—
Phoenix	27	7	.794	—
L.A. Clippers	18	17	.514	9½
L.A. Lakers	17	19	.472	11
Sacramento	15	21	.417	13

Wednesday's Games				
New York 94, Detroit 85	Charlotte 116, Indiana 108	L.A. Clippers 91, Boston 82	Chicago 131, Atlanta 117	Memphis 104, L.A. Lakers 99
Phoenix 115, Oklahoma City 97	Utah 120, Portland 105	Sacramento 95, Dallas 94	Miami at San Antonio, ppd	

Thursday's Games				
Washington 110, Cleveland 93	Milwaukee 136, Orlando 118	Phila. 110, Brooklyn 102	Golden State at Denver, ppd	

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
East					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	427
New England	9	6	0	.600	388
Miami	8	7	0	.533	305
e-N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	276

South					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	10	5	0	.667	357
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	420
e-Houston	4	11	0	.267	248
e-Jacksonville	2	13	0	.133	217

North					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	410
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	355
Pittsburgh	7	7	1	.500	301
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	314

West					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	421
L.A. Chargers	8	7	0	.533	408
Las Vegas	8	7	0	.533	316
Denver	7	8	0	.467	298

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
East					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	457

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Mega Millions jackpot
 \$221 million

Pick 2 Evening
 8-8, Fireball: 8

Pick 2 Midday
 9-7, Fireball: 6

Pick 3 Evening
 6-6-1, Fireball: 8

Pick 3 Midday
 5-7-1, Fireball: 6

Pick 4 Evening
 8-1-3-8, Fireball: 8

Pick 4 Midday
 7-0-4-8, Fireball: 6

Pick 5 Evening
 0-3-9-8-9, Fireball: 8

Pick 5 Midday
 9-7-2-0-4, Fireball: 6

Powerball jackpot
 \$483 million

ON THE AIRWAVES

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

12 p.m. (SEC): High Point at Kentucky

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

12 pm. (BTN): Ohio State at Michigan

NBA

10:30 p.m. (NBA): Portland Trail Blazers at Los Angeles Lakers

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. (ESPN): Taxslayer Gator Bowl – Wake Forest vs Rutgers

12 p.m. (CBS): Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl – Washington State vs Central Michigan

3:30 p.m. (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, SEC): CFP Semifinal at the Goodyear Cotton Bowl – Cincinnati vs Alabama

7:30 p.m. (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, SEC): CFP Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl – Georgia vs Michigan

HOCKEY

2 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Germany vs Austria

4:30 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Switzerland vs Sweden

7 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Canada vs Finland

7 p.m. (SUN): New York Rangers at Tampa Bay Lightning

9:30 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship United States vs Russia

PREP CALENDAR

BOYS BASKETBALL

TBD: Crystal River at Hernando Tournament

Phila.	8	7	0	.533	398	318
Washington	6	9	0	.400	297	407
e-N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	248	365

South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Tampa Bay	11	4	0	.733	442	312
Atlanta	7	8	0	.467	278	400
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	316	305
e-Carolina	5	10	0	.333	277	345

North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	383	324
Minnesota	7	8	0	.467	384	372
e-Chicago	5	10	0	.333	265	373
e-Detroit	2	12	1	.167	259	386

West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-L.A. Rams	11	4	0	.733	416	326
x-Arizona	10	5	0	.667	394	306
San Francisco	8	7	0	.533	377	334
e-Seattle	5	10	0	.333	306	307

Thursday's Games					
Tennessee 20, San Francisco 17	Saturday's Games	Green Bay 24, Cleveland 22	Indianapolis 22, Arizona 16	Sunday's Games	Atlanta 20, Detroit 16
Buffalo 33, New England 21	Cincinnati 41, Baltimore 21	Houston 41, L.A. Chargers 29	L.A. Rams 30, Minnesota 23	N.Y. Jets 26, Jacksonville 21	Phila. 34, N.Y. Giants 10
Tampa Bay 32, Carolina 6	Chicago 25, Seattle 24	Kansas City 36, Pittsburgh 10	Las Vegas 17, Denver 13	Dallas 56, Washington 14	Monday's Games
Miami 20, New Orleans 3	Sunday, Jan. 2	Atlanta at Buffalo, 1 p.m.	Jacksonville at New England, 1 p.m.	Kansas City at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.	L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Washington, 1 p.m.	Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.	Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.	Houston at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.	Arizona at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.	Carolina at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.	Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.	Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.			

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Friday, Dec. 17					
Bahamas Bowl	Nassau, Bahamas	Middle Tennessee 31, Toledo 24	Cure Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Coastal Carolina 47, N. Illinois 41
Saturday, Dec. 18	Boca Raton Bowl	Boca Raton, Fla.	W. Kentucky 59, Appalachian St. 38	Celebration Bowl	Atlanta
SC State 31, UTEP 24	New Mexico Bowl	Albuquerque	Fresno St. 31, UTEP 24	Independence Bowl	Shreveport, La.
UAB 31, No. 12 BYU 28	LendingTree Bowl	Mobile, Ala.	Liberty 56, E. Michigan 20	LA Bowl	Inglewood, Calif.
Utah St. 24, Oregon St. 13	New Orleans Bowl	New Orleans	No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette 36, Marshall 21	Monday, Dec. 20	Myrtle Beach Bowl
Conway, S.C.	Tulsa 30, Old Dominion 17	Tuesday, Dec. 21	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Boise, Idaho	Wyoming 52, Kent State 38
San Diego St. 38, UTSA 24	Armed Forces Bowl	Fort Worth, Texas	Army 24, Missouri 22	Thursday, Dec. 23	Frisco Bowl
Frisco, Texas	Frisco, Texas	Miami (Ohio) 27, North Texas 14	Gasparilla Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	UCF 29, Florida 17
Friday, Dec. 24					

