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Citrus County COVID-19 cases

According to the Florida Department of Health, 14 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update.

One new death was reported, for a total of 411.

To date in the county, 9,925 people have tested positive (including 82 non-residents).

Five new hospitalizations were reported, for a total of 651 hospitalized.

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

Vaccine registration system open

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 65 and older and frontline health care workers is now available.

Individuals can now be added to a waiting list for vaccine appointments and be notified when appointments are available in Citrus County by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-0442; TTY is 833-476-1036.

As part of the statewide preregistration system, each county has a designated number that individuals can call and preregister. Citrus County's designated helpline number is 833-540-2058.

We want to hear from you about COVID-19

In the year since COVID-19 devastated the globe, more than 400 people in Citrus County lost their lives to the disease.

The Chronicle would like to honor those people as part of an upcoming "Coronavirus one year later" set of stories.

We are asking family and/or friends of those Citrus County residents who have died from COVID-19 and would like to honor their memory to email Nancy Kennedy at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com by Friday, March 12. Those who do not use email, please call 352-422-1462 and leave a message, including a phone number.

Commissioner sets meeting

March 11

Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) second vice chair Ruthie Schlabach will host a Town Hall Meeting for the general public to attend from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

For information, call Public Information Officer Veronica Kampschroer at 352-527-5484.

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Relief bill heads to Biden

Congress passes \$1.9T measure on party lines; president will sign on Friday

ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Congress driven along party lines approved the landmark \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill Wednesday, as President Joe Biden and Democrats claimed a major triumph on legislation to marshal the government's spending might against twin

pandemic and economic crises that have upended a nation.

The House gave final congressional approval to the sweeping package by a near party line 220-211 vote precisely seven weeks after Biden entered the White House and four days after the Senate passed the bill. Republicans in both chambers opposed the

legislation unanimously, characterizing it as bloated, crammed with liberal policies and heedless of signs the crises are easing.

"Help is here," Biden tweeted moments after the roll call, which ended with applause from Democratic lawmakers. Biden said he'd sign the measure Friday.

Most noticeable to many

Americans are provisions providing up to \$1,400 direct payments this year to most adults and extending \$300 weekly emergency unemployment benefits into early September. But the legislation goes far beyond that.

The measure addresses Democrats' campaign promises and Biden's top initial priority of easing a one-two punch that first

hit the country a year ago. Since then, many Americans have been relegated to hermit-like lifestyles in their homes to avoid a disease that's killed over 525,000 people — about the population of Wichita, Kansas — and plunged the economy to its deepest depths since the Great Depression.

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From mean streets to the kitchen



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Chef Robert Hesse gives a personal story of his trials and tribulations Tuesday, March 9, to young women at Camp E-Nini-Hassee in Floral City. Renowned Chef Robert Hesse, once a fan favorite on the popular food challenge TV show "Hell's Kitchen," visited the Floral City camp to share his personal story, which includes Chef Hesse's time at one of the Eckerd Youth Alternative camps in Florida during his younger days.

Chef Robert Hesse shares his inspiring story with girls of youth camp

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Before Robert Hesse became a chef, restaurateur and fan favorite on the wildly popular food challenge TV show "Hell's Kitchen," he was a troubled kid in St. Petersburg.

Added to drugs, in and out of boys youth homes and frequently in court and behind bars, at 15 he was sent to Eckerd Academy in Brooksville to straighten his life out.

As part of the program, once a week the boys were responsible for all the cooking for the day, which teaches them math and writing skills, responsibility and planning.

"Cooking changed my life," Hesse now tells people.

A camp counselor had handed him a potato and a peeler and asked, "Do you know what to do with that?"

He had watched his grandmother and mother cook, but now it was his turn, and by the end of his time at Eckerd Academy, Hesse knew what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

Now the owner of Fo'Cheezy Twisted Meltz in St. Pete Beach, Hesse and his Fo'Cheezy food truck team visited the girls at E-Nini-Hassee in Floral City on Tuesday, March 9, sharing his story with them and then feeding them lunch from his gourmet grilled cheese food truck.

"I was a heavy-set kid — at one time I weighed 655 pounds," he said. "I came from a

dysfunctional, abusive home, no father figure, no direction ... coming to the camp was a last-resort for me.

"I'm here to tell you, the things you learn here are tools you will need in life, because life's going to throw you a bunch of curveballs ... unfortunately, when I graduated and left camp, the streets were very easy to find again and I found my way right back to jail," he said.

His life changed when he went to New York and was hired by restaurateur Craig Munroe to work as a dishwasher.

Munroe is now a partner in Fo'Cheezy Twisted Meltz and still a friend.

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Camp E-Nini-Hassee is an outdoor camp for young women experiencing difficult times. This camper tastes a Fo'Cheezy Twisted Meltz grilled cheese sandwich Tuesday morning, March 9.

School district mulls future enrollment

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Citrus County School District officials are fixing their eyes on student enrollment numbers.

Members of the school board voted 5-0 Tuesday, March 9 to approve the district's open enrollment plan for 2021-22.

Their vote also scheduled a public hearing during their April 13 meeting to adopt

attendance or zoning boundaries for elementary, middle and high schools for the 2021-22 academic year.

In Chuck Dixon's presentation Tuesday to board members on his latest enrollment plan, the school district's director of planning and growth management recommended the board re-adopt the current attendance borders.

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Sumter attorney charged with threatening judges

Venue change puts case in Citrus County

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A Sumter County attorney accused of threatening a handful of judges before his disbarment had his criminal case heard in the Citrus County Courthouse for the first time.

However, Edward Juan Lynum wasn't at his Wednesday, March 10, hearing over Zoom with Circuit Judge Richard "Ric" Howard because his lawyer, Charles

Vaughn, waived his case in Sumter County appearance.

Lynum faces four second-degree and two third-degree felony charges in connection to his alleged social media posts from October 2019 to July 2020 threatening four circuit court judges.

Prosecutors alleged Lynum made the threats in an effort to change the June 2020 ruling of his four-year-old divorce



Edward Lynum

After Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies arrested Lynum on a warrant Jan. 5 at a Wildwood convenience store, the Florida Supreme Court disbarred the Wildwood 45-year-old Jan. 21.

Lynum's case was transferred from Sumter County to Citrus County

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after a judge granted a motion for a change of venue.

Lynum was released from custody Jan. 19 after he posted bail on a \$40,000 bond.

Vaughn told Howard on Wednesday there will be some difficulty getting depositions set, referring to the circuit judiciary in Sumter County Lynum is accused of threatening, which included judges Michelle Morley, Mary Hatcher and Paul Miliello.

Lynum is also accused of threatening of retired Circuit Judge Daniel Merritt Sr.

"I don't think there's going to be any problem," Howard said in response to Vaughn's concern before setting Lynum's next court date for May 5. "You know where most of them work."

Vaughn also told Howard he's awaiting the judge's order on a motion to have a psychologist evaluate Lynum's mental health.

If convicted as charged, according to the State Attorney's Office, Lynum faces a possible prison sentence of between 53 months and 80 years.

According to court filings, SCSO detectives in July began reviewing roughly 215 messages and video logs posted by Facebook and website accounts allegedly linked to Lynum.

Investigators discovered a theme to the posts, which claimed Lynum was the victim of a conspiracy theory where he was the target of judges "due to their bigotry and worship of satanic spiritual forces," according to the affidavit for Lynum's arrest.

"Edward Lynum utilized his social media platforms to create a narrative based on a central theme that the victims in this incident are racist members of a satanic cult who act in concert to rule against him judicial proceedings," the affidavit states.

In his threatening posts to the judges and their families, according to the

affidavit, Lynum wrote: "Good luck ducking and dodging bullets from inside your own white castles ... good luck surviving the deluge."

Florida justices had already suspended Lynum's ability to practice law in March 2020 for 180 days because of disparaging comments and behavior toward an attorney he was dealing with as a lawyer in a dependency case.

Lynum practiced law in Citrus County.

He was the defense attorney for Christopher Camejo Sr., who jurors in June 2016 found not guilty in connection to the December 2014 death of his 2-year-old son, Christopher Joaquin Camejo, who was mauled to death by family dogs in his Crystal River-area backyard.

Also in Howard's court on Wednesday:

■ Howard expressed his disappointment with how long it's taking the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to analyze evidence from a deadly hit-and-run scene from February 2020.

"That's unacceptable," the judge told Assistant State Attorney Blake Shore after the prosecutor said he's still waiting for FDLE to send him results connected to the Feb. 8 collision that killed 37-year-old Michael Todd Gilkerson while he was cycling on West Dunnellon Road.

Following a year-long investigation, Dunnellon 35-year-old Robert Franklin Crabb was arrested in January and faces a first-degree felony charge of leaving a crash involving a death.

Shore said Wednesday authorities in June sent FDLE paint samples taken from Crabb's Toyota pickup truck to match with the vehicle paint found on Gilkerson's bicycle.

Shore said he also sent FDLE vehicle fractures from the crash scene sometime between Crabb's January arrest and early March, when Shore filed the formal charge against Crabb.

However, Shore said, the department has yet to publish its findings.

"Nine months to see if part A matches part B," Howard responded before setting Crabb's next court hearing for May 5. "They need to hire more people."

According to his arrest report, Crabb was dining with an off-duty Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy soon before the 7:43 p.m. crash occurred.

While he and Crabb were driving in separate vehicles on Dunnellon Road toward his house, the deputy called Crabb to warn him of an oncoming bicyclist cycling without lights.

Afterward, Crabb didn't show at the deputy's home, and Gilkerson's body was discovered by a woman and her daughter around 7:15 a.m. Feb. 9, nearly 12 hours after the crash, when the deputy also learned of the hit-and-run.

After Crabb explained to him he struck a tree while driving, but didn't know where, the deputy reported Crabb's possible involvement in Gilkerson's death.

■ Janis Marie Bressan-Stacey's attorney, Sarajane Olson, told Howard she's still waiting for Shore to send the toxicology report connected to a deadly crash her 65-year-old client from Homosassa is accused of causing under a charge of DUI manslaughter.

Shore said FDLE analysts have yet to send him the results of Bressan-Stacey's blood.

Shore said FDLE's findings would show whether Bressan-Stacey had drugs in her system when she was behind the wheel the afternoon of Dec. 29 and fatally struck Jereme Herman while the Homosassa 43-year-old was jogging along U.S. 19, south of the U.S. 98 junction.

"I'll obviously forward them over in discovery," the prosecutor told Howard before the judge set Bressan-Stacey's next court hearing for May 5.

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Elections office to connect with community

The Supervisor of Elections office will be at the Lecanto Post Office from 9 to 11 a.m. today, March 11. This is an effort to be of service and connect with the community at different locations around the county.

The elections office staff will be available to assist voters with voter registration and making changes to their voter record. Information to apply for election worker positions or volunteer positions will also be available.

Those who are interested in having the elections office staff at their organization or business should contact the Supervisor of Elections office.

Email votecitrus.gov or visit votecitrus.gov for additional information. Call at 352 564-7120 or fax 352 564-7121.

Property appraiser to offer Saturday hours

The Citrus County Property Appraiser's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at its Inverness location, 210 N. Apopka Ave., to accept late file homestead applications.

The Meadowcrest office at 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, to accept late file homestead applications.

For information or questions, call 352-341-6600.

