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NEWS BRIEFS

Food giveaway Wednesday at the fairgrounds

Let's Feed Citrus will have its Christmas food giveaway beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Citrus County Fairgrounds, 3600 S. Florida Ave., Inverness - drive-thru only. First come, first served.

County gov't offices closed for Christmas

Citrus County government offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 27 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Normal hours of operation and services will resume Dec. 28 with the following exceptions:

- Citrus County Animal Services will be closed to the public Dec. 24 and 25. Normal hours of operation will resume Dec. 28. For more information, call 352-746-8400.
- The Citrus County Library System will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 27. Normal hours of operation will resume Dec. 28. For more information, call 352-746-9077.
- The Citrus County Central Landfill will close at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 24 and will be closed on Dec. 25. The administrative office will be closed both days and there will be no hazardous waste drop-off. Normal hours will resume Dec. 27. For more information, call 352-527-
- Bicentennial Park Pool will be closed Dec. 24 to 27.

Clerk's office will close for holiday

The clerk's office will be closed Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Day to coincide with the Fifth Judicial Circuit's holiday calendar. They will reopen on Jan. 3.

All other local government offices will be open Dec. 31 and closed on Jan. 3. This includes Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Citrus County Property Appraiser, Citrus County Tax Collector and Citrus County Supervisor of Elections offices.

As an alternative, visit their website at citrusclerk.org to make online payments, search court case information and initiate a marriage license application. Online services provide the public an avenue to record documents, enroll in a payment plan, search official records and court records, request public records and more.

Reinhardt, Pierson file for state rep

Democrat Nancy Pierson and Republican Paul Reinhardt have filed papers to run for District 34 state representative in the 2022 general election.

Both are from vying for the seat currently occupied by Rep. Ralph Massullo, R-Lecanto, who will run for the State Senate District 10 in 2022.

Reinhardt, who lives in Beverly Hills, ran as a Democrat against Massullo for state representative in 2018 but lost by a wide margin. He is a committeeman with the Republican Party of Citrus County Florida Precinct 206, a member of the Citrus County Florida Republican Executive Committee and former professor at the College of Central Florida.

Pierson, who lives in Hernando, is a retired sheriff's deputy from Michigan and is currently a part-time case manager at West Marion Community Hospital in Oc-

U.S. 19 widening project resumes

Company bankruptcy had stopped work in November

Florida's Best Community

By MICHAEL D. BATES

Chronicle Reporter

Work on the third and final segment of the U.S. 19 widening project is set to resume Wednesday.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) said it has a new contractor to complete the 2.1-mile stretch from West Green Acres Street to South Jump Court in Homosassa. That work started in November 2016 and experienced numerous work stoppages over the years. It came to a complete halt in July when the original project contractor (D.A.B. Constructors) filed for



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nary work Wednesday with reg- spokeswoman Kris Carson.

Palm Harbor-based Nelson Con- ular contract work scheduled to struction will start the prelimi- begin Jan. 3, according to FDOT

What complicates matters is that the U.S. 19 project was divided into three separate segments: West Green Acres Street to South Jump Court in Homosassa, West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail through Crystal River and the multi-use trail construction from the Hernando County line to Green Acres Street.

Tampa-based PCS Civil will complete the widening of the 4.7-mile section from West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail. St. Augustine-based Watson Civil Construction is finishing up the multi-use path.

To keep track of all these and other FDOT projects in Citrus County and the region, visit https://www. fdot.gov/

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Kym Holzwart, senior environmental scientist with the Southwest Florida Water Management District, scoops a small snook from King's Bay Monday, Dec. 13. She, along with other members of her agency, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Nature Coast Biological Station and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission work in unison to catch snook from the bay utilizing specialized boats that use electric current to stun fish so they can be collected, tagged and return them to the water for research purposes.

Stunning catch of the day

Biologists shock snook to study migration patterns

By BUSTER THOMPSON Chronicle Reporter

Anglers fish with hooks, lines and sinkers to get their catch of the day. Biologists on the other hand use electrofishing to stun and collect their wild specimens, and state scientists needed the shocking upper hand to catch and release their latest fish of study – the prized

Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) researchers on Monday, Dec. 13, launched a multi-year endeavor to learn more about how and through to the end of 2023.

when common snook swim during the winter into King's Bay, Crystal River, for warmth within its

'You can't really manage a population of fish unless you understand their biology," said Kym Rouse Holzwart, manager of the King's Bay, Crystal River System Snook Tagging Project. "Results will also contribute to the overall understanding of the King's Bay ecosystem."

SWFWMD partnered with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Nature Coast Biological Station to tag and monitor snook

laborative team," said Holzwart, a senior environmental scientist with SWFWMD. "We have the snook experts of Florida so I feel very fortunate we have the 'A-team' for this project."

This study started after years of SWFWMD and FWC fishery data confirmed observations in recent years of snook expanding farther north during the winter along Florida's coasts to seek thermal refuge inshore.

Snook can't tolerate water temperatures below 60 degrees, according to FWC.

'It needs some place to go when it gets cold," Holzwart said. Snook in the Gulf of Mexico tra-

ditionally live around Tampa Bay

"I'm really excited about this col- in the winter, Holzwart said, but rising temperatures and devastating red tide have appeared to force the fish northward into the Suwannee River, Cedar Key and King's Bay.

Holzwart said the snook-tagging project hopes to shed more light on the fish's recent pattern of winter migrations in King's Bay.

"Their range expansion is new," she said. "Do they behave the same as they do in their normal range?"

Common Snook can grow up to 4 feet long and weigh up to 50 pounds.

"They're a prized game fish," Holzwart said. "Fishermen along the Nature Coast are going to be very happy about this."

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Special to the Chronicle Rose Strawn, Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County family services director, died Nov. 24 at age 67.

POSTSCRIPT

Rose Strawn's passion: Getting people into their own homes

By NANCY KENNEDY

Chronicle Reporter

Karen Carpenter was a divorced single mom struggling self and had lost my first think I deserved it, that someto make ends meet when she first met Rose Strawn.

At that time, Rose was Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County family services director, and Karen very positive and uplifting.

for the home ownership pro-

application. So, I thought maybe it's not meant to be," she said. "But they gave me another application ... and when I met Rose, she was

had filled out an application It was like we had known each other forever.

"When she approved me, "I was very low on my- I cried," she said. "I didn't one else was more deserving than me.

> "She said, 'Karen, you're very deserving. You're a

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Julie Evans for Tri-County Hearing

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NEWS BRIEFS

Jingle Jam comes to Citrus Springs

Get ready for a night of free family fun at the Harvest Church Jingle Jam.

From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, Harvest Church in Citrus Springs turns into an outdoor Christmas celebration featuring bounce houses, games prizes, free food and hot cocoa, live music and a Polar Plunge tubing hill.

The church is at 9757 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs.

For information, go to the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Harvest BarnCS.

Meals on Wheels needs drivers

Do you have a few hours a week to give of your time? If so, the local Meals on Wheels program could use your help.

The program needs volunteers to deliver meals in the Inverness areas of Gospel Island and the Highlands. Volunteers deliver meals to seniors throughout Citrus County around the lunchtime hours Monday through

Volunteers should be willing to give approximately two hours of their time one day a week to deliver meals. Each meal route consists of 10 to 15 stops, taking one to two hours to complete. Volunteers will be reimbursed for their mileage.

Community seniors look forward to seeing these volunteers each day. For more information or to volunteer, call the East Citrus Community Center at 352-344-9666.

Next Moon Over the Mounds on Friday

The next Moon Over the Mounds will take place Dec. 17 at Crystal River Archaeological State Park, 3400 N. Museum Point. The first tour starts at 7 p.m.

Moon Over the Mounds is a nighttime guided tour into the history of this pre-Columbian ceremonial site. The one-hour walking tour is led by experienced interpreters, including members of Florida Public Archaeology Network.

Learn about the ancient river dwellers and the cultural, historical and ecological importance of this gathering place. Reservations are required. A \$10 donation is requested from each visitor so that the Friends may continue to provide this and additional programs.

It is suggested guests bring a flashlight and bug repellent. Donation includes park entrance fee. To register, visit friendsofcrystalriver stateparks.eventbrite.com.

Holiday break: State offices will close Dec. 23, Dec. 30

TALLAHASSEE (AP) -State workers will get a little extra time to celebrate the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

With Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on Saturday this year, many businesses will honor the holiday on Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31.

On Monday, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis announced that state offices will also close on Thursday, Dec. 23 and Thursday, Dec. 30th.

"Closing state offices on December 23rd and December 30th will provide these employees with well-deserved time to spend the holiday season with their loved ones," DeSantis said.

DeSantis, Simpson dominate money chase

By JIM SAUNDERS

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis and Senate President Wilton Simpson are two of the most-powerful political figures in Florida.

And they dominated fundraising in November as they prepare for statewide campaigns next year, according to newly filed finance re-

DeSantis raised slightly more than \$6 million during the month for his campaign account and the political committee Friends of Ron DeSantis, as a torrent of cash continued pouring in to support his re-election bid.

committee had about \$66.7

ber. The committee topped \$4 million in contributions for the ninth straight month and received 25 contributions of \$50,000 or more in Division of Elections database.

DeSantis formally launched his campaign in November and opened the campaign account. He quickly raised \$1.49 million for the account, while spending just shy of \$100,000.

Meanwhile, Simpson, R-Trilby, is looking to move next year from the Senate president's office to the Cabinet position of agriculture commissioner. While he does not face The DeSantis political any prominent opponents, Simpson raised about \$1.27 million in cash on hand as million in November for of Nov. 30, after raising his campaign account and

\$4.53 million in Novem- four political committees he chairs.

Simpson collected \$256,826 for his campaign account and had more than \$582,000 in cash on hand November, according to the as of Nov. 30, the finance reports show. He also raised a total of \$1.015 million for the committees. In all, the committees had more than \$8 million in cash on hand.

State political candidates and committees faced a Friday deadline for filing reports detailing November finance activity. The reports continued to show DeSantis dwarfing his Democratic challengers in the money chase.

Among the Democratic gubernatorial candidates, U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist had the best fundraising month, collecting a total of \$607,000 for his campaign

ly \$993,000 on hand in his about \$462,000. campaign account and about \$2.54 million with the committee

to move from agriculture Florida Consumers First pocampaign account and nearly \$2.58 million with the committee.

race, Sen. Annette Taddeo of Miami, raised a total of ber for her campaign account and her Fight Back

account and the committee The campaign account had Friends of Charlie Crist. As nearly \$155,000 on hand, of Nov. 30, Crist had near- while the committee had

Among other statewide candidates, Republican Chief Financial Officer Jim-Nikki Fried, who is trying my Patronis raised \$199,675 for his campaign account commissioner to gover- and \$193,530 for his Trea-nor, raised \$106,086 for sure Florida political comher campaign account last mittee. As of Nov. 30, he month and \$110,223 for her had about \$399,000 in cash on hand in his campaign aclitical committee. Fried had count and about \$2.86 mil-\$776,697 on hand in her lion on hand with the committee.

Also, Republican Attorney General Ashley Moody The third prominent Dem-raised about \$218,000 ocrat in the gubernatorial for her campaign account and the Friends of Ashley Moody political committee. about \$101,000 in Novem- Moody had nearly \$475,000 on hand in the campaign account and \$2.95 million on Florida political committee. hand with the committee.



James L. Scheffler of Innovative Imaging Technology poses with Barb Gosa, Citrus Pregnancy Center executive director, as the center gets a new sonogram machine. Training for the center's nurses was provided by Innovative Imaging Technology.

Pregnancy center gets early Christmas gift

Grant pays for new sonogram machine

By NANCY KENNEDY Chronicle Reporter

Christmas came early this year for the Citrus Pregnancy Center.

ministry recently received a grant from the Psalm 139 Project of the Southern Baptist Convention that provided the center with a new sonogram machine.

the cost of delivery, installation, and a week of training for the center's nurses.

Also, the Psalm 139 Proj-Citrus Pregnancy Center to buy a second sonogram machine at a discounted

"What a blessing! Now, both offices, Inverness and with the latest technology that allows new moms

"The sonogram room is where we see miracles happen," she said. "Families facing unplanned pregnancies have so many serious obstacles to deal with. But when they see that baby - their baby -The faith-based, nonprofit on the screen, everything changes as they experience love at first sight. They are then open to hearing about all the help Citrus Pregnancy Center can give them and finding out about The grant also covered other incredible ministries and agencies in our community that are available

to help as well." Citrus Pregnancy Center ect made it possible for has been in Citrus County since 1999, helping families facing unplanned pregnancies.

At the center's annual fundraising gala in November, Gosa said the highlight Crystal River, are equipped of the evening was the

"Celebration of Families." "Women and men, along and dads to see and meet with their babies and chil-Barb Gosa, Citrus Preg- impact that Citrus Pregnan- chronicleonline.com.

nancy Center executive di- cy Center is having in our community," Gosa said. "The youngest baby was 3 weeks old and oldest child was 17 years old. To see the generational impact Citrus Pregnancy Center has on families brought many guests to tears.'

Parents who are clients of the center participate in the parenting training program; dads can also attend a fatherhood training.

All of their services, including pregnancy testing, limited OB sonograms, parenting training, adoption education, and much more are provided free for their clients and are all 100 percent confidential, Gosa

Citrus Pregnancy Center is at 3185 E. Thomas St., Inverness. Phone: 352-341-5176. The Crystal River center is at 726 NE U.S. 19, Crystal River. Phone: 352-228-4909.

Visit the website at CitrusPregnancy.org.

Nancy Kennedy can be their baby while it is safely dren, came in and guests reached at 352-564-2927 growing in the womb," said were able to see the real or by email at nkennedy@

Man said no harm intended during arrest for vehicle strike near parade

By BUSTER THOMPSON

Chronicle Reporter

A Homosassa man the Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrested for allegedly striking a deputy with a car Parade said he was having a bad day.

Aaron Kyle Williams told that to authorities the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 11, after deputies apprehended



the 25-year-old at gunpoint near the intersection of U.S. 41 and Tompkins Street, a block from the parade route on West Main Street.

Williams also denied wanting to harm anyone, adding he was unaware of the parade and just wanted to find somewhere to park, according to his arrest report.

into the county jail under arm aimed at him. charges of aggravated batofficer without violence.

homeless, was jailed under a \$15,000 bond.

According to his arrest report, Williams also met the criteria to be placed in custody under the Baker Act made about wanting to harm himself.

Williams' first encounter with a sheriff's office deputy on Saturday was at U.S. 41 and Montgomery Avenue. a vehicle crash instead of a A deputy rerouting traffic at the intersection spotted a white Chrysler 200 heading south in the northbound lane uty, according to his arrest of U.S. 41, passing stopped southbound traffic.

When the deputy, who was wearing a reflective vest, he was confused by their signaled for it to stop, the numerous commands. car continued toward him, forcing the deputy to move hand as it passed, causing see more of his stories.

minor injuries.

According to Williams' arrest report, the deputy spotted the driver giving him the middle finger.