Hawaii Bowl					
Honolulu	Memphis (6-6) vs. Hawaii (6-7), canceled	Saturday, Dec. 25	Camellia Bowl	Montgomery, Ala.	Georgia St. 51, Ball St. 20
Monday, Dec. 27	Quick Lane Bowl	Detroit	W. Michigan 52, Nevada 24	Military Bowl	Annapolis, Md.
Boston College (6-6) vs. East Carolina (7-5), canceled	Tuesday, Dec. 28	Birmingham Bowl	Birmingham, Ala.	No. 21 Houston 17, Auburn 13	SERVPRO First Responder Bowl
Dallas	Air Force 31, Louisville 28	Liberty Bowl	Memphis, Tenn.	Texas Tech 34, Mississippi St. 7	Holiday Bowl
San Diego	UCLA (8-4) vs. No. 18 NC State (9-3), canceled	Guaranteed Rate Bowl	Phoenix	Minnesota 18, West Virginia 6	Wednesday, Dec. 29
Fenway Bowl	Boston	Virginia (6-6) vs. SMU (8-4), canceled	Pinstripe Bowl	New York	Maryland 54, Virginia Tech 10
Cheez-It Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	No. 19 Clemson 20, Iowa St. 13	Alamo Bowl	San Antonio	No. 14 Oklahoma 47, No. 15 Oregon 32
Thursday, Dec. 30	Peach Bowl	Atlanta	Las Vegas Bowl	Las Vegas	Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Arizona St. (8-4), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 31	College Football Playoff Semifinal	Orange Bowl	Miami Gardens, Fla.	No. 2 Michigan (12-1) vs. No. 3 Georgia (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)	College Football Playoff Semifinal
Cotton Bowl Classic	Arlington, Texas	No. 1 Alabama (12-1) vs. No. 4 Cincinnati (13-0), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	No. 20 Wake Forest (10-3) vs. Rutgers (5-7), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas	Washington St. (7-5) vs. Cent. Michigan, Noon (CBS)	Arizona Bowl	Tucson, Ariz.	Cent. Michigan (8-4) vs. Boise St. (7-5), canceled
Saturday, Jan. 1	Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	No. 22 Arkansas (8-4) vs. Penn St. (7-5), Noon (ESPN2)	Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.
No. 17 Iowa (10-3) vs. No. 25 Kentucky (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)	Fiesta Bowl	Glendale, Ariz.	No. 5 Notre Dame (11-1) vs. No. 9 Oklahoma St. (11-2), 1 p.m. (ESPN)	Rose Bowl	Pasadena, Calif.
No. 7 Ohio St. (10-2) vs. No. 10 Utah (10-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)	Sugar Bowl	New Orleans	No. 6 Baylor (11-2) vs. No. 8 Mississippi (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Tuesday, Jan. 4	Texas Bowl
Houston	LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas St. (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)	Monday, Jan. 10	College Football Championship	Indianapolis	Semifinal winners, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Hester, Ware, Andre Johnson
1st-year Hall of Fame finalists

By **BARRY WILNER**
 AP Pro Football Writer

DeMarcus Ware, Andre Johnson and Devin Hester, all in their first year of eligibility, are finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's class of 2022.

The 15 modern-day players who will be considered on Jan. 18 by the selection committee include tackle Tony Boselli, in his sixth year as a finalist, and de-

fensive lineman Richard Seymour, in his fourth year. Other finalists announced Thursday are safety Leroy Butler, wide receivers Torry Holt and Reggie Wayne, linebackers Sam Mills and Zach Thomas – all finalists for the third time; defensive linemen Jared Allen and Bryant Young, and cornerback Ronde Barber, two-time finalists; and tackle Willie Anderson and linebacker Patrick Willis, their

first time in the finals. A maximum of five modern-day players can be elected for enshrinement in August to the Canton, Ohio, hall. The inductees will be announced on Feb. 10 at NFL Honors. Three others – Dick Vermeil in the coaching category, Art McNally as a contributor, and Cliff Branch as a senior player – also are candidates for the class of 2022.

COTTON

From page B1

“We’ve already had so much pressure on us throughout the entire season of marking off the checklist, so why add the pressure of every other non-Power

Duclair scores 2, Panthers rout NHL-leading Bolts

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNRISE — Anthony Duclair scored twice, Jonathan Huberdeau had a goal and four assists, and the Florida Panthers romped to a 9-3 rout of the NHL-leading Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Florida scored three times in each period against the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions and snapped Tampa Bay's four-game winning streak.

"We gave up too many chances to a really good team that wanted to beat us," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said, "and a team that we've handled and beat in the playoffs, and they haven't forgotten. After tonight, I won't forget this."

Frank Vatrano, Eetu Luostarinen, Maxim Mamin, Anton Lundell, Aaron Ekblad and Aleksander Barkov also scored to help the Panthers set a season high for goals in their league-leading 16th home win.

Spencer Knight made 39 saves.

Florida's team record for goals in a game is 10, against visiting Boston on Nov. 26, 1997.

"We have a lot of depth in our lineup when we're all healthy and it shows," Huberdeau said.

Steven Stamkos, Zach Bogosian and Brayden Point scored for Tampa Bay, which lost for only the second time in 11 games this month. Maxime Lagace

stopped 21 of 27 shots before giving way to Hugo Alnefelt, making his NHL debut, to start the third period.

Stamkos scored his 15th goal at 6:19 of the second to cut Tampa Bay's deficit to 4-2.

Florida then scored twice to build a four-goal cushion after two periods. Mamin poked in the puck for his fourth goal at 17:26 after Lagace stopped Carter Verhaeghe on a breakaway. Lundell added his seventh goal at 19:23.

"We got a little sloppy at different times but I thought there was a little swagger. Some of the plays being made were pretty special, especially on home ice," Panthers interim coach Andrew Brunette said. "It felt good."

Point, on the power play, Duclair, Ekblad and Barkov (short-handed) all scored in the third period.

"You want to (throw) this game out and turn the page," Tampa Bay's Mathieu Joseph said.

The Panthers went ahead 4-1 at 3:02 of the second when Luostarinen put in a rebound of Radko Gudas' wrist shot from the right point.

Vatrano's seventh goal, converting his own rebound from a shot off the crossbar, made it 3-0 at 14:21 of the first period.

Huberdeau's power-play goal at 11:22 gave Florida a 2-0 edge. It was his 11th goal of the season.



Lynne Sladky / AP

Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Maxime Lagace (33) defends the goal as Florida Panthers center Anton Lundell (15) prepares to shoot for a goal during the second period of Thursday's game in Sunrise.

Blue Jackets 4, Predators 3, 50

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gustav Nyquist scored in the fifth round of the shootout to give Columbus a win over Nashville.

Patrik Laine, back in the lineup after missing 19 games with an oblique strain, scored, Alexandre Texier added a goal, and Boone Jenner had a goal and an assist.

Elvis Merzlikins made 31 saves for the Blue Jackets, who snapped a two-game skid. Michael McCarron, Nick Cousins and former Blue Jackets player Ryan Johansen scored in regulation for the Predators. Matt Duchene had two assists, and David Rittich made 26 saves for Nashville.