Volunteers needed for cemetery cleanup

The Fort Cooper Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the trustees of the Magnolia Cemetery will rake and pick up debris beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Magnolia Cemetery, 3131 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto.

The Magnolia Cemetery was started by the great-great-grandparents of Paul "Toady" Grannan.

To learn more about DAR, visit dar.org or fortcooperdar.wixsite.com or email Faeth Houle, regent of Fort Cooper DAR, at darfaeth@gmail.com or Carol Weiser, registrar, at carolweiser32@gmail.com.

Contact Paul Grannan at 352-422-7450 for more information.

Anyone wishing to help with the cleanup is welcome. The Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization. The DAR has resources to help identify ancestors.

Drive-thru food drive on March 16 to benefit SOS

The Esther Chapter of the Daughters of the King at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto is asking for food donations to benefit SOS food pantry, which feeds more than thousands of families in Citrus County.

The monthly drive-thru food donation collection is the third Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 West Norwell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Lecanto.

The Donation Drop-Off is at the Portico entrance at the church.

The food collected on Tuesday will be taken to SOS on Wednesday in time for distribution on Thursday.

Also, they will have coolers on hand to store refrigerated or even frozen items.

— From staff reports

Pirate's Cove property on county's radar

Officials say site could make local park bigger

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

County commissioners Tuesday agreed to send a letter to the real estate agent marketing the Pirate's Cove waterfront property at the west end of Ozello Trail, expressing interest in obtaining appraisals to potentially buy it.

But before spending money on appraisals, commissioners want to be sure the property has a clear title and is free of liens or other encumbrances.

The property was once home to Pirate's Cove, a restaurant/motel that was destroyed in the March 1993 "no name" storm.

George Decker, who bought the Pirate's Cove property in 2004 for \$464,000, died in 2019. His

heirs want to sell it and have hired a real estate agent to market the site.

Pirate's Cove sits on 3.6 acres, boasts 750 feet of water frontage and the asking price is \$825,000. The site includes about a half-acre of commercial land.

The property's value is \$193,850, according to the Realtor listing. It's next to the county boat ramp on Pirate Point and Sanddollar Lane, where Ozello Trail comes to an end 10 miles west of U.S. 19.

Commissioners agreed Pirate's Cove is desirable because of its location and possible use for park activities. It sits near a county boat ramp at the St. Martin's Marsh Aquatic Preserve.

"This is a property that truly is special," said

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, who broached the issue. "It abuts one of the existing parks and a boat ramp. Ultimately, if we're able to secure this property, it would increase the size of that waterfront park right on the border of the preserve there. This is something the Ozello community supports."

"Let's see what the appraisals come back at then we can have staff go to work on finding grant money from the state (for) acquiring the property," Kinnard said.

Decker was unsuccessful in his attempts to receive county approval for resort condominiums on the site when he bought it in 2014.

"This is one of the most unique properties in the state of Florida," Ozello

resident Cecelia Treat told commissioners Tuesday.

County Commissioner Ron Kitchen Jr. said he's not averse to getting appraisals, but cautioned the board to remember a similar situation it found itself in back in 2017 when a group of Homosassa residents asked for assistance in securing funding to buy property along the Homosassa River for a park.

Citrus County commissioners offered support, but said they would not put any county taxes into the plan.

The county received a state legislative appropriation of \$850,000. The county, and a citizens' group, soon learned the appropriation would only be enough to cover about half the costs of buying the property and the board ended up returning the \$850,000 to the state in 2019.

"Why treat (the Pirate's Cove) property differently from what we told the folks at old Homosassa when we said we wouldn't spend tax dollars on a park," Kitchen said.

Kitchen said county policy must be consistent when it comes to attaining properties and, besides, he hasn't heard "a huge outcry" from people saying they need more park space in Ozello.

"Even if the property appraisals come in at reasonable prices," Kitchen questioned whether it would be prudent to take the property off the tax rolls.

Commissioner Ruthie Davis Schlabach said it wouldn't hurt to at least get appraisals and find out if buying the property is even worth the effort.

"We don't know what we don't know," she said.

Duty to deal with derelicts

Legislation focuses on easing removal of 'nuisance' boats

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Proposed Florida legislation looking to help law enforcement deal with problematic boats across the Sunshine State may have been inspired by Crystal River.

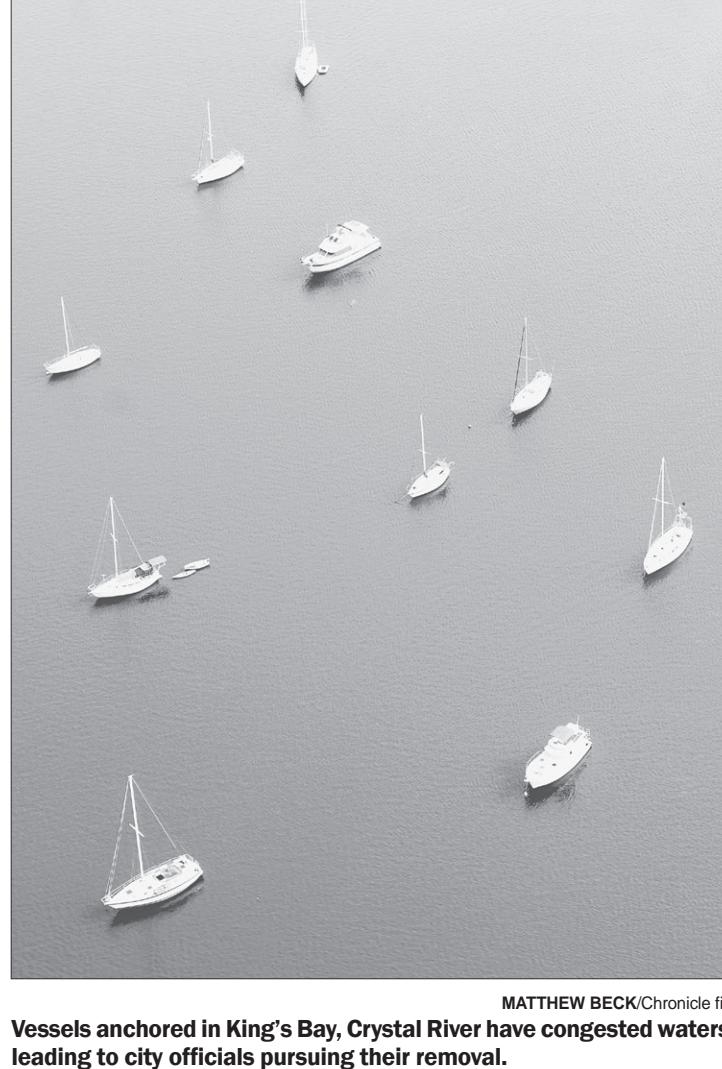
House Bill 639 would make it easier for authorities to deal with vessels becoming derelict.

On Friday, March 5, house members of the Environment, Agriculture & Flooding Subcommittee filed their version of HB 639, originally filed Feb. 1 by Rep. Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island. A companion bill, Senate Bill 1086, was introduced March 2 after it was filed Feb. 5 by Sen. Travis Hutson, R-Palm Coast.

If approved, the proposed legislation would go into effect July 1, creating and amending state statutes focused on vessel safety.

Laws enacted in 2016 already allow state and local law enforcement the ability to designate a boat "at risk of becoming derelict" if, among other conditions, the vessel "does not have an effective means of propulsion" within 72 hours of its owner becoming notified.

Under the proposed legislation, if authorities ticket a boat with more than three at-risk citations within an 18-month



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file
Vessels anchored in King's Bay, Crystal River have congested waters, leading to city officials pursuing their removal.

period, they can label it a "nuisance vessel."

This new designation would give law enforcement the ability to relocate or remove vessels before they become derelict and create more of an expensive problem for either

their owners or government agencies to deal with.

Once a vessel becomes derelict, following a roughly 45-day investigation to verify its condition, authorities can order its removal. However, owners don't always comply, leaving it

up to the government with jurisdiction to follow through.

On average, it costs \$450 per foot of length to remove a derelict vessel.

Local governments are able to apply with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for grants to fund the removal of derelict vessels from their waterways. FWC officials are reviewing grant applications through January 2022, or until funds are gone.

HB 639 does offer a solution by allowing boat owners to turn in their at-risk vessels to the FWC to be destroyed, without the risk of being punished.

Crystal River City Manager Ken Frink told the Chronicle the city has been operating a similar turn-in program for roughly two years to rid King's Bay of at-risk vessels.

"It's not going to change anything we're doing," he said about the bills, "except it gives FWC ability to help us out."

Frink credited Assistant City Manager Brown "Jack" Dumas III and Citrus County Sheriff's Office Deputy Adam Ferguson for targeting and citing vessels continuing to violate current state laws, such as having working navigation lights.

Frink said the titles of six boats were written over to the city for the vessels to be destroyed, and 23 at-risk or unlawful boats were removed from the bay by their owners.

"It's a chess game, because more come in to replace them," he said, "but we are making progress in reducing the overall count."

To learn more about at-risk, derelict and abandoned vessels, visit myfwc.com/boating/waterway/derelict-vessels.

Nonprofit ordered to relinquish remaining animals

Out of the Box Animal Rescue, owner banned from keeping animals again

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

The owner of the Out of the Box Animal Rescue, Robert Schweickert, and the nonprofit itself are barred from owning any animals, were ordered by the court to hand over what animals they had, and were denied from getting back the abused and neglected animals county sheriff's animal control officers rescued in January.

Citrus County Judge Bruce Carney last month granted Citrus County government's request that the county's animal rescue department be allowed keep and care for the more than 40 neglected dogs the county rescued from Out of the Box Animal Rescue.

Carney's order also terminated Schweickert and Out of the Box Animal Rescue's ownership of the animals that sheriff's office animal control officials rescued.

In addition, Carney ordered

Schweickert to turn over any other animals either owned, including any in Schweickert's home.

In the order, the judge also banned Schweickert and Out of the Box Animal Rescue from owning or caring for any animals in the future, either on their own or in unison with another entity.

The judge also denied Schweickert's request to continue the case.

In January, the county rescued 43 dogs, one pig and three chickens from the Out of the Box Animal Rescue facility at 7007 S. Florida Ave., Floral City.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies also arrested Schweickert, 54, charging him with 25 counts of animal cruelty and two counts of aggravated animal cruelty. He was also charged with dozens of counts of torment, deprive, cruelty to animals. Those cases continue to be prosecuted.

Leading to the order, county of

fhinuman conditions they encountered at the facility and with the animals.

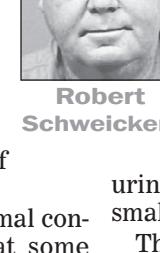
In the order, Carney cited:

■ The sheriff's office animal control unit supervisor testifying that dogs had no water, food, and had eaten the drywall and insulation out of the walls.

■ A sheriff's office animal control officer testified that some dogs kept indoors had no lights, no power, and no ventilation.

■ The county's animal services chief veterinarian testified that 20 dogs were underweight, 10 dogs were emaciated, and two dogs suffered from painful, untreated ear infections, 18 dogs had heartworms which is life threatening if not treated, one dog needed hospitalization, dozens of dogs had dirty hair coats, feces in their fur, and smelled bad because of inappropriate care.