A sheriff's office detective rerouting traffic farther south near the Inverness Christmas at U.S. 41 and Zephyr Street was warned through the emergency radio about the oncoming Chrysler, which proceeded to travel onto the highway's shoulder to get around the detective's road-

Once the Chrysler got to a third sheriff's office check-point at U.S. 41 and Tompkins, it pulled over.

When another detective stationed there asked its driver - later identified as Williams – if he had struck a deputy, the driver said the deputy struck him.

According to his arrest report, Williams tried to drive away but was surrounded by several deputies ordering him to surrender, including a Deputies booked Williams detective who had their fire-

Deputies pulled Williams tery of a law enforcement from the car, but Williams officer and five counts of resisted their efforts to cuff resisting a law enforcement his hands. Williams also said he wished the detective Williams, who's listed as would've shot him, adding, "I should have ran you guys over," according to his arrest report.

In his Mirandized statements to the sheriff's office. Williams said he was having because of comments he a bad day because he missed an appointment to get medication for his attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Williams told deputies he thought was driving around parade, and felt like "being an asshole" but panicked when he saw the first depreport.

Williams also denied resisting deputies, claiming

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916, out of the way. However, the bthompson@chronicleonline.com vehicle struck the deputy's or visit tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso to



KEY BISCAYNE (AP) side condominium colthe South Florida coast news outlets reported. with a plaque installed at an underwater memorial

The victims of the Surf-the victims took part in morning of June 24. the ceremony on Sunday lapse were remembered at the Neptune Memorial Reef, a 16-acre reef conin a memorial service off Reed off of Key Biscayne, sisting of several under-

collapse of the Champlain who've passed away.

Relatives and friends of Towers South early in the

The Neptune Memorial water monuments, was The plaque honors the 98 created to promote marine people killed in the partial life while honoring people









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HOROSCOPES

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

A liberated attitude will help you prepare for unexpected changes this year. Rise to all occasions and display your ability to adjust. Use your resources to overcome any obstacle and turn it into an opportunity. Rely on your intuition, not on what someone tells you. Honesty is the quickest path to peace of mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your personal and professional lives separate. Indulgent behavior will make you look bad. Don't share too much information with your peers, relatives or

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Embrace change and make it work for you. Invest time and effort into improving your domestic situation. An open discussion will lead to positive change. Honesty is

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be observant, but don't interfere. Pushing your beliefs or thoughts on others will backfire. Do what you can without ultimatums. Put your energy into professional gains.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't get angry; get moving. Take the initiative and make things happen. A change in how you approach your livelihood will affect the way others treat you. Be smart and use your skills wisely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't give in or give up. Anger will make you look bad. Pour your energy into something worthwhile. Focus on what you want to do and how you can turn it into a lucrative

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Inconsistency will rear its ugly head if you are gullible or lack initiative. Think matters through, budget wisely and don't let outsiders interfere with your plans. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful what you

say and do. Someone in a position of power can

make or break your plans. Choose your words carefully and execute your plans with precision. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Set a goal and relay your message with precision. You stand to gain mentally, physically and financially if you are direct

and take control. Romance is favored. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Emotions will stand between you and what you want. If you overreact, take on too much or let someone steal your thunder, you will lose ground. Put your feelings aside

and be practical. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's up to you to make things happen. Don't wait for someone to make the first move. Wasted time will lead to disappointment, regret and anger. There is nothing you can't

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pay attention to personal matters instead of getting involved in what's happening to others. A steady pace will lead to the perks you want and the chance to meet people heading down a similar path.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You can take control of any situation if you speak from the heart. An energetic approach will help you build a better life. Let go of the past and finish what you start.

ENTERTAINMENT

Golden Globes announce nominations to a skeptical Hollywood industry

By JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK - After widespread criticism forced the organization that puts on the Golden Globes to lose its televised award show and overhaul its membership, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association nevertheless went ahead announcing nominees for film and television awards on Monday despite a skeptical entertainment industry.

Just as it's done for many years, the HFPA gathered reporters at the Beverly Hilton to announce its picks for the 79th Golden Globes. But this time, there was no nationally televised morning-show live spot or any immediate celebrity celebrations. Hollywood mostly shrugged.

The HFPA, which usually has a handful of movie stars make their announcement, turned instead to Snoop Dogg, who read the nominees behind sunglasses and a red hat during a live stream on the Globes' YouTube page. The majority of studios, pubtalent haven't engaged much this year with the group, which dropped its usual requirement that films be submitted for consideration. Critics have said it's too soon for the HFPA to return to business as usual. Some Branagh's autobiographical would rather see the Globes be gone for good.



Chris Pizzello / AP

Snoop Dogg poses following the nominations event for 79th annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Monday in Beverly Hills, Calif. The 79th annual Golden Globe Awards will be held on Sunday, Jan. 9.

Smith ("King Richard"), Valley "Licorice Pizza," Ste-Kristen Stewart ("Spencer"), "West Side Story" Leonardo DiCaprio ("Don't Look Up"), Denzel Washington ("The Tragedy of Macter of the Dog" tied for the Tender Bar") and Lady Gaga ("House of Gucci").

The nominees for best pic-Campion's gothic Western The Power of the Dog," Denis Villeneuve's sci-fi epic "Dune," the family drama "CODA," Reinaldo Marcus Green's tennis biopic "King Richard" and Kenneth "Belfast."

The comedy or musical But the press association picks for best picture were: tried to maintain its perch Adam McKay's apocalyptic in awards season on Mon- comedy "Don't Look Up," day, spreading nominations Paul Thomas Anderson's nee immediately celebrated around to the likes of Will '70s ode to San Fernando - publicly, at least.

ven Spielberg's "West Side cer"), "West Side Story" Story," Lin-Manuel Miran-breakthrough Rachel Zegler, da's "Tick, Tick ... Boom!"

beth"), Ben Affleck ("The most nominations with seven apiece. Netflix dominated the film nominees with 17 nods in total. HBO's "Succession" lic relations firms and A-list ture, drama, went to Jane led the TV side with five nominations, including nods for best drama and best actor in a drama series for recent New Yorker profile subject Jeremy Strong.

Normally, such honors would set off a flurry of delight from early-roused nominees and their studios - an awards triumph to be trumpeted on social media and in calls with reporters. On Monday morning, no nomi-

TODAY IN **HISTORY**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2021. There are 17 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 14, 2020, the Electoral College decisively confirmed Joe Biden as the nation's next president, ratifying his November victory in a state-by-state repudiation of President Donald Trump's refusal to concede he had lost; electors gave Biden 306 votes to Trump's 232. Speaking from Delaware, Biden accused Trump of threatening core principles of democracy, but told Americans that their form of self-government had "prevailed." A divided Wisconsin Supreme Court rejected Trump's lawsuit seeking to overturn his loss in the battleground state about an hour before the Electoral College cast Wisconsin's 10 votes for Biden.

On this date:

In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67.

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

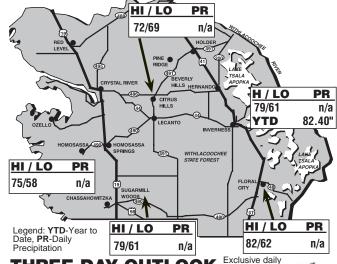
In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle at age 42.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson vetoed an immigration measure aimed at preventing "undesirables" and anyone born in the "Asiatic Barred Zone" from entering the U.S. (Congress overrode Wilson's veto in February 1917.)

Today's Birthdays: Singer-actor Abbe Lane is 90. Actor Hal Williams is 87. Actor-singer Jane Birkin is 75. Pop singer Joyce Vincent-Wilson (Tony Orlando and Dawn) is 75. Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is 75. Actor Dee Wallace is 73. R&B singer Ronnie McNeir (The Four Tops) is 72. Rock musician Cliff Williams is 72. Actor-comedian T.K. Carter is 65.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK Exclusive do forecast by:



TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High: 77° **Low:** 60°

Partly sunny and mild.



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING High: 79° **Low:** 59°

Partly sunny with a stray shower possible.



THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING High: 81° Low: 60°

Partly sunny and warm.

TEMPERATURE	
Yesterday	82/60
Record*	89/20
Normal	73/45
Mean temp.	59
Departure from mean	12
PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	0.00"
Total for the month	0.06"
Total for the year	61.72"
Normal for the year	50.34"
As reported from https://citrusmoso	uito.org
UV INDEX:	4
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 n	noderate,

7-9 high, 10+ very high
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

ALMANAC DEW POINT 65° Yesterday at 3 p.m. **HUMIDITY** Yesterday at 3 p.m. 83% **POLLEN COUNT****

> med hiah **Light - only extreme allergic will show symptoms, moderate - most allergic will experience symptoms, heavy - all allergic will experience symptoms

AIR QUALITY Yesterday observed Good

2:46 pm

3:11 am

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Milwaukee

Minneapolis

Montgomery

Nashville

	Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE DAY MINOR MAJOR (MORNING) MINOR MA	AJOR ON)
12/14 TUESDAY 7:14 9:01 5:33 9:	:22
12/15 WEDNESDAY 7:15 9:44 5:34 10	0:06
CELESTIAL OUTLOOK	
SUNSET TONIGHT	. 5:33 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

Jan 9

Today's Fire Danger Index is: MODERATE. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

SUNRISE TOMORROW

MOONRISE TODAY..

MOONSET TODAY

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in: Monday

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

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TIDES

*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek **TUESDAY** City High Low Chassahowitzka*2:24 a.m. 0.4 ft 2:31 p.m. 0.3 ft 9:51 a.m. 0.1 ft 9:03 p.m. 0.2 ft Crystal River** 12:05 a.m. 1.8 ft 1:09 p.m. 1.5 ft 7:30 a.m. 0.4 ft 7:24 p.m. 0.8 ft Withlacoochee* 11:26 a.m. 2.3 ft 10:40 p.m. 2.9 ft 5:47 a.m. 0.2 ft 5:28 p.m. 1:19 a.m. 1.1 ft 2:28 p.m. 0.7 ft 9:18 a.m. 0.1 ft 7:24 p.m. 0.3 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H L	. F '	cast	City	н	- F'	cast
Daytona Bch.	75	65	sh	Miami	81	73	sh
Fort Lauderdale	e 81	70	sh	Ocala	74	60	mc
Fort Myers	83	65	рс	Orlando	80	65	mc
Gainesville	73	59	mc	Pensacola	72	56	рс
Homestead	82	69	рс	Sarasota	82	64	рс
Jacksonville	69	60	mc	Tallahassee	70	56	mc
Key West	81	73	рс	Tampa	81	65	рс
Lakeland	80	63	рс	Vero Beach	81	67	t
Melbourne	80	67	t	W. Palm Bch.	78	73	t

MARINE OUTLOOK

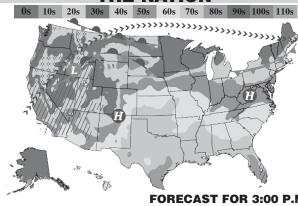
Today: Northeast winds 5 to 10 knots then becoming north around 15 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Tonight: Northeast winds around 15 knots. Seas 2 feet.

Gulf water temperature Taken at Crystal River

LARE LEVELS										
Location	MON	SUN	Full							
Vithlacoochee at Holder	29.91	29.97	34.64							
sala Apopka-Hernando	37.86	37.87	38.66							
sala Apopka-Inverness	39.18	39.20	39.73							
sala Apopka-Floral City	40.35	40.37	41.37							
avals reported in fact above see lave	al Elood stage for l	lakas ara basad an	2 22 year flood							

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-precent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Tuesday

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Albuquerque	54	19	0.00	59	40	mc	New York City	53	40	0.00	52	39	s
Asheville	59	24	0.00	64	34	S	Norfolk	56	31	0.00	56	41	s
Atlanta	63	30	0.02	63	42	S	Oklahoma City	67	34	0.00	71	59	рс
Atlantic City	55	29	0.00	51	42	S	Omaha	55	28	0.00	55	47	mc
Austin	64	45	0.00	77	66	mc	Palm Springs	65	42	0.00	63	42	sh
Baltimore	57	28	0.00	55	36	s	Philadelphia	56	33	0.00	53	35	s
Billings	41	28	0.00	50	25	S	Phoenix	72	48	0.00	72	45	mc
Birmingham	61	32	0.00	67	47	S	Pittsburgh	50	30	0.00	50	37	S
Boise	54	41	0.01	40	22	rs	Portland, ME	48	34	0.00	46	20	S
Boston	52	37	0.00	47	29	s	Portland, OR	45	41	0.58	42	35	sh
Buffalo	48	40	0.00	44	37	рс	Providence, RI	54	37	0.00	49	27	S
Burlington, VT	48	37	0.00	38	21	s	Raleigh	61	27	0.00	60	35	S
Charleston, SC	66	45	0.00	67	47	S	Rapid City	46	33	0.00	58	30	mc
Charleston, WV	55	23	0.00	60	39	S	Reno	49	39	0.29	35	14	SS
Charlotte	59	23	Trace	62	35	S	Rochester, NY	52	39	0.00	44	32	рс
Chicago	50	36	0.00	52	46	mc	Sacramento	50	48	1.75	47	37	ra
Cincinnati	54	23	0.00	56	45	S	Salt Lake City	50	39	0.00	49	25	ra
Cleveland	54	37	0.00	51	40	рс	San Antonio	72	45	0.00	74	65	mc
Columbia, SC	63	32	0.00	65	37	S	San Diego	61	48	Trace	60	47	sh
Columbus, OH	50	28	0.00	53	40	S	San Francisco	61	52	2.99	53	45	ra
Concord, NH	54	27	0.00	44	14	S	Savannah	71	44	0.00	67	50	рс
Dallas	70	39	0.00	74	65	mc	Seattle	40	37	0.13	42	36	ra
Denver	60	26	0.00	59	37	mc	Spokane	41	30	0.00	36	25	mc
Des Moines	52	28	0.00	55	50	mc	St. Louis	61	27	0.00	62	57	mc
Detroit	50	36	0.00	46	40	mc	St. Ste Marie	45	32	0.00	38	34	mc
El Paso	68	33	0.00	74	52	mc	Syracuse	54	39	0.00	45	31	mc
Evansville, IN	55	28	0.00	57	50	рс	Topeka	59	28	0.00	66	57	mc
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70/54/s

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- Theft, noon Dec. 10, off of U.S. 44 West, Inverness;
- Vehicle burglary, 12:59 p.m. Dec. 10, off of Gator Court, Inverness;
- Residential burglary. 2:15 p.m. Dec. 10, off of

Miami-Dade County gov't employee charged with stealing \$109K

MIAMI (AP) — A former South Florida government worker has been charged with stealing nearly \$109,000 over two years from the Miami-Dade County Clerk of Courts office, prosecutors announced Monday.

Tyrone Derise Smith Jr., 35, has been arrested and charged with grand theft over \$100,000 and organized scheme to defraud over \$50,000, according to a state attorney's office news release.

Smith had been working in the New Suits Section of the Family Court Division for about 11 years when he resigned in June 2018, officials said.