Hurricanes 4, Canadiens 0

RALEIGH, N.C. — Antti Raanta made 26 saves, Teuvo Teravainen scored two goals and Carolina

excelled on special teams in a victory over Montreal.

The Hurricanes scored three times on power plays and another time short-handed in their first game in nearly two weeks. Nino Niederreiter and Seth Jarvis also scored, Jaccob Slavin had three assists and Sebastian Aho two assists. Montreal is 1-7-2 in its last 10 games.

Bucks complete sweep of Magic 136-118, push win streak to 5

By JOHN DENTON
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 33 points, Jrue Holiday added 25 points and Khris Middleton had 22 as the Milwaukee Bucks extended their winning streak to five games with a 136-118 victory over the Orlando Magic on Thursday night.

DeMarcus Cousins had 15 points off the bench for the Bucks, who completed a two-game sweep in Orlando. Antetokounmpo, who had his 11th 30-point game, added 12 rebounds for his 18th double-double.

"For sure, we have a complete team — great guys, great teammates and great talent — and the more we play together, the better we will get," Antetokounmpo said. "The sky is the limit for this team, but we've got to stay humble and stay hungry."

Franz Wagner, coming off a career-best 38-point effort on Tuesday, scored 20 points for Orlando. Moritz Wagner, older brother of the Magic rookie, had a season-best 19 points. Gary Harris added 17 points. Wendell Carter Jr. had 14 points and 10 rebounds as Orlando lost its fourth straight game and fell to 2-13 at home.

Antetokounmpo was too much for Orlando to handle.

"You want to get it out of (Antetokounmpo's) hands, but he's got four shooters around him," Orlando coach Jamahl Mosley said. "You say you will live with certain things, but he's so efficient in how he gets to the rim. They're world champs for a reason."

Milwaukee swept the four-game season series against the rebuilding Magic and pushed its winning streak against Orlando to 11 games, dating to 2019. The Bucks' only longer active winning streak is a 12-game run against Detroit. Nine of Milwaukee's last 11 wins over the Magic have been by double figures, including three routs this season.

The Bucks improved to 7-0 this season when three players scored at least 20 points. Also, their 136 points were a season high, and they are 10-0 when topping 120 points.

"To play off those three — Jrue, Khris and Giannis, we're very fortunate to have enough to win on the road," Milwaukee coach Mike Budenholzer said. "That's the key to being a good NBA team — you've got to have players. (GM)

Jon Horst and the front office have done a great job of putting together a roster with a lot of depth and a lot of different ways (to win). I love our roster and love the talent up and down it."

The Bucks, who improved to a season-best 11 games over .500, broke open a close game with a 17-5 outburst to close the third quarter. Antetokounmpo then scored 14 of Milwaukee's first 17 points of the fourth quarter. He finished with 16 points in the final period.

Orlando used a sizable second-half run to wipe out a big deficit. The Magic used a 17-3 run to tie the game at 71-all, prompting injured Magic players Cole Anthony and Jalen Suggs to playfully dance along the sidelines.

Orlando's only second-half lead, at 80-79, lasted five seconds, and Milwaukee responded with 10 straight points and a 17-5 run to regain control.

76ers 110, Nets 102

NEW YORK — Kevin Durant came back and Joel Embiid waved him off the floor.

Durant used the same dismissive motion toward the Philadelphia 76ers when they were in Brooklyn two weeks ago, but this time the final word — and more importantly the victory — went to Embiid.

Embiid scored 34 points and the 76ers spoiled Durant's return to the lineup by beating the Nets.

Embiid punctuated the victory with a follow shot while being fouled. He and Durant then both received technical fouls for jawing at each other and the center was talking to multiple Nets as the game ended, waving his arm to send them off the floor.

Afterward, the players professed a mutual respect for each other and their teams.

"If there's one player I think is probably talented or more talented than me, it's definitely him," Embiid said. "So I have a lot of respect for him. I admire his game. So we're just competitive. Wins matter, every single one of them, and it's always good to beat the best in the conference."

Durant downplayed the chatter, acknowledging that his gesture at the end of the Dec. 16 victory may have led to Embiid's.

"If you've been watching Joel and I play against each other, it's been like that every game, even the All-Star Game," Durant said. "We just respect each other so much that that natural competitive fire I guess comes out. So it's the name of the game."

Durant had 33 points in his first game in two weeks, having missed three games in health and safety protocols. He picked up right where he left off, having averaged 39.7 points in the three games before that.

But Embiid converted a tie-breaking three-point play with 3:14 remaining and Tyrese Maxey and Seth Curry hit 3-pointers to send the 76ers to their third

straight victory.

"Tonight's game was fun to be a part of but I think we shot ourselves in the foot throughout this game," Durant said. "But it's good to be back."

James Harden had 33 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for his sixth triple-double, continuing his strong stretch since returning from a three-game absence in health and safety protocols. But the Nets had no good answer for Embiid all night.

Maxey added five 3-pointers and 25 points, while Curry scored 17 for the 76ers, who were led by assistant coach Dan Burke after Doc Rivers was placed in health and safety protocols earlier Thursday.

Wizards 110, Cavaliers 93

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal had 29 points and 10 assists in his first game back from the NBA's health and safety protocols as the Washington Wizards beat the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Beal, in his first game action in 12 days, shot 13 of 23 from the floor in 34 minutes, then confirmed postgame that he had joined the heavy majority of NBA players in receiving his first virus vaccine.

"For me, it's selfishly I'm more concerned about my father and my family," Beal said. "The last thing I want to do is see him in the hospital on the table. So if that helps, then I'll do it. But I still have a lot of questions and concerns about it."

Kyle Kuzma had 25 points and 10 rebounds for Washington, which shot 45 of 90 from the floor (50%) and committed only eight turnovers. The Wizards (18-17) seized the lead for good midway through the second quarter and avoided falling below .500 for the first time this season.

Deni Avdija scored 13 points and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope made four 3-pointers for 12 points in his return from a virus-related absence.

Kevin Love had 24 points and 11 rebounds for Cleveland in its first game since losing point guard Ricky Rubio for the season with a torn left ACL. Evan Mobley added 21 points as Cleveland lost consecutive games for the first time since Dec. 5-6.



Jacob M. Langston / AP

Milwaukee Bucks center Bobby Portis Jr., left, and forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, right, defend against Orlando Magic forward Franz Wagner during the first half of Thursday's game in Orlando.



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Our local food pantries often find their stock of non-perishable food items depleted after the holidays. The Nature Coast Volunteer Center and Retired & Senior Volunteer Program is holding a food drive in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., who once asked "What are you doing for others?" Our goal is to help our local food pantries serve the citizens of Citrus County by providing nutritional food for their families.