The veterinarian also testified



Robert Schweickert

needed IV fluid, and eight dogs had viral and bacterial upper respiratory ailments because of their living conditions and poor air quality.

In the county's request of Carney, the county described horrific scenes at Out of the Box including cage floors soaked in urine and feces and cages far too

small for the animals.

The county also described a mobile home in which dogs were locked, with floors covered in urine and feces and one dog locked in a bathroom with no windows and kept dark. Investigators also noted there were no food and water dishes in the mobile home and that the stench of urine was so strong animal control officers had to rescue the animals and exit the structure as quickly as possible.

Read more details with this story at chronicleonline.com.

The Chronicle contacted attorney Marcy LaHart, who represented Schweickert in the civil case.

She told the Chronicle there was no appeal planned that she knew of regarding the order.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Take the initiative if you want to get things done your way. Make sure a plan for a project you wish to pursue is appropriate. Having current information and paperwork will make your life easier.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Spend more time with people who bring out the best in you. Motivation combined with desire will bring about positive change.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — An opportunity coupled with hard work and enthusiasm will help you excel. Use your clout, connections and intelligence to orchestrate what you want to happen.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Take a close look at what's going on around you. Listen to the opposition and make assessments before you respond. A little charm will help you win support.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Step back. Use your experience and intelligence to figure out what's best for you. Refuse to let someone coerce you into something.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Show everyone what you are capable of doing. Use your skills, originality and vision to encourage others to help you bring about change.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Uncertainty will set in if you get involved in a joint venture. Reserve judgment, and don't lay your cash on the table prematurely.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Refuse to get caught in an emotional argument. Put your energy into making positive gains, improving your life and meaningful relationships.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Put your head down, and focus your energy on something meaningful to you. Whether it's learning something new, fixing up your space or starting a new hobby, the more you put in, the more you will get in return.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Stop worrying about the inevitable, and focus on making your life better. Get rid of clutter and dead weight.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Opportunity will come at a price. Weigh the pros and cons before you make a decision. Verify information and do the math before you take part.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take a different approach to the way you do things, and you'll get remarkable results. Think outside the box.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Nurture your relationships with friends, relatives and peers. Let go of situations that aren't working for you, and focus on what's possible.

ENTERTAINMENT

New Orleans eases virus rules; live music set to return

NEW ORLEANS — Live indoor music can resume in New Orleans beginning this weekend, city officials announced Wednesday, but dancing will remain prohibited, while venues, performers and audiences will be under strict requirements to employ measures to control the spread of the coronavirus.

The new rules take effect Friday morning, in response to a decline of new coronavirus cases and hospitalizations in the city. It was not immediately clear how many bars and other live music venues will be able to meet them and begin hosting live entertainment again in a city where music is ingrained in cultural history and vital to tourism.

Brian Greenberg, general manager of Tipitina's, said he thinks the historic music club and bar may be able to pull it off, although not right away. "We have a floor plan that we've already mapped out," he said Wednesday afternoon. "We're a big room, so we have that advantage."

Greenberg added that he and the bar's owners and staff still need to review the extensive regulations, which are based on guidelines already in effect statewide. They require mask wearing, social distancing, proper ventilation and also include details on when singers are required to wear face coverings and how trumpet players should empty their spit valves.

Dancing is ruled out under the regulations, which also note that patrons must "refrain from cheering or singing along."

"Each club, institution, is really going to have to look at those



Associated Press

In this Oct. 26, 2020, file photo, David Shaw, foreground, frontman for the band The Revivalists, performs with actor Harry Shearer, co-author and character in the movie "This Is Spinal Tap," as they record a video stream concert with the band Galactic, inside an empty Tipitina's music club, in New Orleans. Entertainment venues in New Orleans have been given permission to start hosting live music again starting this weekend, but under strict regulations.

and then check with the state fire marshal," city health director

Jennifer Avegno said at a news conference with Mayor **LaToya Cantrell**. "They're not overly onerous. They can be done."

Rachael Arrington, a manager at the Maple Leaf Bar, a neighborhood music joint that hasn't opened since March 16, 2020, says the club cannot meet the requirements. The stage is

narrow, posing a problem in keeping performers 6 feet apart.

"That's definitely going to be an issue," Arrington said, adding that for the time being the business will focus on outdoor concerts and events sponsored with other venues.

Live music has not been allowed at indoor events in New Orleans in almost a year, since the city became an early hot

spot in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bars have been under on-again, off-again shutdown orders and

efforts to prevent the spread of

the disease resulted in a virtual

shutdown of Bourbon Street during Mardi Gras, when the thoroughfare of restaurants and entertainment venues would ordinarily have been crowded with revelers.

The disease is blamed for 769 deaths in the city, so far.

Limits are still in effect. St. Patrick's Day parades and block parties remain forbidden in the city even as officials ease limitations on crowds. Starting Friday, indoor gatherings will be limited to 75 people and outdoor gatherings to 150. Most businesses in the city will be open at 75% capacity, while bars and gyms will operate at 50%.

Cantrell and Avegno both

stressed that social distancing

and masking are still important

and vaccinations are vital as

they become available.

Cantrell said more than 21%

of city residents have received at

least one dose of a vaccine and

about 12% are fully vaccinated.

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 11, the 70th day of 2021. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On March 11, 1918, what were believed to be the first confirmed U.S. cases of a deadly global flu pandemic were reported among U.S. Army soldiers stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas; 46 would die. (The worldwide outbreak of influenza claimed an estimated 20 to 40 million lives.)

On this date:

In 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, U.S. Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia, where he vowed on March 20, "I shall return" — a promise he kept more than 2½ years later.

In 2004, 10 bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people in an attack linked to al-Qaida-inspired militants.

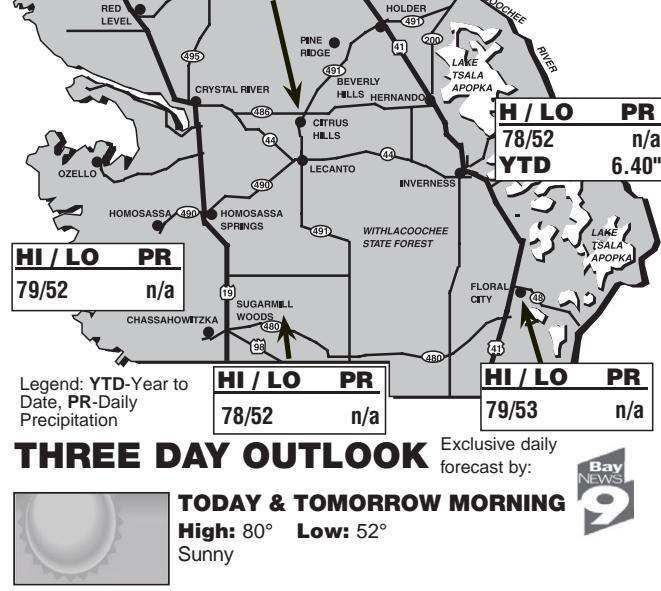
Ten years ago: A magnitude-9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Japan's northeastern coast, killing nearly 20,000 people and severely damaging the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station.

Five years ago: Keith Emerson, 71, founder and keyboardist of the progressive-rock band Emerson, Lake and Palmer, took his own life in Santa Monica, California; he was 71.

One year ago: With infection clusters expanding in the United States and Europe, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic.

Today's Birthdays: Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 90. Former ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 87. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 71. Singer Nina Hagen is 66. Singer Lisa Loeb is 53. Actor Terrence Howard is 52. Actor Johnny Knoxville is 50. Actor David Anders is 40. Singer LeToya Luckett is 40. Actor Thora Birch is 39. TV personality Melissa Rycroft is 38. Actor Rob Brown is 37.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 80° Low: 52°
Sunny

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 81° Low: 52°
Mostly sunny

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING
High: 82° Low: 55°
Sunny

ALMANAC
Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE
Yesterday 76/48
Record* 87/32
Normal 77/49
Mean temp. 63
Departure from mean -1

PRECIPITATION
Yesterday 0.00"
Total for the month 0.31"
Total for the year 4.72"
Normal for the year 7.32"

*Official record values from Tampa International

UV INDEX: 8
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 30.37

SOLAR TABLES
Provided by ezfshn.com

DATE DAY MINOR (MORNING) MAJOR (MORNING) MINOR (AFTERNOON) MAJOR (AFTERNOON)

03/11 THURSDAY 6:43 11:30 6:35 11:53

03/12 FRIDAY 6:42 None 6:36 12:16

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 6:35 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6:42 am

MOONRISE TODAY 5:58 am

MOONSET TODAY 5:07 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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Young women campers at Camp E-Nini-Hassee in Floral City listen closely as Chef Robert Hesse tells his story of hardship and triumph.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

CHEF

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"Being in the kitchen, I got a love of the camaraderie, of belonging to something," he said. "It was family to me."

At the time he still struggled with addiction, but for the first time in his life, other than camp, he had a direction and a standard to uphold — and a drive to succeed.

From there, he traveled to 36 states and four countries working in kitchens — all before he was 27.

At one point, he worked for celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay, who pushed him — hard — and after Hesse suffered a massive heart attack, actually paid for Hesse's gastric bypass surgery.

Since then, he's lost 450 pounds and has kept it off for three years.

Hesse, who turns 44 on March 18, talked about his low points, jail and abuse and suicide attempts, and also his high points — making big money, meeting and cooking for celebrities — and then having his money taken away by the IRS for back taxes owed.

"People thought that would make me suicidal, but I said, 'I have a story to tell.' I came from dog nothing, and I know how to hustle. I know how to work. I know what I'm worth and that restaurants will always need a guy like me."

He also said the fear of going back to his old life of crime and ending up in prison has kept him straight.

"I hope you'll keep that fear, because the respect of that fear will keep you on the path of the noble and righteous," he said.

He ended his hour-long



Chef Robert Hesse has worked in kitchens across the world. Above, he tells his story that includes a stay at one of the Eckerd Youth Camps in Florida.

talk by telling the campers to have a dream, but set small, obtainable goals, because small successes breed larger ones. Also, don't be afraid to fail, because that's how you learn.

"Risk it for the biscuit," he said.

"He said a lot of the same things we hear here, but it's different coming from someone who's been a camper — it means more," said one 16-year-old camper. "He talked about a lot of difficult things that I personally connected with

"I've been in that spot; I've hit that bottom ... it's helpful to hear from someone else who's been so low and was able to come so high again."

She said Hesse's story reinforced her determination to keep working

toward her big-picture goal of helping girls who don't have access to education to get an education.

Another 16-year-old said she, too, related to Hesse's rock bottom experience.

"I'm inspired to go after my dream, but take the

small steps to get there," she said. "My big dream is to help people who don't have support ... I want to buy a big piece of land and start something for foster kids, have a shelter for homeless (people) and an animal rescue."