Missing deposit funds and a filing fee discrepancy prompted Clerk of Courts staff to conduct an internal audit of all of Smith's transactions between August 2016 and April 2018, officials said. Investigators reported finding 201 cases processed by Smith that appeared in the database as filed cases yet failed to show collected filing fees. The fees for those cases totaled \$80,817. Officials said Smith also pocketed \$28,121.16 in Clerk of Courts funds that were supposed to be deposited in May 2018.

Oakridge Drive, Homosassa;

- Retail theft, 5 p.m. Dec. 10, off of Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa;
- Theft, 11:24 a.m. Dec. 11, off of Gainesville Drive, Dunnellon;
- Criminal mischief, 8:34 p.m. Dec. 11, off of Brigadoon Court, Hernando;
- Residential burglary,

8:47 p.m. Dec. 11, off of Tompkins Street, Inverness;

- Vehicle burglary, 9:01 a.m. Dec. 12. off of Dunnellon Road, Dunnellon;
- Auto theft, 9:03 a.m. Dec. 12, off of Alabama Avenue, Homosassa;
- Residential burglary, 10:39 a.m. Dec. 12, off of Bayberry Lane, Floral City;
- Theft, 1:58 p.m. Dec. 12, off of Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa:

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- Theft, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 12, off of West Ponce De Leon Boulevard, Homosassa;
- Theft, 8:26 p.m. Dec. 12, off of Sixth Street, Crystal River.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by

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Court records didn't list an attorney for Smith.

Judge: Florida school shooting victims' families can testify By TERRY SPENCER parents or others cannot call tor Carolyn McCann said.

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — A judge rejected an attempt Monday by Florida school shooter Nikolas Cruz's attorneys to bar the parents and other relatives of his 17 victims from testifying before the jury about the trauma the murders have brought to their lives

Cruz's public defenders wanted Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer to have the victim impact statements read aloud by a neutral third party or played on video to the jurors who will decide early next year whether he is sentenced to death or to life without parole. Cruz, 23, pleaded guilty in October to the February 2018 murders at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

Attorney Tamara Curtis said allowing the parents and others to speak directly to the jury could result in "overly emotional displays" that would violate Cruz's constitutional right to a fair trial.

But Scherer agreed with prosecutors, who said the statements will be written in advance and given to Cruz's attorneys before the parents read them to the jurors. The defense will have an opportunity to object if they believe anything that will be said would be unfairly inflammatory, the judge and prosecutors said. Scherer had already ordered that the

Cruz such phrases as "animal" or "that thing."

"What the defendant is seeking is that the victims in this case be neutralized and they shouldn't be. They have a right under Florida law ... to be heard and they have a right to voice their feelings," assistant prosecu-

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She said prosecutors have no incentive to let a parent say something about Cruz that would result in a death sentence being overturned.

"No one wants to do this again," McCann said. For Cruz to be sentenced to

death, the 12-member jury must unanimously agree.

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LaVonne D. Buta

ber 4, 2021. She was a US 34429. Navy Veteran. A memori-

LaVonne D. Buta, 79 of Legion Post 155 located Crystal River, FL passed at 6585 W Gulf to Lake away on Saturday Decem- Hwy, Crystal River, FL

Arrangements are under al service will be held at the direction of Strickland 5 PM on Wednesday De- Funeral Home and Crema-

Sandra are his chil-

dren, Stacy Hind-

along and her hus-

band, Keith Johnson

of Greenbelt, MD,

Jeffrey Hindalong

and his wife Nancy

Hindalong of Inver-

ka, five grand children and a

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at the Chas. E. Davis Funer-

may come and go at their leisure. Cremation with Care is

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FL. Donations may be made

County Animal Services,

great-granddaughter.

A Celebration of Life for Darlene Crump, 66, of Lecanto, Florida, will be held on Sat., Dec. 18, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 P.M. at the Citrus County Cattlemen's Building, 11285 S. Pleasant Grove Rd., Floral City, FL 34436.

Wallace Dean (Wally) Hindalong

Sept. 25, 1941 - Dec. 2, 2021

Wallace (Wally) Hindalong, 80, of Floral City, FL passed away on December 2, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital of Inver-

Wally was born Septem- ness, FL, his brother Richber 25, 1941 in Kearney, ard Hindalong and his wife Nebraska to George P. and Connie of Omaha, Nebras-Alpha (Reiners) Hindalong. Proud of his Nebraska heritage, he relocated to Tampa, FL in March of 1980 before Wally will be held on Friday, becoming a resident of Flo- Dec. 10, 2021 from 3-5 PM ral City in January of 1984. Wally was a co-owner of al Home for a time of fel-Gulf Coast Ready-Mix, a lowship. Friends and family concrete company in Homo-

Wally will be remem- under the direction of Chas. bered as a great father and E. Davis Funeral Home, Inhusband who was fun to be verness, FL. around and loved his family. He is described as a perfect ily asks for donations to the and thoughtful husband by Citrus County Animal Serhis loving wife of 60 years, vices Shelter in Inverness, Sandra. He loved dogs, enjoyed watching football, online at citruscritters.com and spending time with his or sent directly to Citrus friends and family.

Those left to cherish his 4030 South Airport Road, memory along with his wife Inverness, FL 34450.

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peacefully at home

on December 8,

2021 at the age of

73. She was sur-

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cember 8 at the American tory, Crystal River, FL. **Darlene Crump**

"Once you got your key, she didn't stop helping," Carpenter said. "She would call to check in, to see how things are going. She even asked me to speak at a few events, to tell my story ... she stayed

> erything was good.
> "That first year, she brought me a Christmas tree," she said.

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single mother trying to

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trying to do her best.'

From then on, she just

helped me, constantly

building me up and giving

me the right tools I needed

to get my house," she said.

Rosann Strawn Nov. 24. She was 67.

Of the 214 Habitat for Humanity homes built in Citrus County since 1993, Rose Strawn helped probpartner families get into the homes they built them-

She taught them, encouron, even fed them if they were hungry.

Megan Ennis, a mortgage broker with Citrus Lending and also Rose's friend.

"She was passionate in helping people succeed, since the mid-70s because especially getting families into homes and educating through the Builder's Aspeople about credit and sociation, and she asked what it takes to get into a

"She was HUD certified and did the first-time homebuyer classes. So, she didn't work only with Habitat families, but others in the community; she the board of directors with taught a lot of people.

"She was a great mentor for me when I first moved rector Terry Steele wanted here in 2005," Ennis said. to retire and said I should Realty and on the Habitat board then and she in- in coming off the board troduced me to different and becoming family serpeople – she had a lot of connections in the community."

For much of Rose's career life, she worked in said. banking and finance and real estate. For her, it was about the people.

getting started in Citrus County, Rose began volunteering and then joined said Donna Fore, who pro- short time and then di- nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.



the board of directors. "Rose was the one who

recruited me for this job," aged them, cheered them said George Rusaw, Habitat president and CEO.

Rusaw had retired as "She was a big advocate a home builder from his for home ownership," said company, Rusaw Homes, most there." and ran into Rose at a mutual friend's funeral in 2008.

"I had known Rose she was in banking and what I was doing," Rusaw said. "I told her, 'Rose, I'm mildewing.' I had been retired eight months.

"She suggested I start volunteering at Habitat ... so I did and served on her for a few years. Then when (then) executive di-"She was at Waybright take his place, I asked Rose if she was interested vices director.

> "She had a great comlot of empathy," Rusaw

Rose would sit with pogo through the process When Habitat was just with them, helping them

"She was a hand holder,"

cesses loans for Habitat. "She was a cheerleader. When people wanted to give up, she wouldn't let nating her time – she was them. She'd say, 'You've always there," Megan Encome all this way; don't give up now. You're al-

Carmen "CD" Perez, Habitat for Humanity construction director and also Habitat homeowner, said she and Rose worked together training homeowners and coaching them through the program.

Women Builds together, and she was a friend," Perez said.

Perhaps Rose's favorite part of the process was the home dedication, when after months of hard work the homeowner would get his or her key at a dedication celebration. She rarely, if ever, missed one. Her signature house-

warming gift to each homeowner was a laundry basket filled with food.

'She was good at sharing food with people," Pepassion for people and a rez said. "She would take County Road 40, Dunnelplatters of food to anybody, anywhere."

tential homeowners and to Citrus County from Rose's daughter, Roselen, Ohio with her parents in has been set up at https:// 1973, shortly after she gofund.me/55591e51. graduated high school.

vorced, and raised a disabled daughter, Roselen.

"Rose was a devoted mother," said her sister, Becky Spurlock, "and she was a loving sister, always

there if you needed her." "She was a true friend, in good times and bad, said Stephanie Price. "She was easy to talk to, a good listener. You could tell her anything and she wouldn't judge."

Rosann Strawn's death leaves a hole in the community. Besides Habitat, she was involved with the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement and the Business Women's Alliance (BWA) where she was a founding member, helping to raise \$120,000 so far for scholarships for 120 deserving young

"As a mentor, she had a good heart," said Corrine Sawchewicz, with BWA and the chamber. "As a longtime county resident, she had a lot of experience and connections, and she was dedicated."

"She was always out in the community, at all the festivals and events donis said. "And she was a woman of strong faith."

Price said her death came as a shock to everyone who knew her, because she didn't tell her friends she was sick.

"I'm so grateful for the last time I saw her," Price said. "It was a couple of weeks before she died 'We did a lot of the and I was busy packing to move my office to a new location, and she stopped by. I was busy, but I'm glad for that 45 minutes we spent with each other.

"She was always there for her friends," she said. "I will miss her stopping by, drinking a glass of wine together and having our chats...I have great memories of her.'

A celebration of life for Rose Strawn will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, at First United Methodist Church, 21501

A GoFundMe account Rose Strawn had moved for medical expenses for

Nancy Kennedy can be reached She was married for a at 352-564-2927 or by email at

Jannis was born on April dren.

2, 1948 in Grand Rapids, MI to Stanley and Shirley mother and grandmother-Dombrowski. She is sur- who gave everything she vived by her 5 Children, had and more to her family.



Jannis Margaretanna Kruis

April 2, 1948 - Dec. 8, 2021

Derk, and Reginia; her brother Thomas and 3 sisters, Susan, Linda, and Kathy of Grand Rapids, MI. She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren

rounded by her loved ones. and 11 great-grandchil-

Jannis was a dedicated Jeanette, Patrick, Michele, She will be missed deeply.

Basilio 'Buzz' Ucci

Sept. 16, 1944 - Dec. 2, 2021

A Memorial Service for Mr. Basilio "Buzz" Ucci, age 77, of Homosassa, Florida, will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 18, 2021 at the First Christian

Pastor Tom Thomas officiating. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www. HooperFuneralHome.com.

He was born September 16, 1944 in Elizabeth, NJ, son of Basilio and Matilda (Miller) Ucci but was raised by Charles and Julie Loveland. He died December 6, 2021 in Crystal River, FL.

He worked as a Salesman selling homes. Buzz enjoyed Erickson and her husband golf and playing poker especially Texas Hold'em and was a member of the First Christian Church of Inverdeath by his parents and is



survived by his wife Judy Ucci of Crystal River, FL, children Brian Ucci and his wife Robin of Marion, IL, Dawn Cruz and her husband Vinnie of Inverness, FL,

Church of Inverness with Victoria Kenney of Homosassa, FL, Diane Wilson and her husband Ken of Apollo Beach, FL, James Dunphy and his wife Molly of Lutz, FL, John Dunphy and his wife Stacie of Clearwater, FL, William Dunphy and his wife Denise of VA, Thomas Dunphy and his wife Debbie of Port Richey, FL, brother, Ralph Ucci and his wife Anna Xu, sister, Maryann Lou, and numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the ness. He was preceded in direction of the Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.



Memorial following Christmas FRANCINE BOGART - Arrangements Pendin FRANK THURMAN - Arrangements Pending VINCENT IGNICO - Arrangements Pending WILLIAM SMITH - Arrangements Pending JOSEPH SPRINGER - Arrangements Pendin

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From page A1 Dec. 1 was the last day of 2021's recreational harvest season for snook in Flor-

ida and U.S. waters of the Gulf of Mexico, reopening March 1. Anglers can continue to catch and release during the closed snook season.

For more information about snook fishing regulations, visit tinyurl. com/32t7dbc7.

Holzwart and her colleagues with FWC and IFAS went out Monday aboard a flotilla of FWC electrofishing to shock waters around docks and vegetation along King's Bay.

These boats are equipped with a pair of electrified pole arms jetting out from the bow. Metal wires drooping down from a ring attached to the ends of each pole fall under the water surface

As the vessel moves, currents of electricity jolt out



Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Employees with the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Nature Coast Biological Station and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission work in unison Monday, Dec. 13, to catch snook from the bay utilizing specialized boats that use electric current to stun fish so they can be collected, tagged and return them to the water for research purposes.

on board.

While the boat captain

range.

several feet through the wa- can control the power of manatee, kayaker or other of caught snook to insert a ter, stunning fish in its path electricity, water salinity boat is too close. It's not transmitter before releasing for Holzwart and others to also has an impact on the legal or wise for regular an- the fish back into the water.

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net and store in live tanks conductivity's strength and glers to fish with electricity.

Biologists cut a small in-Power's cut off when a cision on the underbellies

Holzwart said the project other fish." planned to tag 40 snook -20 adults and 20 juveniles – by the end of Tuesday.

emit a ping each time a car- see more of his stories.

rier snook swims near one of ten acoustic receivers the project team installed a couple weeks ago at docks and channel markers in the

Receivers take note of not just when a tagged fish passes nearby but also the water temperature to better gauge snook movements with the weather. Data is then downloaded from the receivers.

Holzwart said the project will monitor tagged snook each winter through 2023. Additional snook will be tagged in the winter in case specimens are lost.

Tagged fish are given a colorful external tag, informing anglers to call FWC at 800-367-4461 to report the catch.