All donations should be in cans, boxes, plastic containers or sealed packages.



Suggested donations include:

- ✓ Peanut Butter
- ✓ Whole Grain Pasta
- ✓ Pasta Sauces
- ✓ Whole Grain Oats and Cereal
- ✓ Brown Rice
- ✓ Canned Tuna & Chicken in water
- ✓ Canned Fruits in natural juices
- ✓ Canned Vegetables in water
- ✓ Canned Soup (low sodium preferred)

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Nature Coast Volunteer Center at (352) 527-5959 or via email at nccvc@citrusbocc.com.

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Good Times



Kick off the New Year with a hike

Get your New Year off to a great start by taking a first day hike at 8 a.m. Jan. 1 at Crystal River Preserve State Park, 3266 N. Sailboat Ave.

Group hikes are led by state park volunteers and begin at the 7-mile loop trailhead. Hikers will choose between a 2-mile out and back hike or the full 7-mile loop.

Hikers will cross over tidal creeks, hike alongside salt marshes and walk through pine flatwoods. Those on the long hike will travel through an oak hammock.

Hikes are free and open to the public with no pre-registration necessary. Donations will be used to sustain future interpretive park programs.

Participants should wear sturdy, close-toed shoes, dress for the weather, bring a snack, water and bug spray. Those doing the 7-mile trek should bring two containers of water, as there is no water available on the trail. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Woman's club to do barbecue fundraiser

Come and enjoy barbecue pulled pork sandwiches from the Woman's Club of Dunnellon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 8 at the clubhouse, 11756 Cedar St.

This is a takeout only event. The cost is \$10 per sandwich and includes coleslaw, baked beans and a brownie.

Proceeds from all club fundraisers benefit local charities and college scholarships. For more information, call Susi at 727-460-0435.

Paint with the Women of Sugarmill Woods

The Women of Sugarmill Woods are hosting a painting party at the Crazy Mermaid Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 13, 5450 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

For \$35, try your hand at painting, enjoy a glass of wine, coffee or water and snack on some finger food.

To register, visit ThatCrazyMermaidLady.com. For more information, contact Roxanne Soden at rmsoden@gmail.com or 630-212-7173.

Chance to view, buy postcard memories

The Sunshine Post Card Club's show and sale will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Country Inn and Suites, Lakeside Events Center, 4750 N. Dale Mabry Highway in Tampa.

Admission is \$3 and parking is free. Complimentary coffee and pastries are available.

For more information, call Leah Schnall at 941-753-8794 or email leahcard@aol.com

Audition for an Art Center thriller

The Art Center of Citrus

Travel: What to expect in 2022

Trends spotted for new year of continued challenges

By FAMILY FEATURES

After a couple of abnormal years, many families are eager and ready to travel together again, and there are indications some pandemic-influenced travel behaviors will persist in 2022.

For example, remote work and virtual school allowed families to travel and combine work and vacation time into "flexcation" getaways, a trend that will continue, according to the 2022 Vrbo Trend Report.

In addition to the 44 percent of families that said they're more likely to work remotely from a place that's not their home, extended stays are also on the rise. The vacation home site and app has seen a 68 percent increase in demand for three- to four-week stays over the past year.

Consider these 2022 trends spotted by the travel experts at Vrbo:

Up-and-coming destinations

Spots in Ohio, New York and Alaska saw double vacation rental demand over the past year. Within driving distance of major Midwest metros like Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, Cincinnati was the year's top emerging destination.

Other up-and-comers include Niagara Falls, a popular choice for those who wanted to experience life at the border. Yorktown, Vir-



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ginia, the location of the last Revolutionary War battle, allows history buffs to witness a battle reenactment.

Adventurous travelers trekked to Matanuska-Susitna, Alaska, to enjoy the wilderness of Denali National Park and Preserve, breathtaking glaciers and surrounding mountains.

Chalet all day

You may have heard of Cabincore and Cottagecore, but chalets are a trending aesthetic that inspires family travel. Chalets saw a nearly 85 percent increase in demand year over year.

Located on lakefronts or

nestled in the woods, these charming and idyllic properties are desirable lodging options for many families.

Traveling with the pack

Many families adopted pandemic pets because they had more time at home to spend with their furry friends. Now more people are bringing Fido and Fluffy along on vacation; 68 percent of pet parents have traveled, plan to travel or would like to travel with their pets.

What's more, there has been a 40 percent increase in demand year-over-year for pet-friendly vacation homes.

Kids call the shots

After being cooped up at home, it may be no surprise parents are letting their kids have a bigger say in vacation planning.

Compared to pre-pandemic times, half of the families surveyed said they're more likely to let their kids decide where they vacation and 43 percent of parents are more likely to let their kids skip school for vacation.

Early bird bookers

If 2021 was any indication, families will continue booking their vacations further in advance. Booking activity occurred

an average of two to three months earlier than usual for several major travel seasons.

Families booked summer travel in February, holiday trips in July and snowbirds got a head start on booking warm weather stays for 2022.

In fact, 60 percent of survey respondents said they plan to book their vacations earlier than they did in pre-pandemic times with nearly half making plans three to five months in advance.

Find more ideas for planning your next vacation, along with the full report, at Vrbo.com.

Tips for planning the perfect pet-friendly getaway

By FAMILY FEATURES

For pet parents, traveling can be tricky, from finding a reliable pet sitter to worrying about your pet's separation anxiety while you're gone. To help alleviate some stress, consider a popular alternative: bringing your pet along for the journey.

As Americans are hitting the roads, many will do so with their pets. The majority (54 percent) of cat and dog owners plan to travel with their pets in the next year, according to a survey by Motel 6, an economy lodging option where pets always stay free.

"Traveling with your pet is great for socialization and training, especially for younger animals," said Dr. Rhonda Phillips, veterinarian and Patriot PAWS board member. "Just a few simple steps like thinking twice while packing, making pit stops along the way and doing some research before your trip can help take away some of the stress pet owners may have about traveling with their furry friends."

Phillips recommends these tips for pet owners planning



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When traveling by car, dogs should be harnessed or leashed, and cats should be in a carrier to provide accident protection and prevent them from jumping out.

a trip with a cat or dog:

Check with your vet

If you are traveling between states, be aware some states require a health certificate if you're visiting for more than 10 days, which your veterinarian can provide. It's also a good idea to get some advice before traveling if your pet is prone to anxiety or nausea during travel.