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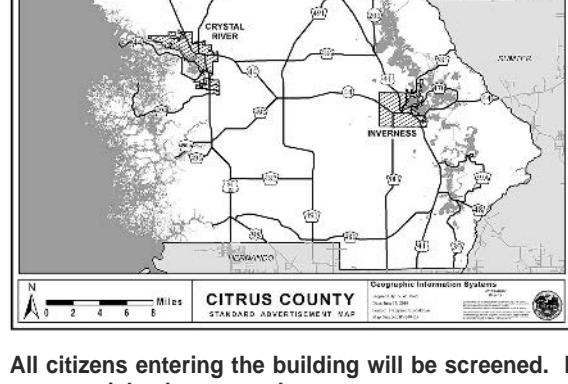
NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OR CHANGE REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE USE OF LAND

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER THREE, CONSERVATION ELEMENT AND CHAPTER FOUR, COASTAL, LAKES AND RIVERS MANAGEMENT ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CPA-21-05-EAR

The Citrus County Planning and Development Commission (PDC) will conduct a Public Hearing on April 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. Please note that the PDC meeting begins at 9:00 AM. The actual time that a particular item is discussed will vary depending on how fast the PDC moves through the agenda. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed application.



All citizens entering the building will be screened. If you are sick, please stay home.

A copy of the proposed ordinance(s) and supporting materials are available for public inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning and Development, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461. For more information about this application, please contact the Land Development Division at (352) 527-5239.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación (352-527-5370).

Chairman
Planning and Development Commission
Citrus County, Florida



LEFT: This large logo on Chef Hesse's food truck is a promise to help fight hunger, especially those youngsters dealing with a lack of food. Above, he explains how his Fo'Cheezy Twisted Meltz business is helping in the fight against hunger in his hometown of St. Petersburg. RIGHT: Chef Robert Hesse serves gooey, grilled cheese sandwiches from his food truck Tuesday, March 9, at Camp E-Nini-Hassee in Floral City.

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Obituaries



Armand Desgroseilliers, 79

LECANTO

Armand R. Desgroseilliers, 79 passed peacefully at his residence in Lecanto FL, February 21, 2021. He was born in Berlin, New Hampshire, May 3, 1941. There will be a service at Bushnell National Cemetery on March 11, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

Wayne Furlow, 79

HOMOSASSA

Wayne John Furlow, a resident of Homosassa, Florida, passed to his heavenly home on February 13, 2021, just a month and a half shy of his 80th birthday.

Born on March 31, 1941, in Philadelphia, PA, Wayne grew up in Philly, where he graduated from La Salle University. Over the course of his adult life he lived in Maine, where he worked at Scott Paper, and in the Norristown area of PA, where he worked at Philly Gear and later on as a prison librarian. Upon retirement he moved to Homosassa, Florida, where he met his love, Jan Funk McVeigh, known as Staci in her Florida life. The two were together for over 15 years, the latter ones as husband and wife.

Wayne was an avid golfer. He loved playing and being a spectator of the sport. He loved watching sports games generally and cheered his hometown Philly teams. He also enjoyed dancing, swimming, live entertainment, short trips with community friends, Dominoes and other board games. He especially loved performing with Legends in his local Walden Woods community.

Wayne was known as a sweet and gentle soul who dearly loved his family. He was very well-liked universally and had a strong presence that lit up a room. Even his doctors, who enjoyed him, commented on his delightful nature. He also had a superbly rich and pleasant "radio voice".

Preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Furlow and Lillian Smith Furlow, and sister, Pat Furlow Callahan, Wayne leaves behind his beloved wife, Staci Jan McVeigh, his brother Bob Furlow and nephew James Furlow and niece Barbara Durning-McHenry, and the children of sister Pat — Caren Klosterman, Joseph Callahan, Keith Callahan, and Connie Bishop. Among those who will miss Wayne are Staci Jan's sisters, daughters and grandchildren, and extended family.

Arrangements are by the Hooper Funeral Homes and Crematory Homosassa Chapel.

A Service of Remembrance and Celebration of Life will be held on Wayne's birthday, Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 11:00 AM. The location is First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa, Florida. All who attend are more than welcome to share memories and stories of Wayne. The service will be live-streamed for those who cannot be physically present. To access the live stream, use the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEToysymJxw>. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Salvation Army of Citrus County, 712 S. School Ave., Lecanto, FL 34461.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Chas. E. Davis

Funeral Home with Crematory

EUGENE LARIMER Service: Wednesday (3/31) 3:00 P.M.

J. PETER REDSTON Service: Saturday (3/13) 11:00 A.M.

BRENDA SHELDON Service: Friday (3/12) 11:00 A.M. • North Oak Baptist Church

ROBERT EDSON JR. - Service: Wed. 6:00 P.M.

New Birth Gospel Tabernacle Church

DEAN WALSH - Private Arrangements

CHARLOTTE BANKS - Private Arrangements

JEAN FRANK - Private Arrangements

KATHERINE KENNEDY - Private Arrangements

DAVID LITTLEFIELD - Private Arrangements

EILEEN WISNIEWSKI - Arrangements Pending

STEVEN FARMER - Arrangements Pending

726-8323

Mary Mayer, 78

HOMOSASSA

Mary Helen Mayer, 78, of Homosassa, FL, passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at her home.

A native of Paterson, NJ, she was born on March 21, 1942 to



Mary Mayer

Larry and Stella (Mankiewicz) Ferner, one of four children. Mary, who married her high school sweetheart Allen Mayer, retired from American Cyanimid Corp. of Wayne, NJ in 1991 and moved to Sugarmill Woods in Homosassa with her husband Al from Stockholm, NJ. After a short vacation, she became office manager for Sweetwater Homes, finally retiring in Oct. 2004. Mary's perfect day would definitely involve fishing and perhaps visiting one of her favorite places, Islamorada, FL.

Besides her husband of nearly 60 years, she is survived by her son David Mayer (wife Mary), Oakridge, NJ; daughter Robin Seeley (husband Brian), Port St. John, FL; sisters Carol of Oakridge, NJ and Paula of North Carolina; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by a sister, Cathy.

Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, FL. www.wilderfuneral.com

Jonus Serrano, 38

INVERNESS

Jonus Serrano, 38, of Inverness, FL passed away on Friday March 5, 2021 at his residence.



Jonus Serrano

Jonus was born April 4, 1982 in Westerly, Rhode Island to Jorge and Judy Serrano. Jonus has left behind his two siblings Monica, Jorge and Starr Quattromani, his uncle Maverick Colon. Two nieces Sheanna and Selena Quattromani, four nephews, Zachary, Jorge, Chance and Jonus Quattromani, also many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that he cared about.

In the year of 2019-2020 Jonus found his soulmate Ashley Ann Pate. On May 25, 2020 they were engaged to be married. He also left behind Ashley's three children he loved as if they were his own. Jonus loved his family so much that words can't even explain.

Jonus will be missed and loved greatly. Now this world will be missing out on one amazing man that was loved by many and heaven will gain another beautiful angel. We love you Jonus to the moon and back. We love you yesterday, today, tomorrow always and forever.

A gathering for family and friends will be on Thursday March 11th at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, FL from 2 PM to 4 PM. A memorial service conducted by Rev. Doug Alexander will begin at 4 PM. Arrangements are with Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River.

To Place Your "In Memory" ad, Contact Lori Driver 564-2931 or email: LDriver@chronicleonline.com

Closing time for placing ad is 4 business days prior to run date. There are advanced deadlines for holidays.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Frances MacMurphy, 71

HERNANDO

Frances Marie MacMurphy, 71, of Hernando, FL passed away on March 9, 2021 at Hospice of Marion County in Ocala, FL. Arrangements by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Inverness, FL.

Mary Lu Sloop, 88

FLORAL CITY

Mary Lu Sloop, age 88, of Floral City, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 in Inverness, Florida.



Mary Lu Sloop

She was born on June 20, 1932 in Miami, FL, the daughter of George and Racine Slater. A native of

Miami, she attended Miami High School and Florida State University.

She was a sister at Alpha Delta Phi sorority. She married Richard (Buddy) Sloop at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in 1952.

Mary Lu was employed by Eastern Airlines for 37 years, which allowed her and Buddy, who was employed at rival Pan American World Airways,

to travel the world for over

20 years. In later years,

they spent their time be-

tween their homes in

Miami and Delray Beach,

Florida. One of her great-

est joys was the solace she

found in living on the At-

lantic beach after the loss

of her husband in 1976.

She moved to Floral City, Florida in 1997 to be

closer to her daughter. Her

remaining years were

spent taking several trips

to Europe with her family.

She also enjoyed being a

member of the Red Hat

Society. She would want

everybody to know she

checked a lot of boxes on

her bucket list. One im-

portant moment would be

the laying flowers on the

grave of Luciano Pavarotti,

her favorite singer. She

possessed a unique sense

of humor, and never left a

restaurant, hotel or flight

without the crew/staff

laughing and enjoying the

fact that they got to meet

her. She was the definition

of a "larger than life"

personality.

She is survived by her

daughter, Laura Hennings

and son-in-law Peter Hennings

of Floral City, Florida;

son Wayne Sloop and wife

Carol (Fogle) of Canton,

Georgia; and "bonus"

sister, Judy Slater of At-

lanta, Georgia.

Her funeral service will

be held at 10:00 am on Sat-

urday, March 13, at St. Margaret's

Episcopal Church in Inverness, FL. In

lieu of flowers, donations

can be made to Citrus

County Foundation for An-

imal Protection (CCFAP),

online at www.CCFAPnet

<<http://www.CCFAP.net/>> or mailed to P.O. Box 1164,

Inverness, FL 34451. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com

Johnnie Belle Taylor, 96

Mrs. Johnnie Belle Major Randolph Taylor, 96, departed this life on Saturday, March 6, 2021.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 15,

at the Tallahassee National Cemetery, Tallahassee, FL.

V. i. e. - wing-visitation

is 3-5 p.m. Sunday at

TILLMAN OF TALLA-

HASSEE (850-942-1950).

Mrs. Taylor was a com-

passionate, caring and ef-

fective educator who gave

39 years of dedicated ser-

vice to her profession.

Precious memories of

her life will be cherished

forever by her sisters:

Annie Louise Pender of

Holder, FL; Ethel Lee

(Samuel) Joyner of Crystal

River, FL and Adele Young

of Dunnellon, FL; a niece

whom she helped raise,

Rosemary Joyner of Pem-

broke Pines, FL; adopted

children: Jennifer and

Allen Byrd and Jacqueline

Henderson; adopted

grandson, Ashton Henderson,

all of Tallahassee, FL;

sister-in-law, Elsie Randolph

of Corona, NY; godson,

Theotis Stallworth of

Tallahassee

BILL

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"Today we have a decision to make of tremendous consequence," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., "a decision that will make a difference for millions of Americans, saving lives and livelihoods."

For Biden and Democrats, the bill is essentially a canvas on which they've painted their core beliefs — that government programs can be a benefit, not a bane, to millions of people and that spending huge sums on such efforts can be a cure, not a curse. The measure so closely tracks Democrats' priorities that several rank it with the top achievements of their careers, and despite their slender congressional majorities there was never real suspense over its fate.

They were also empowered by three dynamics: their unfettered control of the White House and Congress, polls showing robust support for Biden's approach and a moment when most voters care little that the national debt is soaring toward a stratospheric \$22 trillion. Neither party seems much troubled by surging red ink, either, except when the other is using it to finance its priorities, be they Democratic spending or GOP tax cuts.