"Hopefully, the angler will put the fish back," SWFW-MD spokeswoman Susan-na Martinez Tarokh said, "but if it is too late or the fish dies, they should call the hotline and send the tag back so it can be put it in an-

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916, bthompson@chronicleonline.com These transmitters will or visit tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso to

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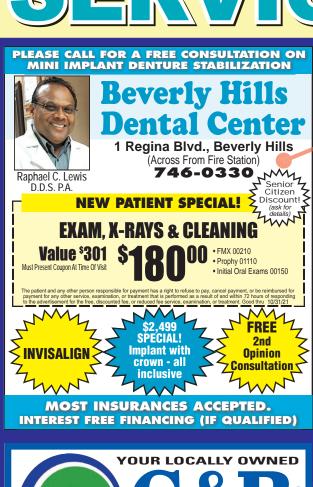


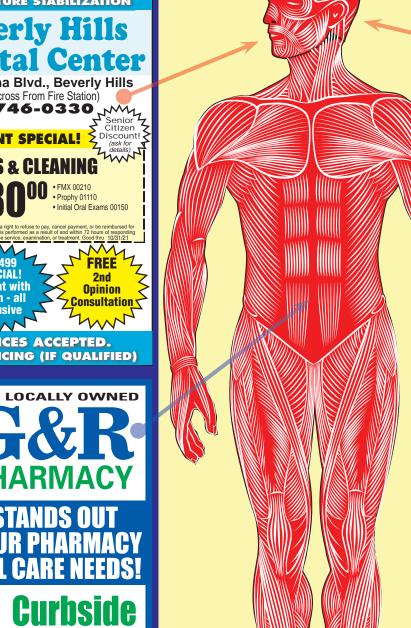
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	ITTOL	IVAOD	DOW Util.	952.47	934.81	947.26	+11.59	+1.24%	+9.56%
Vol. (in mil.)	4,049	4,034	NYSE Comp.	16,856.63	16,691.16	16,719.57	-137.05	-0.81%	+15.11%
Pvs. Volume	3,424	3,977	NASDAQ	15,637.06	15,408.25	15,413.28	-217.32	-1.39%	+19.59%
Advanced	691	960	S&P 500	4,710.30	4,667.60	4,668.97	-43.05	-0.91%	+24.30%
Declined	1791	2569	S&P 400	2,779.84	2,741.88	2,750.73	-29.11	-1.05%	+19.25%
New Highs	74	42	Wilshire 5000	47,962.05	47,447.47	47,487.98	-474.07	-0.99%	+20.35%
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Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	─	143.55	142.50	25	-0.2	▼	A	•	+17.8	+19.5	36	0.80
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	~	79.67	57.66	26	-0.4	▼	•	A	-17.5	-17.7	20	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	28.14		48.69	43.58	94	-2.1	▼	▼	A	+43.8	+57.2	13	0.84
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42		29.00	26.68	19	-0.7	▼	\blacksquare		+8.5	+6.4	13	0.64f
Citigroup	С	57.40	~	80.29	60.18	53	-0.9	▼	▼	\blacksquare	-2.4	+8.9	6	2.04
Disney	DIS	142.04	~	203.02	150.43	-2.28	-1.5	▼	▼	•	-17.0	-1.0		
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56		108.38	103.04	+1.53	+1.5	A	A	•	+12.5	+14.0	58	3.94f
EPR Properties	EPR	29.79		56.07	46.36	86	-1.8	▼	•	•	+42.6	+38.4		3.00
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.10	~ —	29.29	25.36	+.02	+0.1	A	▼	\blacksquare	-7.0	-4.4		2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.53		66.38	61.63	-1.38	-2.2	▼	•	A	+49.5	+54.4		3.52f
Ford Motor	F	8.43	─	21.49	20.43	-1.02	-4.8	▼	A	•	+132.4	+108.2	24	0.40
Gen Electric	GE	82.88	-	116.17	93.13	-3.82	-3.9	▼	•	\blacksquare	+8.0	+7.7		0.32
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	156.43		263.92	244.10	+1.03	+0.4	A	A	•	+48.4	+51.9	22	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59	 ♦	420.61	405.24	-10.16	-2.4	▼	A	•	+52.6	+57.4	29	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	-	68.49	50.00	59	-1.2	▼	•	\blacksquare	+0.4	+3.6	10	1.39
IBM	IBM	114.56	-	152.84	122.58	-1.51	-1.2	▼	A	\blacksquare	-2.6	+7.4	21	6.56
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11		60.05	56.44	-1.53	-2.6	▼	•		+60.2	+54.6	18	a
Lowes Cos	LOW	150.84		261.48	257.24	-4.14	-1.6	▼	A		+60.3	+63.0	27	3.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66	-	16.60	11.96	17	-1.4	▼	•	\blacksquare	+22.7	+25.1		1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	─	265.27	263.09	-1.88	-0.7	▼	A	•	+22.6	+28.2	29	5.16
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	─	349.67	339.40	-3.14	-0.9	▼	A	A	+52.6	+58.4	38	2.48f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	163.16	─	265.47	263.29	-1.63	-0.6	▼	A	A	+54.8	+51.5	46	2.84
NextEra Energy	NEE	68.33		90.92	91.74	+1.46	+1.6	A	A		+18.9	+24.1	57	1.54
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10		20.35	17.90	22	-1.2	▼	•		+10.3	+17.1	44	0.84
Regions Fncl	RF	15.07		24.89	21.45	78	-3.5	▼	▼		+33.1	+44.6	8	0.68
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53		140.65	134.62	+1.74	+1.3	A	A		+16.5	+13.8	17	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	159.56		202.26	193.24	-2.76	-1.4	▼	A		+17.7	+21.4	25	4.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	-\$	258.86	204.90	+.90	+0.4	A	A	\blacksquare	-3.2	+7.3	26	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.74	~ —	61.06	50.28	+.09	+0.2	A	▼	•	-14.4	-14.3	9	2.56f
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	~ —	20.36	14.96	14	-0.9	▼	•	•	-9.2	-7.5	СС	1.06e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28		152.57	143.57	+2.54	+1.8	A	•	A	-0.4	-4.7	40	2.20
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.03		57.05	49.14	36	-0.7	▼	•	A	+23.2	+22.2	19	1.91

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate, j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on exclistribution date.

PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. c - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interestrates

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.42% Monday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

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

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TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
ITILAGUTILG	LAGI	1 43	ona	Auo
3-month T-bill	.05	.06	-0.01	.08
6-month T-bill	.11	.13	-0.02	.08
52-wk T-bill	.25	.26	-0.01	.10
2-year T-note	.66	.67	-0.01	.11
5-year T-note	1.21	1.25	-0.04	.37
7-year T-note	1.37	1.42	-0.05	.63
10-year T-note	1.42	1.49	-0.07	.87
30-year T-hond	1.81	189	-0.08	162

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	3.57 ▲	3.56	3.58	4.01
Money market account	0.07 -	0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28 -	0.28	0.29	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46 -	6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.25 ▲	3.18	3.18	3.07

15 year fixed mortgage 2.52 ▲ 2.51 2.50 2.35

PVS %CHG %YTD

CLOSE

Commodities
U.S. crude oil fell 0.5% while
natural gas
closed more
than 3% lower.
Heating oil and
wholesale
gasoline prices
also fell. Gold
and silver closed
slightly higher.



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Crude Oil (bbl)	71.29	71.67	-0.53	+46.9
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14		+49.1
Heating Oil (gal)	2.23	2.25	-0.83	+50.5
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.79	3.93	-3.34	+49.4
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.12	2.14	-0.97	+48.7
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1786.30	1782.90	+0.19	-5.6
Silver (oz)	22.29	22.16	+0.59	-15.4
Platinum (oz)	924.60	934.20	-1.03	-14.0
Copper (lb)	4.28	4.28	-0.07	+21.8
Palladium (oz)	1672.40	1748.10	-4.33	-31.7
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.37	1.37	+0.07	+21.3
Coffee (lb)	2.37	2.33	+1.72	+84.6
Corn (bu)	5.84	5.89	-0.72	+20.7
Cotton (lb)	1.07	1.06	+0.55	+36.7
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1114.30	1069.30	+4.21	+27.4
Orange Juice (lb)	1.25	1.27	-2.04	+1.3
Soybeans (bu)	12.44	12.68	-1.87	-5.4
Wheat (bu)	7.86	7.82	+0.45	+22.6

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				T	OTAL RETURN	١ ١
FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR 3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.82	13	+13.6	+15.1 +13.5	+10.9
	CptWldGrlncA	m 65.61	72	+11.8	+14.8 +16.0	+12.3
	CptlIncBldrA m	69.30	29	+11.9	+13.1 +9.9	+7.5
	FdmtlInvsA m	79.45	66	+18.9	+21.5 +18.5	+14.6
	GrfAmrcA m	78.95	-1.12	+16.9	+21.3 +25.2	+19.9
	IncAmrcA m	26.40	06	+14.3	+15.2 +11.6	+8.8
	InvCAmrcA m	53.43	49	+22.4	+25.0 +18.4	+14.0
	NwPrspctvA m	69.30	90	+14.6	+19.1 +24.2	+18.8
	WAMtInvsA m	60.14	40	+24.9	+27.1 +17.3	+14.3
Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.23	+.03	-0.8	-0.3 +6.2	+4.5
	Stk	243.08	-3.29	+28.2	+29.1 +17.5	+13.1
Fidelity	500ldxlnsPrm	161.84	-1.49	+26.0	+29.3 +22.9	+17.6
	BCGrowth	184.34	-3.87	+21.5	+26.7 +36.6	+29.0
	Contrafund	18.61	17	+23.4	+27.2 +26.5	+21.9
	GroCo	40.28	73	+22.5	+26.2 +38.8	+29.8
	TtlMktldxInsPrn	n 130.93	-1.27	+23.0	+26.3 +22.6	+17.1
	USBdldxInsPrm	12.03	+.04	-1.5	-1.2 +5.2	+3.6
Schwab	SP500ldx	72.07		+27.1	+30.3 +23.5	+18.0
T. Rowe Price	BCGr	194.02	-2.60	+17.2	+20.3 +24.7	+22.9
Vanguard	500ldxAdmrl	432.16	-3.98	+26.0	+29.2 +22.9	+17.6
	DivGrInv	39.94	04	+21.7	+23.8 +19.2	+16.0
	GrldxAdmrl	163.14	-2.15	+25.5	+30.3 +31.6	+24.1
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.72		+1.1	+1.3 +4.6	+3.9
	IntlGrAdmrl	156.78	-1.81	-2.2	+2.0 +25.2	+20.5
	MdCpldxAdmrl	308.31	-2.33	+21.2	+23.9 +21.1	+14.8
	PrmCpAdmrl	182.53	-2.41	+18.6	+21.6 +19.2	+17.5
	STInvmGrdAdm	nrl 10.80		-0.5	-0.2 +3.7	+2.7
	SmCpldxAdmrl	105.65	-1.19	+14.2	+17.8 +17.9	+12.5
	TtBMIdxAdmrl	11.26	+.04	-1.3	-1.1 +5.3	+3.7
	TtlnSldxAdmrl	33.92	43	+6.1	+9.0 +11.8	+9.1
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Technology and energy companies pulled stocks lower on Wall Street Monday, a downbeat start to the week following the market's best weekly gain since February. The S&P 500, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the tech-heavy Nasdag composite fell.

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Stocks pull back from records, weighed down by tech, energy

By DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writers

Technology and energy companies helped pull stocks lower on Wall Street Monday, a downbeat start to the week following the market's best weekly gain since February.

cent, giving back some of its gains after the benchmark index climbed to an alltime high Friday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.9 percent, while the techheavy Nasdaq composite slid 1.4 percent.

Small-company fared worse than the broader market in a signal that investors are concerned about economic growth. The Russell 2000 shed 1.4 percent.

The market's pullback, with the S&P 500 fresh off

on Wednesday. Markets expect the central bank will announce plans to accelerate its purchases aimed at keeping long-term interest rates low.

"What the Street is not sure The S&P 500 fell 0.9 per- about is when the Fed will actually start to raise interest rates," said Sam Stovall, from the omicron variant, chief investment strategist at CFRA.

The S&P 500 fell 43.05 points to 4,668.97. The 320.04 points Dow slid to 35,650.95. The Nasstocks daq dropped 217.32 points to 15,413.28. The Russell 2000 gave up 31.31 points to 2,180.50.

pushing higher, despite a volatile stretch in late November its 67th all-time high this the omicron variant of the na Pharmaceuticals.

year, comes as investors look coronavirus initially roiled ahead to the Federal Re- markets. Some of those conserve's latest economic and cerns eased last week amid interest rate policy update encouraging signs that the variant may be less dangerous than delta.

But remarks by U.K. Prime timetable for reducing bond Minister Boris Johnson over the weekend may have dampened some traders' optimism. Johnson warned Sunday that Britain faces a "tidal wave" of infections and announced a huge increase in booster vaccinations to strengthen defenses against it.

Several big pharmaceutical companies, including COVID-19 vaccine makers Moderna and Pfizer were among the biggest gainers in the S&P 500 Monday. Mod-Stocks have been mostly erna jumped 5.8 percent for the biggest gain in the index. Pfizer rose 4.6 percent folas worries about the rise of lowing news it is buying Are-

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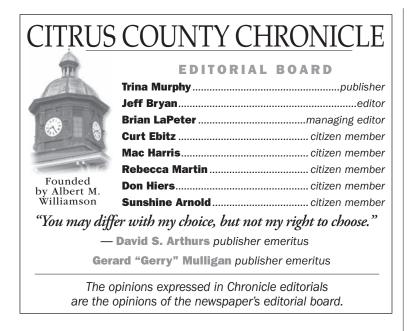


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EDITORIAL

Key Center challenged by new wage hike

citizen initiative to provide Florida workers with a "living wage" has led to unanticipated challenges to the local Key Center, which provides services to people with developmental disabilities.

In 2020, voters in the state approved Amendment 2, a citizen initiative that would bring the minimum wage in the state up from the current \$8.86 an hour to \$15 an hour by 2026. Under the initiative, by Sept. 30, 2021, businesses would have to provide a minimum wage of \$10 per hour.

Each year after that the minimum wage would increase by \$1 per hour until it reaches \$15 an hour by 2026.

While the initiative had the admirable goal of helping low-wage workers out of poverty, its impacts have affected organizations like the Key, which have a number of minimum wage workers and limited ways to earn more to offset the increase in wage costs.

Melissa Walker, executive director of the Key Center, said it cost the organization \$400,000 to bring everyone up to the \$10 an hour minimum and adjust other workers to compensate for the higher minimum this year. She said the organization took this money from reserves this year, but they will not have the money to fund next

THE ISSUE:

An increase in the minimum wage law presents challenges to local nonprofit.

OUR OPINION:

State needs to help affected nonprofits.

year's increase unless they get state aid or cut services.

The Key Center provides services to nearly 300 people. Of these, 145 live in Key Center housing and are cared for by the organization's direct care staff.

The organization has a budget of \$13 million annually. About 60 percent comes from the state. The rest comes from Key Center thrift stores, public contributions and whatever grants the organization can find and qualify for.

During a recent session where Sen. Wilton Simpson and Rep. Ralph Massullo gathered input from local officials regarding community budget requests, Walker asked for state help and told the elected leaders that the organization needs that help to avoid service reductions for clients.

Given the limited ways a nonprofit can increase income to compensate for unexpected expenses, and the services the Key provides the community, we believe that this request is reasonable and we urge our state legislators to support it in the upcoming legislative session.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Partisan talking points

A Nov. 22 letter from Dorane Strouse presented two erroneous partisan talking points regarding inflation and oil prices, and the Build Back Better (B.B.B.) human infrastructure legislation currently in the Senate.