Don't forget pit stops

More than one-third (39 percent) of those planning to travel with a pet within

the next year said the next trip they plan to take is a road trip.

While road tripping, it is crucial for pets to have regular bathroom breaks and stretch their legs, just like humans. Phillips recommends stopping every 2-4 hours, depending on age and size of the animal.

Beat the heat

Never leave your pet in the car, even with the windows cracked. The temperature in your vehicle can rise almost 20 degrees in 10 minutes and increase the longer you

are away. Heat strokes can be fatal to animals within minutes.

Also be aware sunburns can occur in dogs, primarily those with light or white-colored fur. Just like human sunburns, they can potentially lead to cancer, so ensure your pet doesn't spend too much time in the sun.

Scope out pet-friendly lodging

Finding pet-friendly lodging accommodations is the biggest hurdle when traveling with a furry friend, according to 44 percent of pet parents surveyed. Before booking, ensure any hotels you're considering are pet-friendly to avoid any surprises like extra fees. One option is Motel 6, which is one of the few hotels where pets stay free.

You can have up to two pets per room with a combined weight of 150 pounds or less. Other local restrictions may apply, so it's a good idea to contact the specific property before you plan to travel.

Don't pack light

Bring your pet's food and water bowls as well as toys when traveling, as the familiarity can help ease anxiety. Travel with an assortment of entertainment options, such as catnip toys for cats, tug and chew toys or even ice cubes, to keep your pet's mind busy and avoid boredom.

Also pack a pet emergency kit filled with your furry friend's medications, light bandage material, roll gauze, medical tape, topical triple antibiotic ointment and eye wash.

Keep pets contained

When traveling by car, dogs should be harnessed or leashed, and cats should be in a carrier to provide accident protection and prevent them from jumping out.

When staying in a pet-friendly hotel, bring a collapsible kennel or carrier to keep pets from running out the door and protect housekeepers who may enter the room.

Find more information at motel6.com/en/home/promo/pet-friendly.html.

AT THE LIBRARY

Color Me Happy: 12:30 p.m.
Artistic Doodling: 1 p.m.
Citrus Libraries Coping Connection: 1 p.m.
Backgammon Group: 4 p.m.

Jan. 5
Books & Babies: 10 a.m.
Little Learners: 11 a.m.
Kids' Movie Time: Movie Showing, 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 6
Microsoft Word – Getting Started: 10:15 a.m.
Beverly Hills Chess Club: 1 p.m.

Jan. 7
Diamondizers! (Diamond Painting): 1 p.m.
Reel Time Movie Showing: 1 p.m.
Coastal Region, Crystal River, 352-795-3716
Jan. 4

Tech Talk – Android, Beyond the Basics: 10:15 a.m.
Community Jam Session: 2 p.m.

Jan. 5
Nature Coast Bead Society: 9 a.m.

Jan. 6
"Reduce, Reuse, Craft! Flower Greeting Card": 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 7
Sit and Be Fit!: 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 7
Sewing 101 – Valentine Potholders: 10 a.m.

Reel Time Movie Showing: 1 p.m.
Homosassa, 352-628-5626
Jan. 4
Books & Babies: 10 a.m.
A Novel Bunch: 10:30 a.m.
Little Learners: 11 a.m.
Sunset Stories: 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 5

Tech Talk – Healthy Living Tech: 10:15 a.m.
3D Printing Pen Projects: 2 p.m.

Jan. 6
Sewing for Beginners, 11 a.m.
Citrus Strings Chamber Music Group: 1 p.m.

Jan. 7
Genealogy 1-on-1: 10 a.m.
The Knit Wits of Homosassa: 1 p.m.

Jan. 8
DAR Workshop/Training Chapter Growth: Roundtable, noon

Lakes Region, Inverness, 352-726-2357
Jan. 4
STEM @ Your Library – Winter in Wonderland: 2 p.m.

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GOOD TIMES

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County will host auditions for "Something to Hide" at 2 p.m. Jan. 15 and 16, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando. The cast has three male and four female roles.

This ingenious thriller follows an author who finds out his wife and publisher ran over and killed his mistress in a car. They agree to dispose of the body and the rest of the play reveals the true relationship between husband and wife.

- Show dates include:
- 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. March 25
 - 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. March 26
 - 2 to 4:30 p.m. March 27
 - 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 1
 - 2 to 4:30 p.m. April 2
 - 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 2
 - 2 to 4:30 p.m. April 3
 - 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 8
 - 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 9
 - 2 to 4:30 p.m. April 10
- For more information, call 352-746-7606.

Military Card Party on tap

The public is invited to a fun afternoon of card games, attempting to "capture the flag," at the annual Military Card Party, sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 19, 550 U.S. 41 in Inverness.

Featured are a delicious buffet luncheon, dessert and an afternoon of cards and door prizes. The cost is \$15 per player and reservations

are required. Funds raised support the many charities the Catholic Women's Club supports each year.

Space is limited. To make a reservation, call Jeanne at 763-560-7324.

Garden Club plans mah-jongg party

The Citrus Garden Club is hosting a mah-jongg party at 9 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club's Windsor/Hampton room, 509 E. Hartford St. in Hernando.

The party includes morning coffee and a luncheon choice of taco salad or chicken salad wrap with potato salad, as well as strawberry cloud cake for dessert. There will be prizes galore, raffle baskets and a share-the-wealth drawing.

Be sure to bring one mah-jongg set per table and each player must bring their 2021 NMJL card.

Tournament play and luncheon is \$30 per person. Checks should be made out to the Citrus Garden Club with specified lunch choices. Proceeds from this event help fund civic projects and youth scholarships.

For reservations or more information, call Dee at 352-697-1846 or Patty at 352-527-4164.

Theater presents winter musical comedy

The Art Center Theatre presents their winter musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Jan. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at the Art Center of Citrus County, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando. Friday and Saturday night showings are at 7:30 p.m.

and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Travel back to ancient Rome in this classical comedy where Pseudolus, a crafty Roman slave, struggles to win the hand of a beautiful, but slow-witted courtesan named Philia for his young master, Hero, in exchange for freedom. The plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors, and a few trips around the seven hills of Rome.

The original 1962 Broadway production won six Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Author.

Tickets are \$21. Box office hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 352-746-7606 or visit artcentertheatre.org.

Ladies of the Elks to have charity fashion show

The West Citrus Ladies of the Elks will have their charity fashion show, "Celebrating the Fabulous You," at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at the lodge, 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa.

Fashions are by Janet of Sarasota. Guests will have a chance to shop for clothes with everything from casual to dressy, enjoy lunch and win a raffle basket.