Republicans noted that they've overwhelmingly supported five previous relief bills that Congress has approved since the pandemic struck a year ago, when divided government under then-President Donald Trump forced the

What's inside the \$1.9T COVID-19 bill

WASHINGTON — The sweeping pandemic relief package awaiting President Joe Biden's signature aims to help the U.S. defeat the virus and nurse the economy back to health. Highlights of the legislation:

■ Expanded unemployment benefits from the federal government would be extended through Sept. 6 at \$300 a week. That's on top of what beneficiaries are getting through their state unemployment insurance program. The first \$10,200 of jobless benefits accrued in 2020 would be non-taxable for households with incomes under \$150,000.

Additionally, the measure provides a 100% subsidy of COBRA health insurance premiums to ensure that laid-off workers can remain on their employer health plans at no cost through the end of September.

■ The legislation provides a direct payment of \$1,400 for a single taxpayer, or \$2,800 for a married couple that files jointly, plus \$1,400 per dependent. Individuals earning up to \$75,000 would get the full amount, as would married couples with incomes up to \$150,000.

The size of the check would shrink for those making slightly more, with a hard cut-off at \$80,000 for individuals and \$160,000 for married couples.

Most Americans will be getting the full amount. The median household income was \$68,703 in 2019, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Biden said payments

would start going out this month.

■ The legislation would send \$8350 billion to state and local governments and tribal governments for costs incurred up until the end of 2024. The bill also requires that small states get at least the amount they received under virus legislation that Congress passed last March.

Many communities have taken hits to their tax base during the pandemic, but the impact varies from state to state and from town to town. Critics say the funding is not appropriately targeted and is far more than necessary with billions of dollars allocated last spring to states and communities still unspent.

■ The bill calls for about \$130 billion in additional help to schools for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The money would be used to reduce class sizes and modify classrooms to enhance social distancing, install ventilation systems and purchase personal protective equipment. The money could also be used to hire more nurses, counselors and janitors, and to provide summer school.

Spending for colleges and universities would be boosted by about \$40 billion, with the money used to defray an institution's pandemic-related expenses and to provide emergency aid to students to cover expenses such as food and housing and computer equipment.

There's also about \$39 billion for child care through an emergency fund to help child care providers pay for staffing, rent and supplies, and through a block grant program that subsidizes the cost of child

care for low-income families.

■ A new program for restaurants and bars hurt by the pandemic would receive \$28.6 billion. The grants provide up to \$10 million per company with a limit of \$5 million per physical location. The grants can be used to cover payroll, rent, utilities and other operational expenses.

The bill also provides \$7.25 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, a tiny fraction of what was allocated in previous legislation. The bill also allows more nonprofits to apply for loans that are designed to help borrowers meet their payroll and operating costs and can potentially be forgiven.

■ The bill provides about \$50 billion to expand testing for COVID-19 and to enhance contract tracing capabilities with new investments to expand laboratory capacity and set up mobile testing units. It also contains more than \$15 billion to speed up the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines across the country. Another \$1 billion would go to boost vaccine confidence. And \$10 billion would be used to boost the supply of medical devices and equipment to combat the virus under the Defense Production Act.

■ The bill provides more than \$30 billion to help low-income households pay their rent and to assist the homeless. States and tribes would receive an additional \$10 billion for homeowners who are struggling with mortgage payments and other housing costs because of the pandemic.

— From wire reports

survival of the fittest? No," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Yarmuth, D-Ky. "We rise to the occasion. We deliver."

The legislation would reduce the number of people living in poverty this year by around one-third, from 44 million down to 28 million, the liberal-leaning Urban Institute estimated Wednesday. The poverty rate for children would be reduced by over half, said the institute, which examined the impact of the measure's stimulus checks, jobless benefits, food stamps and tax credits for children.

Rep. Jared Golden of Maine was the only Democrat to oppose the measure. He said in a written statement that some of the bill's spending wasn't urgent.

The measure was approved amid promising though mixed signs of recovery.

Americans are getting vaccinated at increasingly robust rates, though that is tempered by coronavirus variants and people's growing impatience with curbing social activities. The economy created an unexpectedly strong 379,000 jobs last month, though there remain 9.5 million fewer than before the pandemic struck.

An Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll found last week that 70% of Americans back Biden's response to the virus, including a hefty 44% of Republicans. According to a CNN poll released Wednesday, the relief bill is backed by 61% of Americans, including nearly all Democrats, 58% of independents and 26% of Republicans.

parties to negotiate. They said this one solely reflected Democratic goals by setting aside money for family planning programs and federal workers who take leave to cope with COVID-19 and failing to require that shuttered schools accepting aid reopen their doors.

"If you're a member of the swamp, you do pretty well under this bill. But

for the American people, it means serious problems immediately on the horizon," said House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., referring to the added federal borrowing the measure will force.

A dominant feature of the 628-page bill is initiatives making it one of the biggest federal efforts in years to assist lower- and middle-income families.

Included are expanded tax credits over the next year for children, child care and family leave — some of them credits that Democrats have signaled they'd like to make permanent — plus spending for renters, feeding programs and people's utility bills.

Besides the direct payments and jobless-benefit extension, the measure has hundreds of billions for

COVID-19 vaccines and treatments, schools, state and local governments and ailing industries from airlines to concert halls. There is aid for farmers of color, pension systems and student borrowers, and subsidies for consumers buying health insurance and states expanding Medicaid coverage for lower earners.

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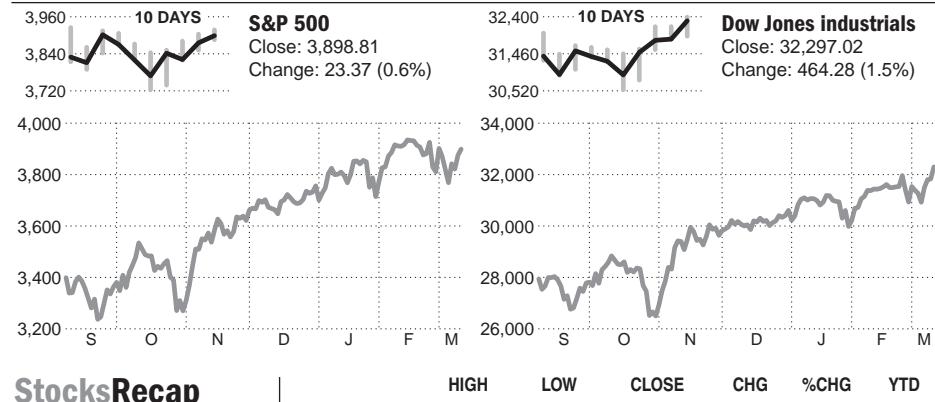
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| Vol. (in mil.) | 5,169 | 5,416 | DOW | 32,389.50 | 31,906.96 | 32,297.02 | +464.28 | +1.46% +5.52% |
| Pvs. Volume | 4,832 | 5,671 | DOW Trans. | 13,945.00 | 13,748.88 | 13,869.90 | +83.08 | +0.60% +10.90% |
| Advanced | 1965 | 2148 | DOW Util. | 839.43 | 829.12 | 837.05 | +6.12 | +0.74% -3.19% |
| Declined | 521 | 1144 | NYSE Comp. | 15,573.27 | 15,375.63 | 15,521.83 | +146.20 | +0.95% +6.66% |
| New Highs | 347 | 378 | NASDAQ | 13,277.11 | 13,035.44 | 13,068.83 | -4.99 | -0.04% +1.40% |
| New Lows | 3 | 16 | S&P 500 | 3,917.35 | 3,885.73 | 3,898.81 | +23.37 | +0.60% +3.80% |
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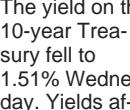
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| AT&T Inc | T | 26.08 | 36.15 | 29.99 | +.35 | +1.2 | ▲ | 20 | 2.08 |
| Ametek Inc | AME | 54.82 | 125.81 | 123.72 | +.09 | +2.6 | ▲ | 33 | 0.80f |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev | BUD | 32.58 | 72.41 | 63.36 | +.18 | +1.9 | ▲ | 91 | 1.10e |
| Bank of America | BAC | 17.95 | 37.73 | 37.37 | +.05 | +2.9 | ▲ | 20 | 0.72 |
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| EPR Properties | EPR | 12.56 | 52.30 | 47.88 | ... | ... | ▲ | 14 | 4.32 |
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| Home Depot | HD | 140.63 | 292.95 | 266.24 | +.93 | +1.1 | ▲ | 22 | 6.60f |
| Intel Corp | INTC | 43.61 | 65.11 | 62.25 | -.42 | -.07 | ▲ | 12 | 1.39f |
| IBM | IBM | 90.56 | 135.88 | 127.87 | +.69 | +3.0 | ▲ | 13 | 6.52 |
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Interest rates



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

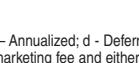
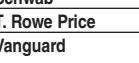
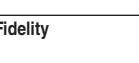
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Commodities



U.S. crude oil prices were slightly higher and natural gas rose over 1%. Gold and silver prices were little changed.



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RAMPING UP ENTHUSIASM

Old Yacht Club a sound location for ramp access

Boat ramps are a hot topic in Crystal River. So when Crystal River city officials held a public meeting Feb. 25 to get input on a possible location for a new ramp within city limits, about 200 people showed up and provided valuable feedback.

It's hopeful a new ramp will replace the one currently located at the end of Northwest Third Avenue, which must close with the final phase of construction of the Riverwalk.

For reference, the Third Avenue boat ramp is located within the Dockside Shoppes plaza next to Charlie's Fish house. It's a tight space surrounded by private property, and those launching boats have to park on the other side of U.S. 19 and cross the four-lane, busy highway to launch their vessel.

It's an unsafe situation and the area really is too cramped for a successful public launch area. Closing it and providing ramp access elsewhere makes sense, and Crystal River leadership has known that for a long time. Ground will break on the second and final phase of Riverwalk later this year, and is expected to finish in 2022, shuttering the ramp.

In good faith, Crystal River officials at the request of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), asked Citrus citizens what they thought, presenting two possible relocation sites within the Crystal River Preserve State Park — at the Mullet Hole or the existing boat ramp at the end of North Sailboat

Avenue, the site of the old Yacht Club.

Pretty unanimously, residents were against the Mullet Hole location. Rather undeveloped and representative of the true, old Florida, Citrus residents felt the area should remain as is — an untouched natural oasis prime for fishing, strolls along the trails and reveling in the Walden Pond-e-sque scenery.

Down the road from the Mullet Hole, at the end of North Sailboat Avenue, is an already ecologically developed site with an aged but preexisting boat ramp. It is an ideal site for a public ramp with some expansion, improvements and parking. Upgrades could make the area very nice and something to be proud of.

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A replacement ramp will provide easier access into the Crystal River and the Gulf of Mexico, and the community needs it. Now is the time to make it happen.

THE ISSUE:

Citizens give boat ramp input at open house.

OUR OPINION:

North Sailboat Avenue location is ideal; the state should listen.

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Hold people accountable

Here's another one (in Sound Off on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021), "Start enforcing litter laws." How many times have we seen this one? ... You have to change the laws and you have to make the people held accountable. Work your debt off on the fines or spend your weekend in



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Why do I have to call?

We're being new to Inverness and I just have a question: I do see county vehicles out on the roadways from time to time and I wondered why you have to call to report abandoned homes or dismantled trailers, mobile homes — you know, that type of stuff — along North Croft. If these people see this, why can't they take action? Why do you have to call, give your name, your number and all that information? They should take pride in their county also.