Strouse said "Biden owns inflation" by canceling the Keystone pipeline; thus, "the price of a barrel of oil has risen from \$37 to \$82, 121 percent increase." This is incorrect in two ways: First, the Keystone pipeline has been operating since 2010. The Keystone XL was a proposed extension by Trans Canada Energy to bring the planet's most toxic fossil fuel - tar sands oil – to Cushing, Oklahoma. The cancellation of this proposed project could not cause inflation since the XL extension was never

And second, simply looking at two prices for a barrel of oil leads to an inaccurate and misleading conclusion. If we look at a broader picture of price action to determine the root cause of price volatility, we can see that prior to the impact of COVID, the monthly average price of crude oil was \$63.65 in January 2020. As the pandemic closed down economies worldwide, the demand for oil dropped considerably bringing the price of oil down to \$18.38 in April 2020. As economies started to slowly 'open up', crude oil prices started rising as demand increased. By the time President Biden took office, crude oil prices rose to \$54.77 in January 2021. As of October 2021, oil prices are at \$83.54. By simply comparing two figures in isolation, I could say that oil prices rose 198 percent under Trump, and rose only 52.5 percent under Biden. This, of course, would be misleading. Right? And, just to underscore the point, economists worldwide have attributed our rising inflation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strouse also stated, "The Biden Administration doesn't care. That also is incorrect. President Biden has released over 50 million barrels of oil from our oil reserves in an effort to reduce or slow the rise in oil prices domestically. If this proves insufficient, Biden has stated he is prepared to release even more oil reserves.

What about the B.B.B bill?

This bill if fully funded by taxing corporations and the wealthiest 1 percent income earners. It will lower taxes for the middle income, and provide higher wage jobs, child and elder care, affordable education, reduce drug costs, and more. These are services government is supposed to provide with our taxes.

A world divided

We hear every day ad nauseam this or that is racism. First and still is political correctness. We are seeing a culmination of the 100-year progressive plan to control through power extracted from the citizens.

So now we are engaged in cancel culture and racism attacks. Nelson Mandela saw it clearly and he experienced it first hand for what, 28 years. He had a front seat in a racist environment. He said, "Our world is not divided by race, color, gender or religion. Our world is divided into wise people and fools. And fools divide themselves by race, color, gender, or religion.

George Pratt Hernando

We will be back

Some wise man wrote long ago that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. It seems that the United States falls into this category. Women have struggled and fought for their rights for centuries, and now, after achieving some, they are on the verge of disappearing.

History also tells us that as with the civil rights fight, those doing the fighting do not give up. Women are strong, resilient and determined. To paraphrase Gen. MacArthur, we will be back!

> **Sue Kelder Norman** Homosassa

Recognize history as truth

White people were not subject to slavery within the United States for 246 years. White people were not counted as only 3/5ths of a person as specified in Article I, Section II of our Constitution, and they were never subject to The Black Codes. White people were not relegated, for nearly one

hundred years, to inferior and often segregated accommodations, wherever they stepped; by State laws collectively known as Jim

No white person ever needed federal legislation, passed in 1965, to peacefully to take a stroll in the town square, order a cup of coffee at the local cafeteria or send her Ronald Berg children to a good quality, integrat-**Hernando** ed public school.

But our Black neighbors were. It was only them who were held by the yoke of slavery for over 200 years. Afterwards, it was only our Black neighbors who had the legal obligation to step aside to make way for their white neighbors over the next 100 years as dictated by a new master named Jim Crow.

The crushing blow that set apart the races was widespread lynching of Black men and Black women throughout the south, the midwest and border states. And often, only for whispered interracial interaction. While lynchings became rare following the civil rights movement, federal anti-lynching legislation was not passed until Feb. 26, 2020, less than two years ago,

A direct result of this separation and subjugation is that until this day our Black neighbors, on average, earn lower wages and have higher unemployment. They possess less wealth, by any measure, and, on average, receive inferior education. Even this year, voting restriction laws that give flashback to Jim Crow-era voting restrictions have been introduced in 49 states and passed in 19 states including Florida.

But we are told not to mention any of this within the aspect of putting the words critical and race together because such action would partition our society into oppressors and oppressed. Really? An associate professor at the University of Florida was recently threatened with disciplinary action for proposing the title "Critical Study of Race, Ethnicity and Culture in Education."

There is nothing oppressive about recognizing history as truth. We study history to learn of the hazards that trap and imperil people and to help ensure we do not repeat such horrors.

> **Bill Cohen** Hernando

Three cheers to editor

Three cheers to Jeff Bryan for his editorial on Sunday, "Progress comes with a cost" (Dec. 5, Page C1). Everyone wants to get roads fixed and keep Citrus nice, but nobody's willing to pay for it. Every elected official seems to be afraid to raise taxes even a penny. I guess they're afraid they won't be reelected. Seems like we all want to have our cake and eat it, too, but as Jeff said, if we want

Are you timing the signal?

a better place to live, we must be

willing to pay for it.

I'm responding to the (Monday, Dec. 6, Page A6) Sound Off "Traffic signals not timed correctly" on Grover Cleveland in Homosassa. What do you do, sit there with a stopwatch? Really? I've never heard of it. It's totally ridiculous. What is the time? Are you that much in a hurry to get where you got to go?

What gives you the specialty that you know they're timed not properly? I'd like to know how you did it. Did you sit there with your stopwatch? Can you answer that? If you did, then it's really pathetic.

What's the game plan?

This is in response to a letter (Tuesday, Dec. 7, Page A11, titled "AP, NSF stories informative," by David Burns) and the fact that I guess the

Chronicle is not carrying News Service of Florida and other things. It kind of makes you wonder if, when the other people bought the Chronicle, that this was the game plan. I don't know because there was no clue of that, but it does limit one's view of what's happening around the state, you know? You have to watch Channel 7 from Orlando just to find out what's happening on the east side. I'm just kind of curious, as we all have cousins and relatives that live on both sides of the state. That's the only reason I called is because

I agreed with him that it's a bad

choice, bad decision.

Editor's Note: The Chronicle uses The Associated Press, News Service of Florida and the Center Square among its services for news content. The paper has been doing so for a number of years and will continue to

What about outside the city limits?

In response to the Sound Off, "Great job Inverness" (Tuesday, Dec. 7, Page A11): They're talking about the trash and that they're doing a great job in Inverness. Oh yeah, they cleaned around the courthouse and so forth, but what about just the outskirts of Inverness? What about the highway here? I live on Pleasant Grove Road past where it says "Welcome to the City Limits." Once you pass the sign, you see the trash on the sides of the road. We still pay taxes like everyone else does in Inverness, but I guess because I don't belong to the city, I'm not entitled to being cleaned up? Editor's Note: If it's outside the city

limits, it's the county's responsibility.

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

No troops disciplined in U.S. strike killing Afghan civilians

WASHINGTON (AP) — No U.S. troops involved in the August drone strike that killed innocent Kabul civilians and children will face disciplinary action, U.S. defense officials said Monday.

The Pentagon said that Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has approved recommendations for improvements in strike operations from the generals who lead U.S. Central Command and Special Operations Command, based on the findings of an independent Pentagon review released last month. There were no recommendations for discipline made by the generals, said John Kirby, chief Pentagon spokesman.

The review, done by Air Force Lt. Gen. Sami Said and endorsed by Austin in November, found there were breakdowns in communication and in the process of identifying and confirming the target of the bombing, which killed 10 civilians, including seven children. But he concluded that the strike was a tragic mistake and not caused by misconduct or negligence.

Medicare urged to slash back premium hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of a Senate panel that oversees Medicare says the Biden administration should use its legal authority to cut back a hefty premium increase soon hitting millions of enrollees, as a growing number of Democratic lawmakers call for action amid worries over rising inflation.

Last month, Medicare announced one of the largest increases ever in its "Part B" monthly premium for outpatient care, nearly \$22, from \$148.50 currently to \$170.10 starting in January.

The agency attributed roughly half the hike, about \$11 a month, to the need for a contingency fund to cover Aduhelm, a new \$56,000 Alzheimer's drug from Biogen whose benefits have been widely questioned.

"Rather than assessing the current \$21.60 per month ... premium increase in full, I urge you to reduce the amount," Senate Finance Chairman Ron Wyden, D-Ore., wrote health secretary Xavier Becerra. "Taking this type of approach would reduce near-term expenses for seniors on fixed incomes." A copy of the letter was provided to The Associated Press on Monday.

There was no immediate response from

the administration.

Elon Musk named Time magazine's 'Person of the Year'

NEW YORK (AP) — Calling him a "clown, genius, edgelord, visionary, industrialist, showman," Time magazine has named Tesla CEO Elon Musk as its Person of the Year for 2021.

Musk, who is also the founder and CEO space exploration company SpaceX, recently passed Amazon founder Jeff Bezos as the world's wealthiest person as the rising price of Tesla pushed his net worth to around \$300 billion. He owns about 17 percent of Tesla's stock, which sold for almost \$1,000 each on Monday.

Time cited the breadth of Musk's endeavors, from his founding of SpaceX in 2002, to his hand in the creation of the alternative energy company SolarCity in addition to Tesla, the most valuable car company in the world. The magazine emphasizes that its annual acknowledgement is not an award, but rather, "recognition of the person who had the most influence on the events of the year, for good or for ill."

The magazine also noted the sway Musk holds over an army of loyal followers (and investors) on social media, where he skewers the powerful and also regulators attempting to keep in check an executive that is far from traditional. Before his 66 million followers on Twitter, he offers outlandish assistance to the world and drives even his own followers and investors mad by roiling markets.



Volunteers, mostly employees from the Mayfield Consumer Products factory, help salvage possessions from the destroyed home of Martha Thomas on Monday in Mayfield, Ky., in the aftermath of tornadoes that tore through the region several days earlier.

'Purely survival at this point'

Thousands without heat, water after tornadoes kill dozens

By BRUCE SCHREINER and CLAIRE GALOFARO Associated Press

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Residents of Kentucky counties where tornadoes killed dozens of people could be without heat, water or electricity in frigid temperatures for weeks or longer, state officials warned Monday, as the toll of damage and deaths came into clearer focus in five states slammed by the swarm of twist-

Kentucky authorities said the sheer level of destruction was hindering their ability to tally the damage from Friday night's storms. At least 88 people - including 74 in Kentucky - were killed by the tornado outbreak that also destroyed a nursing home in Arkansas, heavily damcenter in Illinois and spread its deadly effects into Tennessee and Missouri.



Michael Clubb / AP

The front steps of a house are all that remains after a tornado in Dawson Springs, Ky.

In Kentucky, as searches continued for those still missing, efforts also turned to repairing the power grid, sheltering those whose homes were destroyed and delivering drinking water and other supplies.

"We're not going to let any of our families go homeless," Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said in announcing that lodges in state aged an Amazon distribution parks were being used to provide shelter.

In Mayfield, one of the hardest so many of our people." hit towns, those who survived

faced a high in the 50s and a low below freezing Monday without any utilities.

"Our infrastructure is so damaged. We have no running water. Our water tower was lost. Our wastewater management was lost, and there's no natural gas to the city. So we have nothing to Kathy Stewart O'Nan said on lives," the governor said. "CBS Mornings." "So that is Five twisters hit Kentucky in purely survival at this point for all, including one with an ex-

Across the state, about 26,000 200 miles, authorities said.

homes and businesses were without electricity, according to poweroutage.us, including nearly all of those in Mayfield. More than 10,000 homes and businesses have no water, and another 17,000 are under boil-water advisories, Kentucky Emergency Management Director Michael Dossett told reporters.

Kentucky was the worst hit by far in the cluster of twisters across several states, remarkable because they came at a time of year when cold weather normally limits tornadoes. At least 74 people died in the state, Beshear said Monday, offering the first specific count of the

Beshear warned that it could take days longer to pin down the full death toll, with door-to-door searches impossible in some places.

"With this amount of damage and rubble, it may be a week or even more before we have a firely on there," Mayfield Mayor nal count on the number of lost

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Jurors at Potter trial see differences between gun, Taser

By AMY FORLITI and STEVE KARNOWSKI

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Prosecutors in the manslaughter trial of a Minnesota police officer charged in the shooting death of Daunte Wright walked jurors through the differences Taser on Monday, seeking to raise questions about how an experienced officer could confuse the two.

April 11 after being pulled over in the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Center for having ex-

rearview mirror. Kim Potter, 49, rights to use deadly force on and LED lights that display beis charged with manslaughter.

Potter, a 26-year police veteran who resigned two days later, has said she meant to use her Taser to stop Wright after he pulled away and got back in his car as officers tried to arrest him on a warrant for a weapons charge. Potter is white death, which came while Derek Chauvin was on trial in nearby Minneapolis in George Floyd's death, set off several nights Wright, 20, was killed on of angry protests in Brooklyn

The defense has called the

dragged another officer, then-Sgt. Mychal Johnson, with his handgun does not, he said.

Sam McGinnis, a senior special agent with the state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, highlighted how Potter's duty belt had holsters that require an between her handgun and her and Wright was Black. His officer to take deliberate actions to release the weapons. The gun holster has a snap, while the Taser holster has a lever. The handgun, which is black, is also twice as heavy as the yellow Taser, McGinnis said.

The Taser and gun have difshooting a horrific mistake, ferent triggers, grips and safety pired license plate tags and an but has also asserted that Pot-mechanisms, McGinnis testiair freshener hanging from his ter would have been within her fied. The Taser also has a laser liberations if they want.

Wright because he might have fore it is fired, which he demonstrated for the jury, while the

McGinnis also testified that Potter didn't perform a function test on her Taser at the start of her shift. Although the Brooklyn Center Police Department's policy is that officers are supposed to do that, McGinnis acknowledged under cross-examination that he didn't check to see how widely the department's officers complied.

Prosecutors asked to have the jurors handle a Taser, but Judge Regina Chu didn't allow it after Potter's attorneys objected. Chu said jurors can do so during de-

Biden aims to restore faith in government by improving services

By JOSH BOAK **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden signed an executive order Monday aimed at rebuilding the public's trust in government by making it easier to do things like renew passports, apply for Social Security benefits and get aid after natural di-

The idea is to put the public and customer service at the center of federal operations, saving time, energy, frustration and potentially money by offering better and more efficient services for the millions of routine across 17 federal agencies interactions people have with the government.

going to make the govern- cies to pay for improvement work more effectively," Biden said before signing the order in the Oval ultimately save the govern-Office. "This will go a long way to restoring faith in the government."

The measure is aimed at reducing the current bureaucratic runaround, under which people often have to visit offices, endure long phone calls or struggle with the delays of mail and fax machines when trying to contact federal agencies.

"This executive order is really focused on how the federal government delivers services to the public and ensuring that we deliver high-quality product to the public," said Neera Tanden, a senior adviser to the president.

The goal is to implement most of the order's changes within the next year. Officials said that existing funds "The bottom line is we're should be enough for agenments and that better service and efficiency would ment money.

Paul Light, a public pol-



Evan Vucci / AP

President Joe Biden signs an executive order to improve government services during a ceremony Monday in the Oval Office.

University and an expert wiring and flattening of the administration will face obstacles.

"The problem is not in the hope but in the bureaucratic morass," Light said. "The 4 million Americans who fight to improve government turn 65 each year, the order services requires a broad re-requires that they be able icy professor at New York tooling of the bureaucratic to claim Social Security duced for people seeking Security Administration.

on the federal bureaucracy, hierarchy. The federal govsaid the initiative could be a ernment may be willing, but big deal, although the Biden its technology is ancient, its personnel system sluggish, the bureaucratic layering unrelenting."

For retirees and the nearly

benefits online more easily. loan forgiveness. Medicare recipients are to be able to access personalmoney on drugs and managing their health care. Taxpayers will be able to schedule callbacks with the IRS through letters and faxes.