Tickets are \$30. For more information, call Kathy at 352-586-8886.

Third Nature Coast Exhibit coming up

The Art Center of Citrus County announces their Nature Coast Exhibit No. 3 with take-in from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 9, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando.

Entry fees for two works

are \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members. The cost is \$5 per each additional work up to five.

An artist reception will take place from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Feb. 11. This is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and winning works announced.

Exhibit pickup for artists is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 23. Call 352-746-7606 or visit artcenterofcitruscounty.org.

Reserve now for George Carlin tribute show

Joe Beddia, comedian and entertainer, presents "Who Said I'm Dead." This George Carlin tribute show is part of "Night of Comedy" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at Kellner Auditorium, 92 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills.

Carlin was one of the greatest comedians of his time and Beddia gives a shot-gun delivery of his classics from the 1990s. This show won awards for best comedy tribute show in Las Vegas and Orlando and Beddia has performed in Citrus Hills, Villages and other areas of Central Florida.

Guest emcee and opening act Harvey Hamerling has appeared at comedy shows around the country. Guests should note this show is R-rated for adult humor and language. The cost is \$20 with refreshments included.

Masks are suggested per current CDC guidelines. There will be separation between seats and sanitizer will be available. COVID-19 guidelines are subject to change.

Homosassa First UMC to host Paul Todd

The Arts Council of Homosassa First United Methodist Church will host Paul Todd in concert at 3 p.m. March 5, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. in Homosassa.

Although Todd is first and foremost a Christian artist, his concerts include original, classical, popular and Broadway selections. He accompanies himself by playing six keyboards simultaneously. His fingers and feet move at lightning fast speed, which the audience can see on a large mirror set up behind the keyboards.

Also known for his smooth and powerful vocals, he combines talent with wit to help make his concerts an unforgettable family night out. Paul travels with his son, Paul Todd Jr., a gifted singer, songwriter and percussionist.

General admission is \$15 with \$20 reserved seating. For more information, call 352-601-6368 or visit lumc.org.

LIBRARIES

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- Jan. 5
Tweens & Teens – Winter Jars: 2 p.m.
Yang Tai Chi 13: 4:45 p.m.
- Jan. 6
Tech Talk – Simplify Your Tablet or Phone: 10:15 a.m.
Quilting with the Inverness Quilters: 1 p.m.
- Jan. 7
Genealogy 1-on-1: 10 a.m.
Nature Coast Carving Club: 10 a.m.
Dulcimer Jam and Beginner Lessons: 1 p.m.
Art Talk – What it Takes to Be an Artist and Writer with Steven John Albin: 1:30 p.m.
- Jan. 8
Democratic Women's Club of Citrus County: 2 p.m.
Floral City, 352-726-3671
- Jan. 6
Beyond the Basics Tai Chi: 9:30 a.m.
Beginner Tai Chi: 10:45 a.m.
- Jan. 7
Tiny Tales: 10 a.m.



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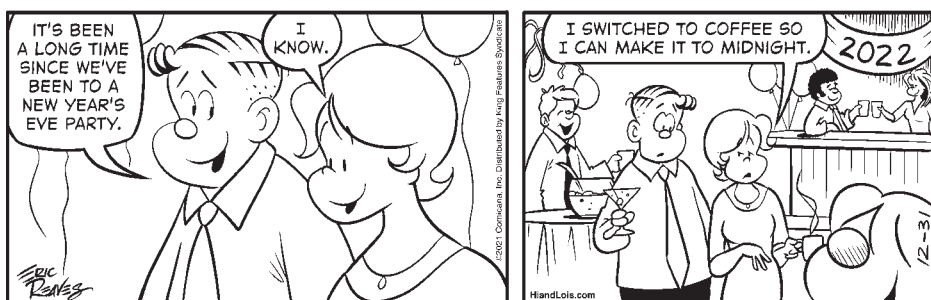
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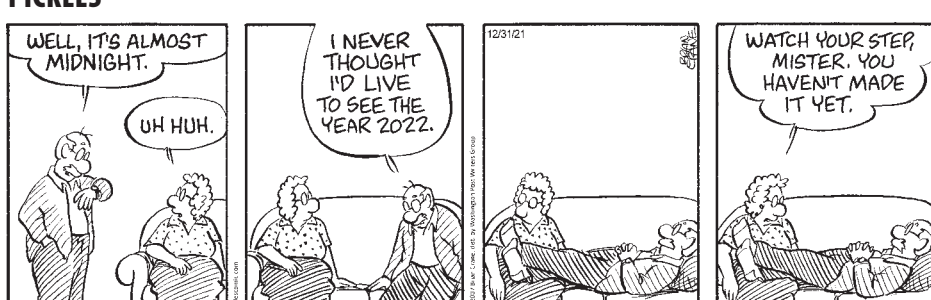
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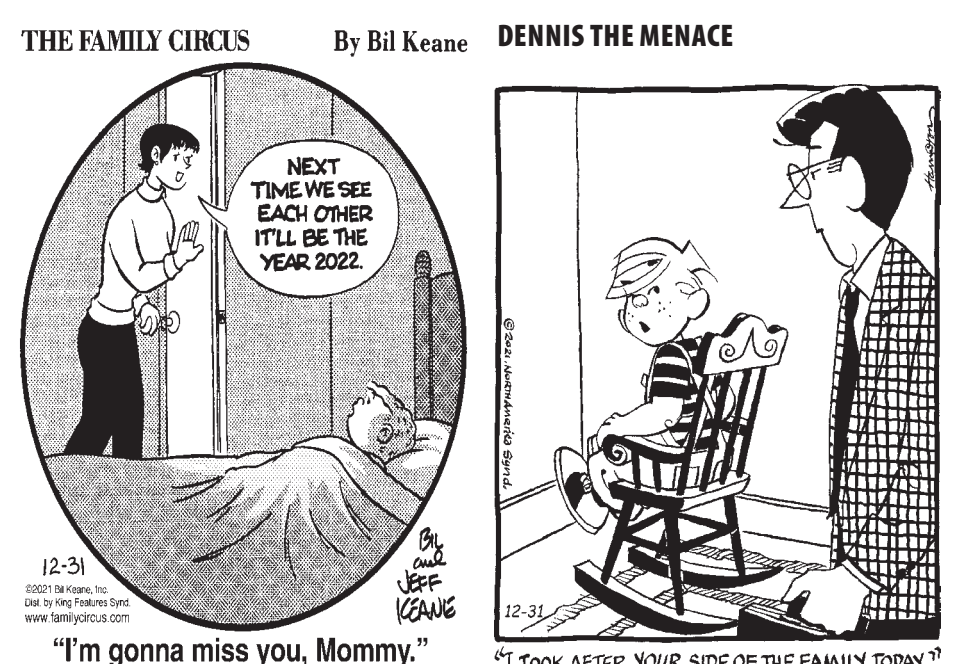
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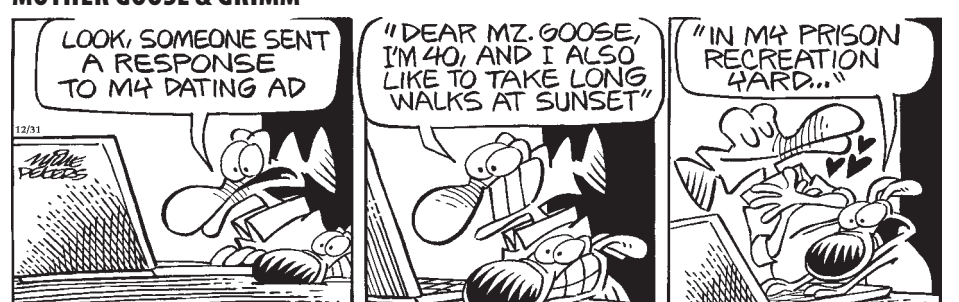
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ASTROGRAPH