I command you for being an individual

I'm calling in reference to Monday's Sound Off, Feb. 15, wherein a caller mentioned that

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

Kenneth Grahame, "The Wind in the Willows"

LETTERS to the Editor



Scouts named 2020 top district

It is with tremendous pride that I would like to announce Scouting's local Withlacoochee District (Citrus, Hernando and Sumter counties) has been named the 2020 District of the Year. We were commended for the speed and efficacy with which we responded to unprecedented circumstances, with special recognition paid to our fiscal resilience.

Considering all that has happened, I believe last year will be remembered as the most consequential in the history of scouting. It will also be remembered as a year when our district accepted challenges but refused to let them become obstacles. It will be remembered as a year when our contemporaries looked to us for inspiration. It will be remembered as a year when scouts stepped up as servant leaders within our communities, right when they were needed most. A scout is courteous, and not inclined to boast. Therefore, please allow me to do so on behalf of our amazing youth.

They have held larger Scouting for Food drives than ever before, with over six tons raised for local pantries in February. They created innovative new service projects, like our Kayak Cleanup. Most astounding of all, 28 of them completed their Eagle Scout projects and earned our program's highest honor last year alone. They were even able to organize several new troops and units.

Of course, this could not have been done without the support of our incredible community partners. Your patronage has empowered our young people to step up as unparalleled leaders in their communities and across the country. Though you may never personally meet the child whose life your support changed forever, we hope you will see and know them through their incredible work this past year and each coming year. Our work has only just begun, and we hope you'll continue to support our mission: preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes.

Brandon Kathman
district executive

Group has their own agenda

The Chronicle once again has revealed its true colors by promoting the League of Women Voters of the United States, an organization that lobbies and advocates on a number of left-leaning issues. The group claims to exist for "educating voters" through its state and local chapter affiliates. However, the national organization spends most of its dollars on lobbying and issue advocacy operations.

Though supposedly nonpartisan, they support left-leaning policies. The League's current platform supports tax-and-spend policies, government-run health care, a wide range of increased welfare handouts, a ban on

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certain low-priced handguns, and support for international organizations including the International Criminal Court to which even the liberal Obama administration did not cede U.S. sovereignty.

After the 2016 election, the League of Women Voters issued a news release proclaiming the election was rigged. It argued "tight margins in some key elections show that suppression may play a role," including in states like Wisconsin that Trump won.

The League was a partner organization in the "Women's March on Washington," which was a massive demonstration against President Donald Trump and in favor of liberal policies.

Additionally, the group has attacked numerous decisions President Trump made, opposing his decision to approve the Keystone Pipeline, his temporary bar on the admission of nationals of certain countries, his decision to pull out of the Paris Climate deal, his decision to stop the Obama-era policy of protecting certain illegal immigrants from deportation, his decision allowing employers to opt out of providing abortion coverage under Obamacare.

They oppose a federal balanced budget amendment and support deficit spending while at the same time call for a progressive broad-based tax system. In recent years, they have pushed for low-income handouts paid for by increasing taxes on the wealthy. Additionally, the League has supported increasing taxes on capital gains.

The League supports increased taxes to finance a basic level of health care for all U.S. residents, a government-controlled health care system to provide every U.S. resident access to a basic level of health care that includes among other things reproductive health care, long-term care, and mental health as well as non-typical health items, including a call for housing for the chronically homeless and specialty drug courts to help drug users avoid the criminal justice system.

This group wants to change our system of voting with no agenda in mind? Hardly!

Mike Dragoun
Lecanto

Accept the fact there was no fraud

I am amazed at how many Republicans still believe the election results were rigged by the Democrats in such a sophisticated way as to be unprovable in a court of law.

About 60 judges found no evidence. Yet, us Democrats are accused of concocting such an elaborate scheme of voter fraud, not even the smartest Republicans cannot find substantial evidence. What amazes me is it is the Democrats who are accused of this super intelligence. But wait, we were for the most part not the party made of the wealthy idea men like Rockefeller or Carnegie. We are the party who worked in their factories and supported them. We are the workforce and move ahead party. We are the union workers, not the ones with the brains to come up with the big corporations (for the most part). I do not mean this to be a slam on my fellow Democrats, of course we are smart, but it is funny to me that the elite Republicans actually believe us Democrats could pull off such an elaborate scheme.

Can't you just accept that more Republicans voted for Biden but cast down ballot votes for Republican candidates? And that more minorities listened to Michelle Obama when she urged them to put on their comfortable shoes and go vote?

Lorelie Boutin
Crystal River

The country needs unity

Nearly a year into the coronavirus pandemic shutting down the United States, it's time for our leaders in Washington to put aside partisan bickering and do something to help. President Biden's American Rescue Plan to stop coronavirus and deal with the pandemic's impact on our nation, and preserve critical jobs and services in our states, cities and town.

Real American unity is more than about politicians agreeing on a piece of legislation — it's about getting vaccines in arms, safely reopening schools for in-person instruction, giving every American a chance to survive the crises facing our nation, and preserve critical jobs and services in our states, cities and town.

And President Biden's American Rescue Plan meets this moment. According to major polls, there is more bipartisan support for the American Rescue Plan than virtually anything in the last few years.

Even West Virginia's Republican Gov. Jim Justice said, "We need to go big, and if we waste some money now, well, we waste some money. But absolutely, we've got too many people hurting and the economy is going to sputter and we've got to get ourselves out of this mess."

We need unity to get out of the coronavirus crisis. We need the American Rescue Plan.

Joe Monroe
Crystal River

for the time being until his vehicle runs out of gas, what are they going to do when the car runs out of gas because they can't go anywhere to get gas? There are plenty of ways to keep warm, but using your car is definitely not one of them unless it was an extreme emergency.

Don't be taken in by this scam

The other day my mom got a letter from Mike Prendergast asking for donations and it was for Citrus County, but it was going to Tallahassee. I told her to call the sheriff's office and she did and they said they don't do any kind of solicitations. So anybody that got that letter, I hope you didn't send your money in yet because it's a scam — a good scam, but it's a scam.

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stand up, period. If the dogs continue to bark, file a complaint with Animal Control. Keep filing complaints, filing complaints, filing complaints, making your paper trail. If there's any reprisals, you have a paper trail. Stop living in fear. Do something about it instead of griping about it.

Hold people accountable

Here's another one (in Sound Off on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021), "Start enforcing litter laws." How many times have we seen this one? ... You have to change the laws and you have to make the people held accountable. Work your debt off on the fines or spend your weekend in

jail until your debt is paid off. That is the only way to do it.

Why do I have to call?

We're being new to Inverness and I just have a question: I do see county vehicles out on the roadways from time to time and I wondered why you have to call to report abandoned homes or dismantled trailers, mobile homes — you know, that type of stuff — along North Croft. If these people see this, why can't they take action? Why do you have to call, give your name, your number and all that information? They should take pride in their county also.

I command you for being an individual

I'm calling in reference to Monday's Sound Off, Feb. 15, wherein a caller mentioned that

Surge at border



A migrant from Honduras seeking asylum in the United States stands in front of rows of tents at the border crossing, Monday, March 1 in Tijuana, Mexico.

Wave of children, families putting strain on resources

BEN FOX
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of migrant children and families seeking to cross the U.S. southwest border has surged to levels not seen since before the pandemic, a challenge for President Joe Biden as he works to undo the restrictive immigration policies of his predecessor.

Statistics released Wednesday by U.S. Customs and Border Protection showed the number of children and families increased by more than 100% between January and February. Kids crossing by themselves rose 60% to more than 9,400, forcing the government to look for new places to hold them temporarily.

The surge has been seized on by Republicans and former President Donald Trump as a line of attack on Biden, though his administration is turning back nearly all single adults, who make up the majority of border-crossers, under a public health order imposed at the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Biden administration is temporarily holding children and families, mostly from Central America, for several days. They are generally then allowed to enter the U.S. while authorities evaluate their claims to asylum or see if they have any other legal right to stay in the country.

It is a challenge for an administration that has been working to restore an asylum system

largely dismantled under Trump and likely to face increasing pressure. Factors driving the increase include widespread hunger in Central America due to recent hurricanes, the economic upheaval of the pandemic and more fundamental social problems dating back years.

"If you put all those issues together you are going to see folks that are looking for a better way of life," acting CBP Commissioner Troy Miller said as he presented the latest figures.

Republicans have argued that migrants are drawn by incentives such as the immigration bill backed by Biden and many Democrats that would offer a path to citizenship for millions of people illegally

in the country. "We're seeing a surge of unaccompanied children coming across the border. Why? Joe Biden promised amnesty," Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, said in a tweet.

Overall encounters have been increasing steadily since April 2020, soon after Mexico and the U.S. agreed to close the official border crossings to all but essential traffic because of the pandemic.

There were nearly 29,000 families or unaccompanied minors combined in February. The last time it was higher was in October 2019. The total number of people encountered by CBP was just up 28% from January, but many of them are migrants who were recently turned back and are trying again.

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On patrol



BIANCA MOORMAN/The Meridian Star

Meridian, Miss. police officers Bradley McNeece and Ty McKenzie ride Blayne and Maverick, new members of the department's mounted patrol unit, on Wednesday, March 10 in Meridian, Miss.

US budget deficit hits record \$1.05 trillion after 5 months

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government's budget deficit through February hit an all-time high of \$1.05 trillion for the first five months of this budget year, as spending to deal with the coronavirus pandemic surged at a pace far above an increase in tax revenue.

The Treasury Department reported Wednesday that the October through February deficit was 68% larger than the \$624.5 billion deficit recorded during the same period last year.

It easily surpassed the previous five-month deficit of \$652 billion set in 2010 when the government was spending to try to lift the country out of the deep recession caused by the 2008 financial crisis.

The Congressional Budget Office has projected that the deficit for the budget year that ends on Sept. 30 will be \$2.3 trillion. However, that estimate does not include the cost of President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID relief measure, which cleared Congress on Wednesday.

Last year's deficit, also driven higher by virus relief packages, was a record \$3.1 trillion.

Security camera hack exposes sensitive locations

Hackers aiming to call attention to the dangers of mass surveillance said they were able to peer into hospitals, schools, factories, jails and corporate offices after they broke into the systems of a security-camera startup.

That California startup, Verkada, said Wednesday it is investigating the scope of the breach, first reported by Bloomberg, and has notified law enforcement and its customers.

Swiss hacker Tillie Kottmann, a member of the group that calls itself APT-69420 Arson Cats, described it in an online chat with The Associated Press as a small collective of "primarily queer

hackers, not backed by any nations or capital but instead backed by the desire for fun, being gay and a better world."

They were able to gain access to a Verkada "super" administrator account using valid credentials found online, Kottmann said. Verkada said in a statement that it has since disabled all internal administrator accounts to prevent any unauthorized access.

Texas AG says probe to continue despite Twitter lawsuit

DALLAS — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said Wednesday that a lawsuit by Twitter won't deter his office from investigating the content moderation practices of the social media giant and four other major technology companies.

Twitter sued the

Republican official this week in an effort to halt his probe, which the company claimed was retaliation for banning the account of former President Donald Trump following the deadly January insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Days after the riot, Paxton announced an investigation of what he called "the seemingly coordinated de-platforming of the President." His office demanded a variety of records and internal communications from Google, Facebook, Twitter, Amazon and Apple.