For travelers, Americans will be able to renew their passports online instead of having to print forms and pay with a paper check or money order. New security machines and computers to certify their incomes and with advanced screening features are to streamline the ty net programs without the process of going through se- extra paperwork. Loan procurity lines for the roughly 2

million people who fly daily.

Natural disasters strike about 25 million ized online tools for saving households and small businesses each year. The survivors seeking federal aid should no longer be required to complete multiple instead of waiting on hold forms across several agenor having to manage issues cies, while being able to use virtual inspections and smart phone pictures of the damage to support claims.

Military veterans are to be able to access their benefits with a single login. Poorer families should find it easier enroll in eligible social safegrams for small businesses and farmers are to become The 45 million people with more responsive. Families student debt will be able to receiving food aid should manage their federal loans be able to buy groceries onthrough a single portal, in- line. It should become easier stead of several websites to update mailing addresswith different passwords. es with the government or Paperwork is also to be re- change names with the Social

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Attend an ABC of **Dementia workshop**

Citrus County Libraries and Coping with Dementia LLC will have a free ABC of Dementia workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 20, at Central Ridge Library.

The workshops provide 3 p.m. Dec. 19. The \$150 an overview of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, how they affect the individuals and how their care partners can use this knowledge and techniques of voice, approach and appropriate touch to provide more effective care. Citrus County's Libraries provide this training for their personnel and encourage the public to attend. CDC guidelines will be observed and seating may be limited. To reserve seats, call 352-422-3663 or email deb@coping.today.

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Advanced Gastroenterology in Crystal River offers a Nutrient Message along with nonsurgical weight loss presentation at 6152 W. Corporate Oaks Drive, Crystal River, at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

The presentation will give a general overview of nutrients, obesity and weight loss options. Including the process to become a candidate for nonsurgical weight loss. Patients with a BMI of 30-35 are not appropriate for surgical therapy, but may wish to have medically supervised nonsurgical and endoscopic intervention.

For more information and to RSVP, call 352-564-

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The City of Inverness is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification Class on the fol- Nurses are having their hol-

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- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 2 ■ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan 3
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completion of the swim. Swimmers must demonstrate the following:

- Swim 300 yard continuously.
- Proper kick, stroke and Health care rhythmic breathing using
- the breaststroke/freestyle. ■ Tread water for 2 minutes using legs only.
- goggles), surface dive to 10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, swim on back holding the object, return to the starting point and exit the water within 1 minute and 40 seconds.

Candidates must be 15 years old, pass the prerequisite swim, turn in completion for online studies and attend all class sessions.

For more information, call 352-726-1995.

Knights announce next blood drive

The next blood drive for the Knights of Columbus Council 6168, Our Lady of Grace Parish, will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the council hall, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto.

As a Christmas treat, an enhanced complimentary breakfast is planned, along with tokens of appreciation for all donors

The Oct. 16 drive collected 16 units from 21 donors ed meditation/relaxation at the council hall and one unit from two donors at a LifeSouth Facility for a total of 17 units of blood from being. 22 donors.

Citrus/Marion **Retired Nurses to** have holiday party

The Citrus/Marion Retired

iday party at 11 a.m. Dec. 20 at the Inverness Golf and Country Club, 3150 S. Country Club Drive in Inverness

Come enjoy some light entertainment, followed by lunch. The cost for lunch is \$15. Those who wish may bring a \$15 gift to exchange. Dues of \$10 are due registration fee is due after for 2022.

> For more information, contact Judy Herron at 352-860-0232 or jlherron2@aol.

enrollment help available

Open Enrollment for the ■ Swim 20 yards (no Federal Health Insurance Marketplace began Nov. 1 and continues until Jan. 15. Those needing coverage beginning Jan. 1 must enroll by Dec. 15.

> Suwannee River Area Health Education Centers (SRAHEC) is part of the Covering Florida program, where navigators deliver free outreach and enrollment services to any Floridian that needs to enroll.

Contact SRAHEC at 386-230-9400 or navigator@ srahec.org.

'Stepping Stones to Wellness' meets weekly

Stepping Stones to Wellness will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

The group is facilitated by yoga teacher Ellen Armitage. By combining walking in place, guidexercises and a process group, it is designed to help promote overall well

Provided as a community service, the class is offered at no charge. To reserve a spot, call 352-249-1470. For more information, call friendsofcitrus.org or visit Friends of Citrus on Face-



Are You a Caregiver? You're Not Alone, and VITAS Can Help.

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The goal of hospice care is to manage a patient's symptoms and pain while supporting quality of life near the end of life. VITAS makes sure that caregivers have all the information, services, and around-the-clock support they need to care for their loved one safely and confidently.

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Respite care provides up to 5 days of Medicare-certified inpatient care for a hospice patient so that family members can take a break from their caregiving duties to relax, unwind, travel, recover from an illness, or attend other events.

Hospice also supports caregivers by providing bereavement support for at least 13 months after a loved one's death.

VITAS Supports Citrus County

VITAS hospice office in Lecanto is the "home base" for our Citrus County care teams. When a patient's symptoms can no longer be managed at home, VITAS also cares for patients in a freestanding inpatient hospice unit in Lecanto, where the goal is to bring symptoms and pain under control so that patients can return home, where most prefer to be near the end of life.

The costs of hospice care are covered up to 100 percent by Medicare; Medicaid and most private insurance plans also cover hospice. Talk to your loved one's physician about the guidelines for a hospice referral. Even after a patient is admitted to hospice care, the patient's physician or specialist can remain involved in their care and their care plan.

Remember: Caregiving can be a huge responsibility. With VITAS, you don't have to do it alone. We're available 24/7 to support our patients and their caregivers as they embrace quality of life in their remaining time together.

If you are caring for a loved one at the end of life, call VITAS at 866.759.6695 or visit VITAS.com for caregiver resources and more information.



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HEALTH & LIFE

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Should I give my child a COVID shot?

n mid 2020, just like everyone else, I read Land heard about an immunization coming down the pike. Naturally, I was skeptical.

Most have learned about the science behind it and warmed up to the idea. Fast forward a year, and billions of shots have been given out all over the world. Ultimately, it has made a world of a difference.

Without an immunization, the mobidity, such as myocarditis, pulmonary and other severe organ manifestations, and mortality, is much higher. Nearly all patients

Dr. Ken Savage Keeping You Well



hospitalized and dying are not immunized. Those who have received the shots and end up very ill often are severely immunocompromised. Since Delta has become the

most common variant, according to CDC, fully vaccinated people have reduced the risk of infection 500 percent, hospitalization 1000 percent and death greater than 1000 percent. Now we have the new Omicron variant spreading as well.

With that said, there is ongoing debate about whether children get severe COVID and/ or spread COVID. It is preposterous to say a human being that has COVID does not spread it. I recently was at a zoo where certain areas were roped off because the animals are at risk of contracting and spreading COVID

There have been reports of myocarditis in the young who get COVID shots. This is predominantly those 16-plus and the risk is extremely low, with an incidence of about 0.000025 percent. The chance of it helping you, on the other hand is statistically significant.

According to Harvard Health we need to be concerned about manifestations of infection some children get, such as MIS-C, which is Multisystem Inflammation Syndrome in Children. Ultimately, it can be life threatening.

Another study suggested that over 10 percent of kids end up with symptoms of "long COVID." If we are able to immunize our children, the Pfizer shot has been proven to be excellent at preventing infection and reducing

all complications mild to severe. Over 0.2 percent of the U.S. population has died because of COVID at this point! Although risk of death is low in children, the rate is not zero and there is significant risk of prolonged and possibly permanent manifestations of the infection.

Basically, either we are choosing to risk the exposure of COVID without the immunization or you prevent those risks by getting the shot. We are currently getting over a Delta peak in

Citrus, but COVID is not going away. By the way, Moderna is doing research on children age 6 months and older. We could be seeing that come along sometime in the near future.

Last but not least, just before our COVID pandemic, flu shots were actively touted as poorly effective. Before COVID immunizations, though, we would take 50 percent efficacy over zero! Consequently, we have seen folks who have never had a flu shot get them.

Flu shots are also a blessing because they are life savers, too.

I trust this information is helpful. If you have kids or grandkids, the best bet is getting them

immunized. Here is to your health! Dr. Ken Savage Jr. is a Family Practice physician at Nature Coast Health Care in Crystal River. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Florida in 2001, his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience in 2005 and completed his residency in Family Medicine in conjunction with Nova-Southeastern University and Suncoast Hospital/Largo Medical Center. He is board certified in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians. He can be reached at info@naturecoasthealthcare. com or by calling 352-436-4328.



This holiday season you can go out and buy more gifts that may or may not mean anything to anybody. Or you can gear up to really give something of meaning – your desire to help others, to give back.

Give of your musical gifts to help others



our ability is God's gift to you. Y What you do with it is your gift to

I walk into the lady's room. She is not aware of my presence, even after I quietly introduce myself.

She is in agony. The pain is evident in her groans and the grimaces on her face and in her tortured movement of her

I begin to play gentle, soothing music. Gradually, her groans quiet, then cease. She isn't moving her legs as much, and her face muscles begin to relax. With a little more music, she stops the groaning entirely. Her legs lie still.

And then she begins to breathe heavily and regularly. A quiet snore begins.

Imagine having the ability to help someone like this. How would it make you feel? It makes me feel like a million bucks. It makes me so grateful that I am

able to help people with my music. I would like to suggest that you may have everything it takes to follow in my humble footsteps. The rewards to you and to those you help would be immense.

Please consider joining me and our trained therapeutic musicians in providing this valuable service. It would be a gift, not only to yourself, but to others. And as the Dalai Lama knows, the more you give of yourself, the more you have to give. This is the Dalai Lama's recipe for happiness – giving of yourself.

I'm focusing on giving in this column

Adele **Jacobson** Music in



since it is the holiday season when giving is traditional. I'd like to suggest that one way to offer your kindness to others is through music.

If you are a regular reader of my column, you know how beneficial therapeutic music is to others. Whether someone is depressed, struggling with pain or anxiety, experiencing erratic heart

beats or making the final transition to the great beyond, music helps.

I would like to encourage you to consider joining us as a therapeutic musician. You don't have to be a concert pianist, or a musical wonder. An intermediate musician can succeed beautifully at this trade, as long he or she has a desire to serve. And this gets back to

If you have the time to devote to others, are looking for a way to help others, this may be just the pathway you have been looking for. The training itself takes about a year.

The journey is an eye opener; at least it was for me. New horizons may open for

Training to become a therapeutic musician can expand your thinking about how to connect with people. You may become more empathetic. You may learn how to live in the moment. You may

learn how to avoid being judgmental. And you will be reminded how important it is to put the interests of others above your own.

These are all attributes you mother taught you, but perhaps this will be an opportunity for you to hone those skills. Then, you will put all this into practice and help others.

Every time I play, I wonder who is receiving the better gift, me or the patient. It is true that the more I give away my music, the happier I am. The giving is not all altruistic.

So consider: This holiday season you can go out and buy more gifts that may or may not mean anything to anybody. Or you can gear up to really give something of meaning – your desire to help others, to give back.

Music in Medicine Inc. provides full scholarships to local musicians who want to serve others with their music. Many instruments are appropriate: woodwinds, strings, piano, guitar, dulcimer and voice – brass and percussion not so much.

Our local community has been very generous, and we have the resources to train several more local musicians. Look into your heart. If this is right for you, contact us.

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

TOPS weight loss groups meet weekly

The following TOPS weight loss support groups meet weekly in Citrus County:

- Chapter 692 at 9:30 a.m. Fridays at Grace Bible Church, 6382 W. Green Acres St. in Homosassa. Call 352-628-2024. ■ Chapter 826 at 8:10 a.m.
- Tuesdays at First Lutheran Church, 1900 State Road 44 in Inverness. Call 352-464-1349. ■ Chapter 743 at 7:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays at the DAV building, 1039 N. Paul Drive in Inverness. Call 352-637-6553. ■ Chapter 9365 at 10 a.m.
- Wednesdays at the First Christian Church of Homosassa, 7030 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. Call 352-533-2607 or 352-212-8550.
- Chapter 408 at 2 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church, 700 N. Citrus Ave. in Crystal River. Call 352-212-7946.
- Chapter 443 at 3 p.m. Thursdays at the Dunnellon Women's Club, 11756 Cedar St. Call 352-
- 566-0742. ■ Chapter 401 at 8:15 Wednes-

days at First Baptist Church, 3790 Collins, retired psychiatric nurse. Parsons Pt. Road in Hernando. Call 352-637-7196.

For more information about TOPS, visit tops.org.

Mental health support available

The local National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Citrus) offers in-person and virtual support groups from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at the First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonade St.

Support groups are for persons living with a mental health condition and their families.

For more information, call 844-687-6264 or visit namicitrus.org/ calendar.

Support available for dementia caregivers

North Oak Church is offering group support for caregivers of dementia patients at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at the church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

The group will be led by Bernie Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

No religious affiliation is needed to

SUPPORT GROUPS

For more information, call 352-489-1688 or visit northoakbc.org.

Join Grief Toolbox support group

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

Sponsored by Brown Funeral Home and Crematory, the group helps participants acquire the essential tools they need to deal with their grief through video presentations, handouts and group discus-

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

To learn more about grief services, friendsofcitrus.org

Child loss grief group to meet

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

Parents, siblings and grandparents grieving the loss of a child at any age can find highly personal comfort, hope and support by attending meetings of The Compassionate Friends, an international self-help organization.

The Nature Coast chapter, sponsored by Hooper Funeral Home and Crematory, brings together individuals and families supporting one another in many ways.

For more information, call 352-249-1470.

'Understanding Grief' support group

"Understanding Grief" support groups for the newly bereaved are offered at no cost by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast. These groups,

meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonade St. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

For information or to preregister, call 352-249-1470. For information, visit friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

Colorectal cancer support group

A new support group for colorectal cancer patients, families, caregivers and health care professionals will meet from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. every Monday at the Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road in Inverness and from 6 to 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday at the Beverly Hills Public Library, 444 N. Rexford Drive.

Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. Masks and social distancing are recommended.

For more information, call or text Karen Fisher at 352-503-8777 or visit the Citrus Colorectal Cancer Foundation group page on Facebook.

Warriors whip FAL



MATT PFIFFNER / Chronicle sports editor

Annalise de Beer of Seven Rivers Christian races to the basket for a layup during Monday night's 49-11 victory at home over First Academy-Leesburg.

Seven Rivers Christian scores first 18 points in 49-11 victory

By MATT PFIFFNER

Sports editor

LECANTO — The Seven Rivromp past First Academy-Lees-

The Warriors (5-4) used suffocating defense to force several early turnovers and turned those Eagle miscues into easy baskets on the other end.

It took the Warriors four seconds to put the first points on the board, as Annalise de Beer took the opening tip for an uncontested

Joy Sullivan rolled in a 3-pointer seconds later and McKayla Smith converted a pair of steals for layups for a 9-0 Seven Rivers lead less than two minutes into the

"We just play good defense like our coach tells us. And when our get sloppy just because of the defense leads to our offense, it just helps our offense work better," Smith said.