By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Take the necessary steps to bring about positive change. It's up to you to make things happen, so stop waiting for someone to do the legwork for you. Use your ingenuity to find a unique way to use your skills to get ahead. Control your emotions, stick to the truth and spend only what's necessary to achieve your goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Start supporting yourself instead of someone else, and you'll figure out the best way to move forward. Spend time with someone who can help you recognize what you have to offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make up your mind. Refuse to let what others do stop you from following through with your plans. Be passionate about life and the things you love to do. Set doable goals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep life simple. Don't exaggerate or let indulgence get the best of you. Pace yourself and close this year on a high note. Surround yourself with people who share

your goals and beliefs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Revamp your resume or rethink how best to use your skills. Plan to get involved in groups or organizations that interest you, and you'll discover a way to use your talents, knowledge and skills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Investigate possibilities that have the potential to raise your enthusiasm. If you do the legwork, you'll discover a way to turn something you enjoy doing into a lucrative pastime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Handle partnerships with caution. Leave nothing to chance, and don't give others access to your personal and financial matters. Head into the new year with a plan, but don't share it prematurely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Discuss lifestyle changes, and put a plan together that encourages you to spend time with loved ones. You'll discover that you have more support than you realize. Creative input will help you immensely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Limit indulgence and start the year off right. You'll find it

rewarding to spend time with someone unique, making plans for the upcoming year and reminiscing about the days gone by.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Put a plan in place. Get out with friends who offer a different perspective. Don't let anyone cause emotional mayhem. Embrace the shift from one year to the next with optimism and courage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You can't please everyone. Focus on mapping out a plan that will help you achieve your goal. It's not the time to be lazy or to let others make decisions for you. Be responsible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Close one door and open another. It's time to let go of the past and walk toward the sunshine. Life is what you make it, and taking charge and following your heart will lead to new beginnings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll get upset if you overindulge or spend time with people who don't see things your way. Restrictions will help you avoid making a mistake. Don't make promises you cannot keep.

MOVIE SCHEDULES

Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187 Friday, Dec. 31

"American Underdog" PG: 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:30, 11 p.m.
"Sing 2" PG: 12:15, 3:30, 7:45, 11:15 p.m.
"The King's Man" R: noon, 3:45, 7:15, 10:45 p.m.
"The Matrix Resurrections" R: 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 10:15 p.m.
"Spider-man: No Way Home" PG13: 11, 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 3, 6:30, 7, 10, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 1
"American Underdog" PG: 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:30, 11 p.m.
"Sing 2" PG: 12:15, 3:30, 7:45, 11:15 p.m.
"The King's Man" R: noon, 3:45, 7:15, 10:45 p.m.
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Sunday, Jan. 2
"American Underdog" PG: 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:30, 11 p.m.
"Sing 2" PG: 12:15, 3:30, 7:45, 11:15 p.m.
"The King's Man" R: noon, 3:45, 7:15, 10:45 p.m.
"The Matrix Resurrections" R: 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 10:15 p.m.
"Spider-man: No Way Home" PG13: 11, 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 3, 6:30, 7, 10, 10:30 p.m.

Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850
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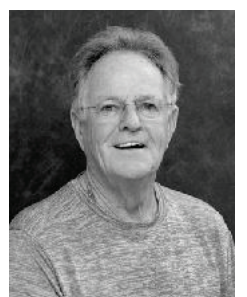

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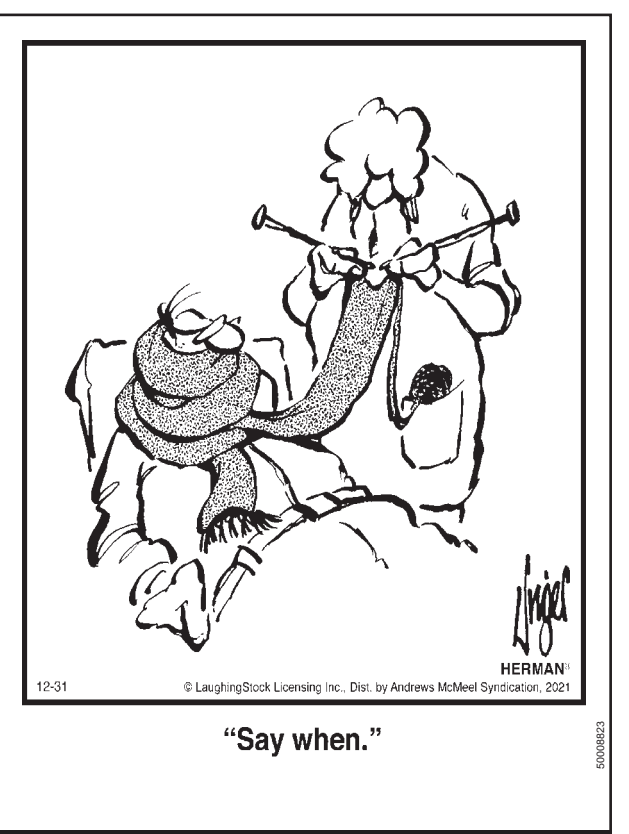
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6724-0107 FCRN 2021-CP-1079
Betty Ann Wilson Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. **2021-CP-1079**