On Monday, Twitter asked a federal judge in California to effectively stop the probe and affirm that its decision to ban Trump was protected by the First Amendment. Paxton responded Wednesday that "most of the companies have cooperated" and called Twitter's suit "remarkable."

Malaysian court rules non-Muslims can use 'Allah'

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A Malaysian court ruled Wednesday that non-Muslims can use the word "Allah" to refer to God, in a major decision in a divisive issue for religious freedom in the Muslim-majority country.

The High Court decision squashed a 35-year-old government ban on the usage of Allah and three other Arabic words by Christian publications, deeming the ban unconstitutional, said the plaintiff's lawyer, Annou Xavier.

The government has previously said Allah should be reserved exclusively for Muslims to avoid confusion that could lead them to convert to other religions, a stance that is unique to Malaysia and hasn't been an issue in other Muslim-majority nations with sizeable Christian minorities.

Christian leaders in Malaysia say the ban is unreasonable because Christians who speak the Malay language have long used Allah, a Malay word derived from Arabic, in their Bibles, prayers and songs.

Lawsuits expected over Mexican law on power generation

MEXICO CITY — The International Chamber of Commerce's Mexico chapter said Wednesday it expects a wave of lawsuits, legal appeals and international investor-dispute arbitration panels, after Mexico enacted a law favoring government-owned power generation over cleaner private electrical plants.

Many wind, solar and gas-fired power stations were built in Mexico by foreign companies, but President Andrés Manuel López Obrador plans to give priority to state-owned coal, oil and diesel plants.

The chamber said Wednesday the provisions of the new law violate Mexico's constitution, which guarantees the right to competition and a healthy environment, and appears to violate investment protection and trade agreements.

— From wire reports

Report: Gov. Cuomo groped aide

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — An aide to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says the Democrat groped her in the governor's residence, marking the most serious allegation among those made by a series of women against the embattled governor, according to a report published in a newspaper Wednesday.

The Times Union of Albany reported that the woman, who was not identified, was alone with Cuomo late last year when he closed the door, reached under her shirt and fondled her. The newspaper's reporting is based on an unidentified source with direct knowledge of the woman's accusation. The governor had summoned her to the Executive Mansion in Albany, saying he needed help with his cellphone, the newspaper reported.

The three-term governor faces harassment allegations from five other

women, including former aide Charlotte Bennett. The 25-year-old's attorney, Debra Katz, said in a statement released Wednesday evening that the latest allegations are "eerily similar" to Bennett's own story.

Bennett has said she was summoned to the Capitol on a weekend and left alone with Cuomo, who asked her for help with his cellphone. She has said Cuomo asked about her sex life and propositioned her.

"The Governor's sexual harassment, which Charlotte Bennett reported, was buried by his aides and never properly investigated," Katz's statement said. "Because of their enablement, another young woman was left in harm's way."

The woman whose account was reported by the Times Union also indicated that Cuomo had touched her and made flirtatious comments

on multiple occasions. According to the newspaper, her allegations came to light as Cuomo staffers watched the governor's March 3 press conference, his first after initial sexual harassment claims made in late February.

In it, he denied ever touching a woman inappropriately. The aide subsequently became emotional, and told a female supervisor who approached her

about her encounters with the governor. At least one supervisor reported the allegation to an attorney in the governor's office Monday, the newspaper reported.

Prior to Wednesday's report, the allegations against Cuomo include a combination of claims that he made the workplace an uncomfortable place for young women, ranging from flirtatious comments to a non-consensual kiss.



Andrew Cuomo

Takeover has Nevada Dems in disarray

Slate of socialist-backed candidates swept into state party posts

MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The state Democratic Party in Nevada has for years been among the strongest in country, buttressed by the state's powerful former senator, Harry Reid, and credited with helping Democrats chalk up wins in the swing state since 2016. But that reputation took a hit this week after a slate of Sen. Bernie Sanders-aligned progressives backed by a local chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America won the party's top leadership posts. The

results prompted resignations of the party's staff and consultants.

Nevada political operatives say the progressive takeover could diminish the power of the state party and jeopardize a push to make the state the first presidential nominating contest in 2024, ahead of Iowa and New Hampshire. The new state party chair, Judith Whitmer, said she was surprised by the resignations and denied allegations that she had first threatened to fire staff or had suggested that Democratic elected officials should face primary challenges from the left.

"The goal obviously is still to elect Democrats, that will always be our goal, but it's also our goal to bring more progressives into the fold and bring those progressive voices into the party," Whitmer told The Associated Press. The outcome of Saturday's party officer elections was not a surprise, Democrats said, because the progressives had worked to win spots on the party's governing central committee that votes on party leaders. In apparent anticipation of the wins, the state Democratic Party transferred \$450,000 from the state party's campaign accounts to

the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

A former party staffer who declined to speak on the record, citing a fear of online backlash that the outgoing party staff received, said the staff resigned because the newly elected party officers and their supporters had been antagonistic toward the party and party staff and the staff did not feel comfortable working closely with them.

The staffer said the \$450,000 has been raised by elected officials to jump-start the 2022 Democratic campaign in the state.

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Eat Gloria's 'Cheat Chicken'

For as long as I remember, I've been drawn to the youngest children in school. Now I've found that when it comes to seeing your own babies go off to school, that only gets multiplied.

Austin, who many of you recall as a newborn several years ago, has been going to preschool. As is our custom in our little country school, we had a four-week session of three days a week school for those who will be in first grade next term.

If you happen to be a mother, you know all about cutting apron strings when it gets to sending your children off that first morning. I did have my share to cut! But then, as I watched him trotting out the lane next to Julia, my heart overflowed; they really were so happy, both swinging a lunch bucket in hand. Really, I wouldn't have it any different, even if I could change it! Then there were those little concerns, or should I call it worries? Worries like wondering if he'll show proper respect to his teacher and whether he's been taught enough manners. Knowing that my sunny boy is out of my hands and in the Lord's, I lifted him in prayer time and again.

On that first afternoon, when he came home from school, he announced, "Mom, the whole day only seemed like 20 minutes!" Oh my, on my end, it seemed like the day would never end.

I gave him a giant

hug—what a joy to see him so happy. Indeed, I want to do my part in helping him grow up and reach his goals. I don't want him to have a hovering mama hanging on to him. My mind jumped ahead another year. I thought of sending Hosanna. No, that thought didn't last long at all. I'll take a year at a time, please.

While Austin is constantly looking for new things to learn, and I've been itching to teach him to read, we have decided it best not to get into reading too far. We want to keep him at the same pace as his classmates when school starts next fall. I explained to him that he can learn many other things. "Why Austin, you can even learn how to teach! You can help me by teaching your younger siblings things you have already learned." Though he didn't say much about my idea, it must have clicked. A day later, he found a money chart in storage. Gathering Hosanna, Jesse, and Elijah around him, he began explaining how the coins all look different and how many cents are in each one. From the kitchen where I was working, I quietly observed; indeed, raising children is worth it in more ways than one!

The younger children think Austin is quite grown-up since he's been going to school. They were utterly fascinated when they went with me visiting the school as they watched Austin in his own little school desk.

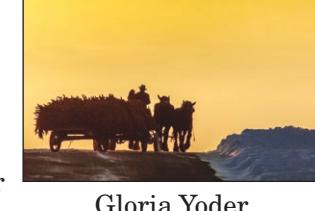
While Amish folks don't have kindergarten like public schools, we mothers teach the 3- and 4-year olds many basic concepts they would learn at school. I do not have specific hours where I have a school with them. Learning numbers, shapes, letters, and memorizing verses are sprinkled throughout the day as we look at books, color, play with bathtub toys, or drive down the road with the pony cart.

Tomorrow, the children will be helping me make four chicken casseroles. These casseroles will be used on Sunday evening for supper that will be followed by a hymn singing. This is what I call a "cheat casserole"; while we prefer to not use store-bought soups, on infrequent occasions, I opt for it on a busy day. It really is a most delicious casserole. Daniel will be grilling the chicken.

Gloria's "Cheat Chicken Casserole"

■ 6-8 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
■ 2 cream of chicken soups
■ 8 ounces sour cream
■ 1 tube snack crackers
■ 1/2 cup melted butter
■ 2 cups shredded cheese

Mix together first three ingredients. Put in bottom of a 9- by 13-inch pan. Crush crackers and put over first mixture. Drizzle melted butter over crackers. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Sprinkle cheese on top, return to oven until cheese is melted.



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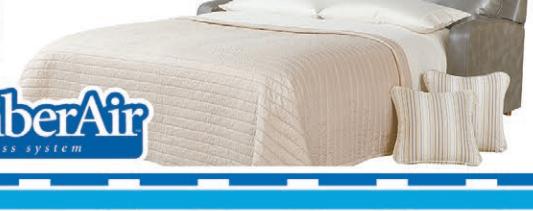
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St. Patrick's Day is an opportunity for the world to celebrate Ireland's patron saint and Irish culture with family, friends, food, and fun.

Many St. Patrick's Day traditions have been passed down through generations. This includes various foods and recipes that are native to Ireland that have spread around the globe thanks to the vast Irish diaspora.

When dishing up new traditions at home, try this recipe for "Traditional Irish Colcannon" courtesy of Kerrygold, producers of Irish butters and cheeses. Colcannon is a mashed potato recipe made even more savory with the inclusion of cabbage and other ingredients. Serve with corned beef, Irish bacon or Irish stew.

Traditional Irish Colcannon

Serves 8

■ 2 pounds red potatoes, cut into

large chunks

- 3/4 cup milk
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons Kerrygold Salted Butter, plus additional melted butter, if desired
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 6 cups finely shredded green cabbage (or one 10-ounce package)
- 1 cup (about 4 ounces) shredded Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese or Blarney Castle Dubliner Cheese
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- Cook potatoes in boiling water about 20 minutes or until very tender; drain well and mash with skins on, adding milk and salt.
- While potatoes are cooking, melt butter in a large skillet.
- Add onion; cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until very soft.
- Add cabbage; cook and stir for 5 minutes more or until very soft.
- Stir cabbage mixture and Kerrygold cheese into hot potatoes and season with pepper.
- Mound onto serving plates and make a well in the center of each. Pour a little melted butter into each well, if desired. Garnish to taste.



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Sweet shamrock mint cookies

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It's your lucky day because you don't have to search for the pot of gold under the rainbow for this winning recipe. Throw out the old Irish classics and sweeten things up this year with some mint chocolate chip fun.

If you're in a crunch for St. Patrick's Day and need something glowing with green, here is a dessert that is sure to have everyone coming back for seconds (and more).

These Mint Chocolate Chip Cookies are as green as four-leaf clovers and have delicious chocolate chips mixed throughout for some extra sweet flavor. Served beside a big glass of milk, they are perfect treats for any St. Patrick's Day party or virtual gathering.

To start the recipe, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt in a large mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, add butter, sugar, eggs, green food coloring and peppermint extract for that crisp mint flavor. Beat with a hand mixer and combine the ingredients in both bowls together.

Add chocolate chips to the mixed cookie batter. Scoop onto a baking sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 11-24 minutes until the edges of the cookies are light brown. Cool on a wire rack before devouring.