Smith free throw made it 12-0, followed by a de Beer layup after yet another Eagles turnover. Baskets from Sarah Beth Kuntz and Jassiah DeGraw ballooned the shot." lead to 18-0.

DeGraw scored twice in the final usual. moments for a 22-1 Warriors lead at the end of the period.

ers Christian girls basketball team second, as de Beer started the we haven't had a starting five. scored the first 18 points of the quarter with a 3-pointer and Sul- we don't have a starting five. So game Monday night at home and livan scored on a layup after an was never threatened in a 49-11 FAL turnover. Smith had a pair of free throws and two layups off steals and assists from Sullivan to make it a 33-1 game.

> "I just play my game no matter who I'm playing, whether they're good or bad," Smith said. "I just play my game and to the best of my abilities."

The Warriors led 35-3 at halftime and most of the second half was played with a running clock,

once the lead hit 35. Seven Rivers head coach Gary Dreyer said he wanted to see some very specific things during the game against an overmatched

opponent. You just want to play a clean game. You don't want to start to score of the game," he said. "We did have certain criteria that we gave them, because we don't want Another Sullivan bucket and a to humiliate anybody. We've been on the other side of that. It was just a matter of good crisp passes, move the ball, run the offense. And then, if you're open, take a

With several middle schoolers The Eagles finally got on the and underclassmen on the rosboard with two minutes left in ter, Dreyer said he went into this the quarter on a free throw, but season with a different plan than work together."

"We went into this season with a little different mentality, just It was more of the same in the to build minutes for everybody. just about every girl on the team has started a game this year," he said. "We did that to prepare them to not be overwhelmed. You just never know who you're going to

need at crunch time. "And since we have so many young girls, I thought it was best for us to go with tonight's starting lineup, not 'the' starting lineup every game. It's different, but it's worked well so far. We probably will get to a point where we do have a starting five, we're just not there yet."

Smith finished the game with 13 points, five steals, four rebounds and three assists. Sullivan added 12 points, four steals and two assists, while de Beer had seven points, three steals, two assists and two rebounds. DeGraw had seven rebounds and six points and Nora Leonard grabbed four boards and had four points.

"I think we're growing. We have a young team. We have a lot of middle schoolers. The further we come into the season the better they're getting and we're getting as a team," Smith said. "I think we have a bright future for the rest of the season. I think we can go far if we continue to work hard and

AP All-America team: Young and Tide lead with 3 1st teamers

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young and Alabama teammates Will Anderson Jr. and Jameson Williams have been selected All-Americans by The Associated Press, giving the top-ranked Crimson Tide more players on the first team than any other school.

The AP All-America team presented by Regions Bank, selected by a panel of Top 25 college football poll voters, was released

Young became the fourth Alabama player, and first Tide quarterback, to win the Heisman on Saturday night. Anderson, who leads the nation in sacks with 15.5, was fifth in the Heisman

Alabama (12-1) will face No. 4 Cincinnati (13-0) in the College Football Playoff semifinals Dec.

The Tide will bring five players who received AP All-American honors into their playoff game. Tackle Evan Neal made the second team and safety Jordan Battle was a third-team selection.

Cincinnati is represented on the first team by cornerback Ahmad Gardner, who was a second-team All-American last season. Fellow Bearcats cornerback Coby Bryant made the second team.

The other playoff semifinal on New Year's Eve, No. 2 Michigan (12-1) against No. 3 Georgia (12-1). will feature four more firstteam All-Americans.

Defensive end Aidan Hutchinson, the Heisman runner-up, and kicker Jake Moody are All-Americans for the Wolverines. Georgia's top-ranked defense is represented by defensive tackle Jordan Davis and linebacker Nakobe

Michigan linebacker David Ojabo was chosen for the second team and running back Hassan Haskins was a third-team selec-

tion. Georgia matched Alabama team.

with five players across the three teams. Defensive tackle Devonte Wyatt and freshman tight end Brock Bowers made the second team and safety Lewis Cine was a third-team choice.

Pittsburgh quarterback Kenny Pickett made the second team and fellow Heisman finalist C.J. Stroud from Ohio State was the third-team OB.

Iowa State running back Breece Hall is the only player to repeat as a first-team AP All-American this season.

Iowa center Tyler Linderbaum and Texas A&M guard Kenyon Green each were first-team selections this season after making the second team in 2020.

Kentucky tackle Darian Kinnard and Oregon edge rusher Kayvon Thibodeaux went from third-team in 2020 to first-team in 2021.

The AP added two players, one on each side of the ball, to the teams this year, the first change to the All-America structure since 2006. To reflect a game that features more passing than ever before - plus more schools playing major college football --- the offenses now feature three receivers and the defenses include an extra defensive back.

With more receiver spots to fill, Ohio State became the first school to have three wideouts earn All-America honors in the same season. Chris Olave and Garrett Wilson made the second team and Jaxon Smith-Njigba was a third-team pick.

Add in Alabama's Williams, an Ohio State transfer, and four receivers who played for the Buckeyes in 2020 made the AP All-America teams.

The Buckeyes led all schools, placing eight players on the three teams. Joining the three receivers and Stroud were offensive linemen Thayer Munford and Nichola Petit-Frere, defensive lineman Haskell Garrett and kicker Noah Ruggles, who all made the second

Baylor becomes fourth No. 1 team in last 4 weeks

BV DAVE SKRETTA

AP Basketball Writer

Baylor won the national championship last season without ever reaching No. 1 in the AP Top 25. The Bears are there now.

Baylor took advantage of Purdue's last-second loss to Rutgers last week to become the fourth different team at No. 1 in the past four weeks. The Bears earned every vote from a 61-member reach the top spot in the poll for the first time since a four-week run ended on Feb. 17, 2020.

"Every coach tells you that the goal is at the end of the year to be No. 1," Baylor coach Scott Drew said, "but I will tell you that it always means something. It means something to your fans. It means something to your coaches, your players and everybody."

The Bears (9-0) were followed by former No. 1s Duke and Purdue along with UCLA and Gonzaga, which began the season atop the poll and spent the first State, Arkansas and Texas Tech two weeks there before losses to rounded out the poll.

the Blue Devils and Alabama in a span of three games.

The Crimson Tide led the second five in the AP poll Monday, climbing three spots after beating then-No. 14 Houston on Saturday. They were followed by Kansas, unbeaten Arizona, Villanova and undefeated Southern California.

"I can't be too upset if we haven't lost, but there's always things to clean up and get better national media panel Monday to at," Trojans coach Andy Enfield said. "Our goal is to be an elite defensive team, but we're not there yet. I'm happy with the team. We're excited to be 10-0."

Iowa State, another of the seven remaining Division I unbeatens, climbed six spots to No. 11 after the Cyclones romped past Iowa and avoided a letdown against Jacksonville State. They were followed by Michigan State, Auburn, Houston and Ohio State with Seton Hall, Texas, Tennessee, LSU and UConn in the top 20.

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Men's AP Top 25

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2. Duke	7-1	1429	3
3. Purdue	9-1	1319	1
4. UCLA	9-1	1312	4
Gonzaga	8-2	1291	5
6. Alabama	8-1	1202	9
7. Kansas	8-1	1181	8
8. Arizona	9-0	1172	11
9. Villanova	7-3	924	6
Southern Cal	10-0	810	16
11. Iowa St.	10-0	798	17
12. Michigan St.	9-2	707	19
13. Auburn	8-1	693	18
14. Houston	8-2	683	14
15. Ohio St.	8-2	656	21
Seton Hall	9-1	635	23
17. Texas	6-2	583	7
18. Tennessee	7-2	390	13
19. LSU	9-0	376	25
20. UConn	9-2	360	15
21. Kentucky	7-2	345	10
22. Xavier	9-1	301	-
Colorado St.	10-0	251	-
24. Arkansas	9-1	241	12
25. Texas Tech	7-1	164	-
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2. NC State	10-1	720	2
Stanford	6-2	651	4
4. Arizona	9-0	634	6
Baylor	9-1	620	5
Louisville	8-1	594	7
7. Tennessee	9-0	556	9
7. UConn	6-2	556	3
9. Maryland	9-3	518	8
10. Indiana	8-2	515	10
11. Texas	7-1	464	11
12. Iowa St.	10-1	402	15
13. Michigan	10-1	400	13
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15. Duke	8-0	294	19
16. South Florida	6-3	254	17
17. Georgia	8-1	195	21
18. Georgia Tech	8-2	184	-
19. Kentucky	6-3	170	14
20. BYU	8-1	158	16
21. Notre Dame	9-2	146	22
22. LSU	7-1	123	24
23. Texas A&M	9-2	115	18
24. Ohio St.	7-2	89	20
25. North Carolina	9-0	64	
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Toronto at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Chicago, ppd Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m

FOOTBALL

2021 AP All-American Team

FIRST TEAM **OFFENSE**

Quarterback — Bryce Young, sophomore, Alabama. Running backs — Kenneth Walker III, junior,

Michigan State; Breece Hall, junior, Iowa State. Tackles - Ikem Ekwonu, junior, North Carolina State; Darian Kinnard, senior, Kentucky. Guards —Kenyon Green, junior, Texas A&M; Zion Johnson, senior, Boston College

Center — Tyler Linderbaum, junior, Iowa. Tight end — Trey McBride, senior, Colorado

Receivers - Jordan Addison, sophomore, Pittsburgh; David Bell, junior, Purdue; Jameson Williams, junior, Alabama.

All-purpose player - Deuce Vaughn, sophomore, Kansas State,

Kicker - Jake Moody, senior, Michigan. DEFENSE

Edge rushers — Aidan Hutchinson, senior, Michigan; Kayvon Thibodeaux, junior, Oregon.

- Jordan Davis, senior, Georgia; DeMarvin Leal, junior, Texas A&M. Linebackers — Will Anderson, Jr., sopho-

more, Alabama; Nakobe Dean, junior, Georgia; Devin Lloyd, junior, Utah. Cornerbacks — Ahmad Gardner, junior, Cin-

cinnati; Roger McCreary, senior, Auburn. Safeties — Verone McKinley III, sophomore, Oregon; Jalen Pitre, senior, Baylor. Defensive back - Marcus Jones, senior

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SECOND TEAM **OFFENSE**

Quarterback Kenny Pickett, senior, Pittsburgh Running backs — Sean Tucker, sophomore

Syracuse; Tyler Badie, senior, Missouri. Tackles — Evan Neal, junior, Alabama; Nicholas Petit-Frere, junior, Ohio State. Guards — Thayer Munford, senior, Ohio

State; William Dunkle, junior, San Diego State. Center — Alec Lindstrom, senior, Boston College Tight end - Brock Bowers, freshman.

Georgia. Receivers — Chris Olave, senior, Ohio State; Garrett Wilson, junior, Ohio State; Jerreth Sterns, junior, Western Kentucky,

All-purpose player — Jahmyr Gibbs,

Florida LOTTERY =

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

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

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 6 p.m. (ACCN) Southeastern Louisiana at Louisville

7 p.m. (ESPN2) Furman at North Carolina 7 p.m. (SEC) Northwestern State at LSU

8 p.m. (ACCN) South Carolina State at Duke 8 p.m. (BTN) Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Minnesota

8 p.m. (FS1) Arizona State at Creighton 9 p.m. (ESPN) Alabama at Memphis

9 p.m. (ESPNU) Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Texas

9 p.m. (SEC) North Alabama at Auburn

7:30 p.m. (TNT) Golden State Warriors at New York Knicks 10 p.m. (TNT) Phoenix Suns at Portland Trail Blazers

7 p.m. (SUN) Los Angeles Kings at Tampa Bay Lightning PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER 2:55 p.m. (NBCSPT) Manchester City vs Leeds United **TENNIS**

6 a.m. (TENNIS) Rio de Janeiro-ATP Challenger, Maia 2-ATP

4 p.m. (TENNIS) Rio de Janeiro-ATP Challenger

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS GIRLS SOCCER

Minnesota

Chicago

Detroit

Arizona

Seattle

San Francisco 7

Minnesota 36, Pittsburgh 28

Cleveland 24, Baltimore 22

Kansas City 48, Las Vegas 9

New Orleans 30, N.Y. Jets 9

Tennessee 20. Jacksonville 0

Green Bay 45. Chicago 30

L.A. Rams 30, Arizona 23

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San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 23, OT Tampa Bay 33, Buffalo 27, OT

Open: Indianapolis, Miami, New England,

Monday's Game

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BOYS SOCCER 7:30 p.m. Leesburg at Crystal River

GIRLS BASKETBALL 7 p.m. Springstead at Citrus 7:30 p.m. Crystal River at Weeki Wachee

sophomore, Georgia Tech Kicker — Noah Ruggles, senior, Ohio State. DEFENSE

Edge rushers —Jermaine Johnson, senior, Florida State; Cameron Thomas, junior, San Diego State. Linemen — Devonte Wyatt, senior, Georgia

Haskell Garrett, senior, Ohio State. Linebackers — Malcolm Rodriguez, senior. Oklahoma State; Leo Chenal, junior, Wisconsin; David Ojabo, junior, Michigan.

Cornerbacks — Coby Bryant, senior, Cincinnati; Ja'Quan McMillian, junior, East Carolina Jaquan Brisker, senior, Penn State; Kyle Hamilton, junior, Notre Dame.

Defensive back — JoJo Domann, senior, Punter — Adam Korsak, senior, Rutgers. THIRD TEAM

Quarterback - C.J. Stroud, redshirt freshman. Ohio State.

Running backs — Hassan Haskins, senior, Michigan; Sincere McCormick, junior, UTSA. Tackles — Connor Galvin, senior, Baylor, Max Mitchell, senior, Louisiana-Lafayette. Guards - Andrew Vorhees, senior, Southern California: Josh Seltzner senior Wisconsin

Center — Michael Maietti, senior, Missouri. Tight end — Michael Mayer, sophomore, Notre Dame.

Receivers - Drake London, junior, Southern California: Jaxon Smith-Niigba, sophomore, Ohio State: Jahan Dotson, senior, Penn State, All-purpose player — Deven Thompkins, se-

Kicker - Caleb Shudak, senior, Iowa DEFENSE

Edge rushers — Will McDonald IV, junior, Iowa State; Sam Williams, senior, Mississippi. Linemen — Calijah Kancey, sophomore, Pittsburgh; George Karlaftis, junior, Purdue. Linebackers — Chad Muma, senior, Wvoming; Nik Bonitto, junior, Oklahoma; Andre

Carter II, junior, Army. Cornerbacks - Riley Moss, senior, Iowa Trent McDuffie, junior, Washington, Safeties - Jordan Battle, junior, Alabama

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Defensive back — Kolby Harvell-Peel, senior,

Oklahoma State. Punter — Jordan Stout, senior, Penn State.

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Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Seattle at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Warriors win first over Eagles



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle sports editor

Haddon Sullivan of Seven Rivers Christian shoots from the baseline during Monday night's game at home against First Academy-Leesburg. The Warriors defeated the Eagles 65-56. Caleb Sullivan led the Warriors with 22 points, Haddon Sullivan added 19 and Josh Patrick chipped in with 16. It was the first victory of the season for Seven Rivers, which improved to 1-5

Cavaliers beat Heat

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Love made five 3-pointers and scored all 23 of his points in the second half, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to their fourth straight win, 105-94 over the Miami Heat on Monday night.