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY ANN WILSON, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BETTY ANN WILSON, deceased, whose date of death was September 21, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for CITRUS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative:
BEVERLY HINTON
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Newnan, Georgia 30263

Attorney for Personal Representative:
ROBERT S. CHRISTENSEN, ESQ.
Attorney for the estate
Florida Bar Number: 0075272
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CREDITORS

6725-0107 FCRN David W. Ditchfield
2021-CP-001178 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE CASE NO. 2021-CP-001178

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID W. DITCHFIELD aka DAVID WAYNE DITCHFIELD, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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6690-1231 FCRN 2021-DR-1779 Notice of Action For Termination of Parental Rights and Stepparent Adoption IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2021-DR-1779

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILDREN:

CORBIN TOBIAS GENDRON d/o/b 10/31/2008, DANNY ETHAN GENDRON d/o/b 03/11/2011, Minor Children/Adoptees.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND STEPPARENT ADOPTION

TO: LEVON EDDIE GARCIA
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 9765 SOUTH BROOK DR APT 2116 JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA 32256

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Joint Petition for Adoption by Stepparent has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on CHARI GENDRON CUMBUS AND DANIEL EARL CUMBUS, whose address is c/o LAW OFFICE CHARLES P. VAUGHN, 120 N. SEMINOLE AVE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, on or before January 9, 2022, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FLORIDA 34450 before ser-

LEGALS

vice on Petitioner or immediately thereafter.

If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The minor children are identified as follows:
Date of Birth October 31, 2008 March 11, 2011
Place of Birth ORLANDO, FLORIDA WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

Physical Description of Respondent:
Age: 43
Race:
Hair Color: Unknown
Eye Color: Unknown
Approximate Height: Unknown
Approximate Weight: UNKNOWN

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
Dated: 12/3/2021

ANGELA VICK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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By: /s/ Samantha Leap (Deputy Clerk)

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6721-0107 FCRN
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CREDITORS

6723-0107 FCRN Steven Timothy Curtis
2021-CP-001152 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE CASE NO. 2021-CP-001152

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF STEVEN TIMOTHY CURTIS aka TIM CURTIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Steven Timothy Curtis aka Tim Curtis, deceased, whose date of death was October 25, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 31, 2021.

Personal Representative:
Garett E. Curtis
4104 N. Ehlers Road
Midland, MI 48642

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Denise VanNess, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0845050
VanNess & VanNess, P.A.
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Solution to Thursday's puzzle 12/31/21

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

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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ACROSS

- 1 Shed
- 5 Antenna type
- 8 Cut off, as branches
- 11 Funny bone
- 13 Society column word
- 14 Fifi's boyfriend
- 15 Physicist Nikola —
- 16 A Gershwin
- 17 Business abbr.
- 18 Wildcat
- 20 Lebanon neighbor
- 22 Usher's beat
- 24 Heat unit
- 25 Same old grind
- 26 Pulpit
- 28 Stray dogs
- 32 Poem by Keats
- 33 "Of course!"
- 34 Shoelace annoyance

- 35 Purposes
- 37 Former New York stadium
- 39 Unduly
- 40 Prescribed amount
- 41 Belief systems
- 42 Brat
- 43 Vinyl records
- 45 Where Bologna is
- 47 Stone monument
- 50 Naked
- 51 Fashion accessory
- 52 Historian's word
- 54 Ready to fight
- 58 Potato st.
- 59 — liver oil
- 60 Bond return
- 61 Kind of student
- 62 Alfalfa
- 63 Freeway ramp

DOWN

- 1 NY baseballer
- 2 Bullfight yell

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	I	N	G		A	F	T		M	A	I	D	
A	R	E	A		K	E	Y		I	N	C	A	
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- 3 Flour sack abbr.
- 4 Knells
- 5 PC operating system
- 6 Any ship
- 7 Luau
- 8 Animal's home
- 9 Former Atlanta stadium
- 10 Typewriter type
- 12 Ambush
- 19 Unconquerable foe
- 21 "Oh, gross!"
- 22 Sound
- 23 Inventory list
- 24 Arty locale
- 25 Highway
- 27 Derisive snorts
- 29 Up to
- 30 Wide
- 31 Quit
- 36 Deal in
- 38 In error
- 44 Fuzzy fruit
- 46 Hawk's hangout
- 47 Stay afloat
- 48 Ocean motion
- 49 "I say!"
- 50 Physique
- 53 Himalayan gazelle
- 55 Tex- — cuisine
- 56 O.T. judge
- 57 Banned bug spray

1	2	3	4			5	6	7		8	9	10
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Friday, December 31, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- FLUCTUATE

(FLUCTUATE: FLUK-chu-wate: To shift back and forth uncertainly.)

Average mark 30 words
Time limit 45 minutes

Can you find 43 or more words in FLUCTUATE?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- RANGIER

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|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| rage | raring | ringer | garner |
| rain | rear | ager | gear |
| rang | regain | anger | grain |
| range | reign | angrier | grin |
| ranger | rein | near | earn |
| rani | reran | gain | earring |
| rare | ring | gainer | erring |

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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BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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

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1. December 31st's "pet" gripes (1)

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2. NYC Times area carnival (1)

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3. Amazed the gathered multitude (1)

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4. Robust bash to welcome 2022 (2)

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5. Lit-up time's touristy things to see (1)

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6. "New York, New York" singer Sinatra's gratitude (1)

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7. Approaching New Year's ball-dropping hooraying (2)

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6722-0107 FCRN

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CREDITORS

6685-1210 FCRN 2021-CP-975

Walter Glen Shelton, Jr. Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2021-CP-975

IN RE: ESTATE OF
WALTER GLEN SHELTON, JR.,
Deceased.

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WALTER GLEN SHELTON, JR., deceased, whose date of death was December 10, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for CITRUS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is December 24, 2021.

Personal Representative:
SHERYL L. SHELTON
4210 S. Big Al Point
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Attorney for Personal Representative:
ROBERT S. CHRISTENSEN, ESQ.
Attorney for the estate
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CREDITORS

6726-0107 FCRN Mariam Catherine Mulhall

01-2021-CP-000986 Notice to Creditors
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CREDITORS

IN RE: The Estate of
MARIAM CATHERINE MULHALL,
Deceased.

File No.: 01-2021-CP-000986

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARIAM CATHERINE MULHALL, deceased, whose date of death was August 8, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the mailing address of which is: 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness Florida, 34450, and the physical address of which is: 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness Florida, 34450. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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