Isaac Okoro had 18 points, Jarrett Allen didn't miss a shot in scoring 17 points with eight rebounds, and Darius Garland had 16 points and five assists for Cleveland.

P.J. Tucker had a season-high 23 points, nine rebounds and five assists, and Kyle Lowry scored 22 points for the Heat.

Warriors 102, Pacers 100

INDIANAPOLIS - Stephen Curry finished one 3-pointer shy of the NBA career record, making five 3-pointers and scoring 26 points to help the Golden State Warriors rally late for a 102-100 win over the Indiana Pacers.

Curry is closing in on Ray Allen's record of 2,973 and is likely to break it Tuesday night on the NBA's grandest stage - Madison Square Garden.

Domantas Sabonis led Indiana with 30 points and 11 rebounds and Malcolm Brogdon added 23 points and eight assists, but it wasn't enough to protect their lead down the stretch.

Raptors 124, Kings 101

TORONTO — Chris Boucher matched his season high with 17 points, Yuta Watanabe had a season-best 12 points and 10 rebounds, and the Toronto Raptors

used a 70-point first half to rout the Sacramento Kings 124-101.

De'Aaron Fox scored 29 points for the

Celtics 117, Bucks 103

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum scored 16 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter and the Boston Celtics beat the Milwaukee Bucks

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 20 points, eight rebounds and three assists for Milwaukee.

Rockets 132, Hawks 126

ATLANTA - Eric Gordon scored 32 points, D.J. Augustin added 22 and the Houston Rockets handed the Atlanta Hawks their fifth straight home loss, rallying from 19 points down for a 132-126 victory.

Houston won on the road for only the second time this season, overcoming a 41-point performance from Trae Young.

Grizzlies 126, 76ers 91

MEMPHIS. Tenn. — Dillon Brooks scored 23 points, Jaren Jackson Jr. added 22 and the Memphis Grizzlies dominated the Philadelphia 76ers 126-91.

Tyrese Maxey led the Sixers with 23 points, and Charles Bassey added 13.

Mavericks 120, Hornets 96

DALLAS — Kristaps Porzingis had 24 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks. and Dallas hit a season-high 19 3-pointers as the Mavericks routed the Charlotte Hornets 120-96 to sweep a back-to-back with-

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ex-OU QB Rattler commits to South Carolina, Beamer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — One-time Heisman Trophy contender Spencer Rattler is leaving Oklahoma for South Carolina to join former Sooners' assistant Shane Beamer.

Rattler tweeted Monday night that he had committed to the Gamecocks.

The 6-foot-1 redshirt sophomore spent his first three seasons with the Sooners, and was considered among the top candidates for the Heisman Trophy entering the 2021 season. But he lost the starting job to Caleb Williams and said he was leaving the program when the year

Rattler played in nine games this season, completing 140 of 187 passes for 1,483 yards, 11 touchdowns and five interceptions.

Injury-hit UConn down to No. 7, lowest since '07 UConn dropped four spots to No. 7 in

the women's AP Top 25 released Monday, its lowest ranking in 14 years after losing its first game against an unranked team since 2012. The Huskies fell to Georgia Tech last

week in its first game without sophomore star Paige Bueckers, who is sidelined for at least six weeks with a tibial plateau fracture in her left knee. The Huskies have not been ranked this low since Jan. 22, 2007, when they were also

South Carolina remained the unanimous top choice. N.C. State was again second in the poll, followed by Stanford, Arizona and Baylor.

out All-Star guard Luka Doncic.

USA Gymnastics, USOPC reach \$380M settlement

The legal wrangling between USA Gymnastics and the hundreds of victims of sexual abuse by former national team doctor Larry Nassar, among others, is over after a \$380 million settlement was reached.

A federal bankruptcy court in Indianapolis on Monday approved the agreement between USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the more than 500 victims, ending one aspect of the fallout of the largest sexual abuse scandal in the history of the U.S. Olympic movement.

Over 90% of the victims voted in favor of the tentative settlement reached in September. That agreement called for \$425 million in damages, but a modified settlement of \$380 million was conditionally approved by the court. More than 300 victims were abused by Nassar, with the remaining victims abused by individuals affiliated with USA Gymnastics in some capacity.

Nassar pleaded guilty in federal court to child pornography crimes before pleading guilty in state court to sexually assaulting female gymnasts. He was sentenced in 2018 to 40 to 175 years in prison.

- From wire reports

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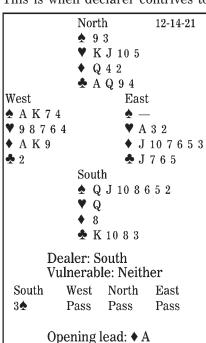
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What do the letters LOL mean to you?

No doubt "laughing out loud," but now we have a bridge usage. A new book entitled "LOL" has been written by James Marsh Sternberg and Danny Kleinman (AuthorHouse). The letters stand for "loser on loser." This is when declarer contrives to



dump two losers on one trick. It is a play that was easy to overlook until this worthwhile book containing 132

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loser-on-loser deals appeared. In this example, how should South play in three spades after West leads the diamond ace and shifts to the club two? (A good idea is to lead the king from ace-king when you are thinking of switching to a singleton at trick two.)

Did West wonder about overcalling with three no-trump? Maybe, but here that would have been unlucky because the diamond suit would not have generated six winners.

This deal arose during a team-offour match. At the first table, South took the club shift in his hand and tried a sneaky low spade to dummy's nine. However, West, knowing his partner was void of spades, stepped in with his king, then led the heart nine (top of nothing). East won with his ace and returned a club for his partner to ruff: down one.

North muttered under his breath, "Even the parking attendant knew that club was a singleton.'

At the other table, South realized it. He won trick two with dummy's club ace and led the diamond queen. Then, when East played low, declarer did not ruff — instead, he made a loser-on-loser play, discarding his heart queen. Now East could never get on lead to deliver the lethal club ruff.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THEY WENT TANDEM SKYDIVING AND WERE ABLE TO -Now arrange the circled letters

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

MIDDLE **CRUSH GRAVEL** Jumbles: BURLY Yesterday's Answer: The deadline for the Jumble puzzle was fast approaching, so the creators - SCRAMBLED

MORE PUZZLES

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From the www.chronicleonline.com

Annie offers advice

ear Annie: Last weekend. I got a text from my dad that said: "I'm going vegan LOL." (Yes, he says "LOL." He's hip like that.) I laughed and brushed it aside, but during dinner last night, he and my stepmom told me they are serious about it. It definitely took me by surprise, but I was supportive and excited about the idea, so

much so that I $e \ v \ e \ n$ went with him to Barnes & Noble to pick out an awes o m evegan cookbook.



DEAR ANNIE

But since then, I've been having a strangely emotional reaction to his decision.

We love to eat. That's our "thing." We go out to dinner, try new, unusual cuisines and eat our way through new cities when traveling. He even seriously considered taking a leave from work to audition for a Food Network show. Some of my best memories involve meals we've shared. And now what? I'll order sashimi, and he'll have ... seaweed? I have no issue with the decision itself; I've done every juice cleanse and 30day challenge under the sun — and I love me some seaweed. I actually find the choice quite admirable.

What I realized is that the child in me is afraid that a piece of our relationship will be lost. Through my parents' (nasty) divorce, no matter how things were between them or between us — no matter when new people came into the picture and old people left whenever we sat down at the table, all of the yuckiness melted away. This feels like one more thread of consistency and connection being cut.

Are there any actions you suggest I take to move forward? — **Herbivore Dilemma**

Dear Herbivore Dilemma: You are clearly a thoughtful person to have such insight into your emotions and their roots. Perhaps this is the opportunity you've needed to express some long-held feelings. Talking through these concerns will bring you closer than ever. And with time, you'll find out that it was never about the food; it was

about sitting down together. Dear Annie: I have a weird question for you. I live in a Midwestern community that has expensive water and sewer costs. I also exercise every day, and as a result, I drink a lot of water - and I mean a lot of water. So when my wife is not home, I urinate in the bathroom sink. Then I wash my hands, which rinses the sink basin at the same time. This uses a fraction of the water that flushing the toilet would use. Multiply that by dozens of times a day and the savings are significant. Urine is sterile; the sink gets washed out afterward; and my hands are clean. What are your thoughts on my actions? -Sink Secret

Dear Sink Secret: I think you ought to knock it off. For one, urine isn't sterile; that's just a myth. For another, if you're really bent on saving water, there are plenty of ways to do so - such as installing a low-flush toilet that don't require lying to your wife.

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

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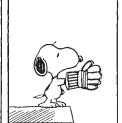
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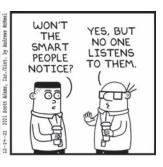




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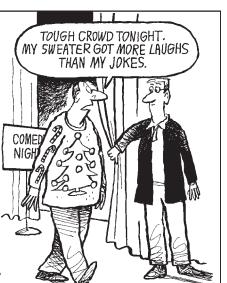




Rubes



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Big Nate









Arlo and Janis









Today's MOVIES

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to chage; call ahead. Wednesday, Dec. 22

Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187 Tuesday, Dec. 14

"Encanto" PG — noon, 4, 7:30 p.m. "House of Gucci" R — 11:15 a.m., 2:45,

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife" PG13 - 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:15 p.m.

"King Richard" PG13 — 11:30 a.m., 3, 6:30 p.m. "Clifford The Big Red Dog" PG — 12:15, 3:30,

"Eternals" PG-13 — 11 a.m., 2:30, 7 p.m.

Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850 Monday, Dec. 13 "White Christmas" (1954) NR — 3 p.m.

"Elf" (2003) PG — 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27

"Downton Abbey" (2019) PG — 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) PG

— 3 p.m. Movies in the Park

Friday, Dec. 17 "The Polar Express" (2004) G — free movie after dark at the Liberty Park lawn, 268 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Friday, Dec. 17

"The Muppet Christmas Carol" (1992) G — 5:45 p.m. at Homosassa Area Recreation Park.

Garfield







For Better or For Worse









Beetle Bailey -



The Grizzwells

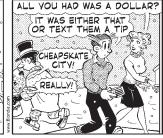




Blondie







Dennis the Menace

DENNIS, THIS IS MY "SO, YOU'RE IN CHAR BOSS, MR. KETCHAM!" OF THE SALT MINE

12-14 "Let's get one that's real wide at the

The Family Circus

bottom so there'll be room for lots of presents."

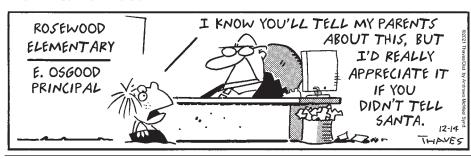
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: S equals M

"LA SBKF CDACTD HZF HA RZAN PC

HAA VBLH, BKJ GH'L KAH VPK! FAP

LXAPTJ LHBF B UGJ BL TAKR BL

CALLGOTD!" — MBKDLLB XPJRDKL

Previous Solution: "Really interesting things come because you don't know what

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Changes Hair Salon owners, Sheryl and Neil ensured that they have the appropriate hair color cards and the products for Nature Coast Hair clients so there is seamless transition for all the clients.

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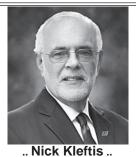
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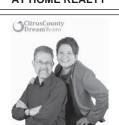


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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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

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KATHLEEN SAXE WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- ADVERSE

(ADVERSE: ad-VERS: Harmful or unfavorable.)

Average mark 20 words

Can you find 25 or more words in ADVERSE? The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- COMPUTE

come	coupe	mute	tempo
comet	cute	poem	tome
cope	mope	poet	tope
cote	mote	pome	
coup	moue	puce	

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

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- snowman Tot's
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Every answer is a rhyming

they will fit in the letter

pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and

squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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- scale Time periods
 - Faxed, maybe "What that?'

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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1. Yours truly uses a crowbar (1)

2. Satirical send-up slipup (1)

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WINNER

3. Barely rigid dirigible (1)

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6. Vatican's Sistine's red fruits (2)

7. Courteous-regard-for-elders druthers (3)

2. PLAYER SPRAYER 6. CHAPELS APPLES 7. DEFERENCE PREFERENCE 1. I PRY 2. SPOOF GOOF 3. LIMP BLIMP 4. BURNS TURNS 12-14-21 **VIZAMERS**



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3689-1214 TUCRN SWFWMD Permit Application #836602

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received surface or Environmental Resource permit application number 836602 from Affordable Secure Storage - Floral City, FL 34436. Application received: December 9, 2021. Proposed activity: Construction of Self Storage Facility. Project Name: Affordable Secure Storage. Project Size: 6.68 acres. Location: Section(s) 03 Township 20S Range 20E, in Citrus County. Outstanding Florida Water: no. Aquatic reserve: no. The application available for public inspection Monday through Friday at 7601 U.S. Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637 or through the "Application & Permit Search Tools" function on the District's website at www.watermatters.org/permits/. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of intended agency action or an opportunity to request administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Bureau, 7601 U.S. Highway 301 North, Tampa, 33637 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watermatters.org. The district does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Bureau at (813)985-7481 or (800)836-0797, TTD only (800)231-

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3688-1214 TUCRN

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

SUNDOWN HAULING located at 2675 S Sellen Terrace in the County of Citrus, in the

City of Inverness, Florida 34450 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.

Dated at Inverness, FL, this 10th day of December, 2021.

Brody Blanton Owner Published December 14, 2021

MISCELLANEOUS 3691-1214 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Council of the City of Crystal River, Florida that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to consider, on Final Reading, the following proposed Ordinance: No. 22-O-01, concerning Garbage and Trash on Final Reading at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 10th, 2022 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 123 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, Florida. This Ordinance, in its entirety, may be inspected at the office of the City Clerk during regular working hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-0-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER, FLOR-IDA, CONCERNING SOLID WASTE; AMENDING CHAPTER 9 GARBAGE AND TRASH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDIN-ANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105 Florida Statutes)

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City of Crystal River, City Manager's Office, 123 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, FL 34428, (352) 795-4216, at least two (2) days before the meeting.

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3687-1214 TUCRN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: KNIGHTLYS AUTO INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at 6403 W. Homosassa Trail, Homosassa, Florida 34448, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. KNIGHTLYS AUTO INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

> Date of sale: 12/28/2021, 08:00 am -JA4LS31HXYP037146 2000 MITS

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MISCELLANEOUS

3692-1214 TUCRN **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Council of the City of Crystal River, Florida that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held to consider, on Final Reading, the following proposed Ordinance: No. 22-O-02, concerning Water and Sewer Services on Final Reading at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 10th, 2022 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 123 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, Florida. This Ordinance, in its entirety, may be inspected at the office of the City Clerk during regular working hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-0-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER, FLOR-IDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 WATER AND SEWER SER-VICES; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLE I, SECTION 16-2 EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS PERTAINING TO CAL-CULATION OF RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING FOR CON-FLICT AND SEVERABIITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105 Florida Statutes)

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