With so much mixing and scooping to be done, this is a great recipe for kids to get involved in the kitchen, too. One of the

best parts is the eye-catching color. Watch children's smiling little faces as the batter turns from light brown to dark green for a priceless reaction.

After being perfectly baked, these cookies are bright, fun and will be the hit of any celebration. Soft in the middle, a little crisp on the edges and as green as can be. You can't ask for much more on St. Patrick's Day.

Find more recipes, celebration ideas and dessert favorites for every occasion at Culinary.net.

Mint Chocolate Chip Cookies

Servings: 24-32

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 30 drops green food coloring
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 package (12 ounces) chocolate chips

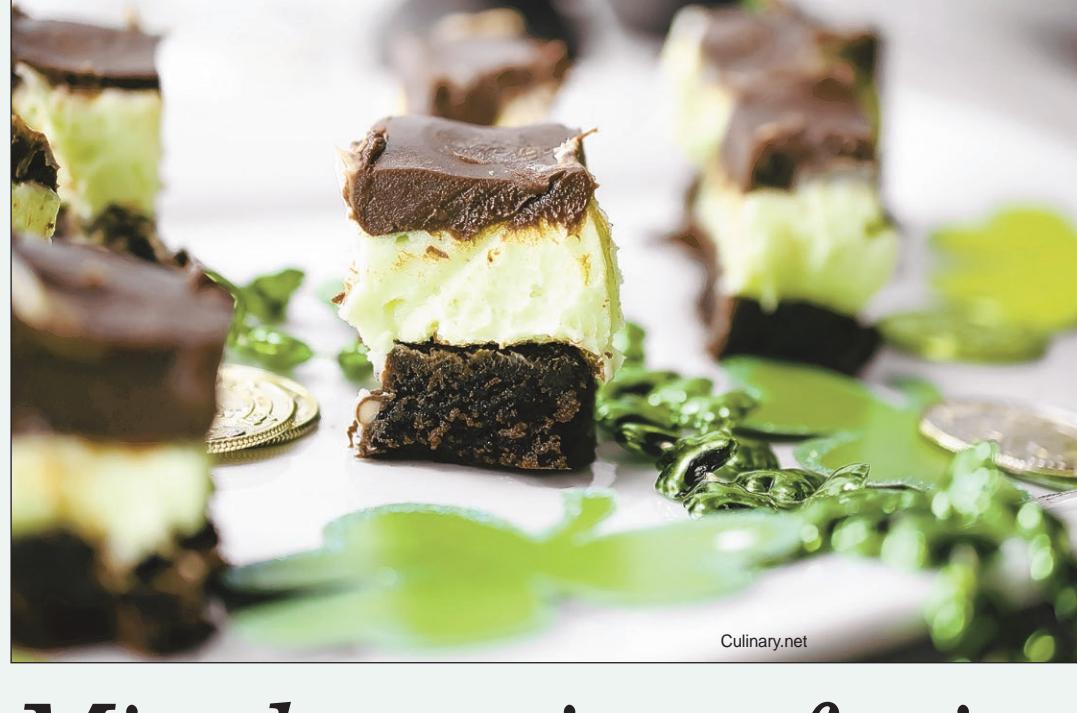
Heat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. In large bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt until blended. Set aside.

In medium bowl, beat butter and sugar until combined. Add eggs, food coloring and peppermint extract; beat until combined.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients; beat until combined. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop spoonfuls of cookie dough onto baking sheet.

Bake 11-14 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on wire racks.

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Mint brownie perfection

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How lucky you must be to come across this recipe just in time for St. Patrick's Day. This one is a twisted combination of mint and sweet chocolate that's sure to have almost anyone's taste buds screaming "yum." This dessert might just be the pot of gold at the end of your rainbow this year.

These Mint Brownies have three delicious layers. First, a supreme brownie on bottom. Then a fluffy, green mint layer that's full of flavor and color. Last, but definitely not least, a chocolate layer on top made with chocolate chips, butter and a little whipping cream.

All of these layers create a smooth, sweet, minty, bite-sized dessert perfect for any occasion but especially St. Patrick's Day. The green mint color really pops off the plate, giving it some extra flare and an appetizing glow.

To start, create the soft, chocolate filled brownie. Combine brownie mix, vegetable oil, one egg, water and the chocolate syrup pouch. Bake and cool completely.

Then it's time for some colorful, festive fun. Make the filling with powdered sugar, butter, whipping cream, softened cream cheese, a splash of peppermint extract and a few drops of green food coloring. Beat and pour over the cooled brownie pan.

The last layer is simple. In a saucepan, melt whipping cream, chocolate chips and butter until smooth. When it's cooled to lukewarm, pour it over the filling for the final layer.

Refrigerate the Mint Brownies for two hours before serving. Cut them into bite-size pieces for small chunks that will melt in your mouth.



Mint Brownies

Servings: 9-12

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 box supreme brownie mix with chocolate syrup pouch

■ 3 tablespoons water

■ 1/3 cup vegetable oil

■ 1 egg

Filling:

■ 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar

■ 1/4 cup butter, softened

■ 1/4 cup whipping cream

■ 5 ounces cream cheese, softened

■ 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract

■ 5 drops green food color

Topping:

■ 1/2 cup whipping cream

■ 1 bag (12 ounces) chocolate chips

■ 1/2 cup butter

Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Spray 8-by-8-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, mix brownie mix, water, oil and egg until combined. Pour into prepared baking pan. Bake 35 minutes.

Cool completely, about 1 hour.

To make filling: In large bowl, beat powdered sugar, butter, whipping cream, cream cheese, peppermint extract and food coloring. Spread over cooled brownies. Refrigerate 1 hour, or until set.

To make topping: In saucepan, melt whipping cream, chocolate chips and butter until smooth. Cool until lukewarm, about 10 minutes. Pour over filling; spread to cover. Refrigerate 2 hours, or until set. Before serving, let brownies set 10 minutes at room temperature.

Tips: Cut brownies with wet knife for cleaner cuts. Store covered in refrigerator.

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| 44 (WTGQ) CW | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 12 | Mike & Molly '14 | Mike & Molly '14 | Two and Half Men | Two and Half Men | Walker Geri decides to sell the bar. '14' | Legacies "To Whom It May Concern" 'PG' | CW44 News (N) | CW44 News (N) | 2 Broke Girls '14' | 2 Broke Girls '14' | | | | | |
| 50 (WVEA) UNI | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 14 | Noticias | Noticiero | Rosa de Guadalupe | Te doy la vida 'PG' | Amor eterno (N) 'PG' | Como tú no hay dos | Noticias | Noticiero | | | | | | | |
| 51 (WOGX) FOX | | | 13 | 7 | 7 | Fox 51 | Fox 51 | Big Bang | Big Bang | Hell's Kitchen '14' | Kat Last Man | FOX 51 News | Dateline 'PC' | | | | | | | |
| 66 (WXPX) ION | | | | | 17 | | | Chicago P.D. '14' | Chicago P.D. '14' | Chicago P.D. '14' | Chicago P.D. '14' | Chicago P.D. '14' | Chicago P.D. '14' | Chicago P.D. '14' | | | | | | |
| A&E | 54 | 48 | 54 | 25 | 27 | The First 48 "Predator" | The First 48 "Down a 'PG' | The First 48 "Dark Hallway" '14' | The First 48 (In Stereo) '14' | The First 48 (In Stereo) 'PG' | Nightwatch "Return to the Big Easy" '14' | The First 48 "Buried Secrets" '14' | | | | | | | | |
| ACCN | | 99 | | | | Wm. Lacrosse | College Lacrosse North | Carolina at Virginia. | Women's College Lacrosse | | All Ac | But Net | | | | | | | | |
| AMC | 55 | 64 | 55 | | | *½ "Law Abiding Citizen" (2009, Suspense) Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler. 'R' | | ★½ "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron. 'PG-13' | ★½ "Legion" (2010, Horror) Paul Bettany, Lucas Black, Dennis Quaid. 'R' | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AMN | 52 | 35 | 52 | 19 | 31 | Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' | Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' | Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N) (In Stereo) '14' | Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' | Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' | Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' | Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' | | | | | | | | |
| BET | 96 | 71 | 96 | | | *½ "Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor" (2013, Drama) Jurnee Smollett-Bell. 'PG-13' | | ★★½ "Notorious" (2009, Biography) Angela Bassett. Based on the life of slain rapper Christopher Wallace. 'R' | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BIGTEN | 742 | 809 | | | | To Be Announced | Game Break | To Be Announced | | The B1G Show (N) | The B1G Show | The B1G Show | BTN Football in 60 | | | | | | | |
| BRAVO | 254 | 51 | 254 | | | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Chrisley | Summer House '14' | Summer House '14' | Summer House '14' | Watch | ★★ "Burlesque" (2010) Cher. | | | | | | |
| CC | 27 | 61 | 27 | | 33 | The Office 'PG' | The Office 'PG' | The Office 'PG' | The Office "Money" | The Office 'PG' | South Park "Vaccination (MA)" | The Daily Show | South Park 'MA' | | | | | | | |
| CMT | 98 | 45 | 98 | 28 | 37 | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | To Be Announced | | | | ★★½ "Field of Dreams" (1989) 'PG' | | | | | | |
| CNN | 40 | 29 | 40 | 41 | 46 | Situation Room | Erin Burnett OutFront | Anderson Cooper | Cuomo Prime Time | CNN Tonight | CNN Tonight | CNN Tonight | | | | | | | | |
| ESPN | 33 | 27 | 33 | 21 | 17 | SportCtr | College Basketball | | Basket | College Basketball | | TBA | Basket | | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | 37 | 28 | 34 | 43 | 49 | Wager | College Basketball | | Basketball | College Basketball | | | | SportCtr | | | | | | |
| FBN | 106 | 149 | 106 | 99 | 41 | The Evening Edit (N) | Kudlow | | Kennedy (N) | Fox Business | The Evening Edit | Kudlow | | | | | | | | |
| FLIX | | 118 | 170 | | | *½ "Source Code" (2011) Clive Owen. (In Stereo) 'NR' | *½ "Croupier" (1998) Clive Owen. (In Stereo) 'NR' | ★★½ "The Pianist" (2002) Adrien Brody. A Jewish musician witnesses the horrors of the Holocaust. | ★★½ "The Conversation" (1974) Gene Hackman. 'PG' | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FNC | 44 | 37 | 44 | | 32 | Special Report | FOX News Primetime | Tucker Carlson | Hannity (N) | The Ingraham Angle | Fox News at Night | | | | | | | | | |
| FOOD | 26 | 56 | 26 | | | Beat Flay | Beat Flay | Beat Flay | Beat Flay | Restaurant | Im. Dinner: Impossible | Beat Flay | Beat Flay | | | | | | | |
| FREEFORM | 29 | 52 | 29 | 20 | 28 | ** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Reese Witherspoon. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | ★★½ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Reese Witherspoon. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | ★★½ "There's Something About Mary" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz. (In Stereo) 'R' | ★★½ "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" (2017) Colin Firth. British spies join forces with their American counterparts. 'R' | The 700 Club (In Stereo) 'R' | Kingsman: The Golden Circle" | | | | | | | | | |
| FS1 | 732 | 112 | 732 | | | College Basketball (N) (Live) | | Bridge Show | College Basketball (N) (Live) | | Postgame | Basket | | | | | | | | |
| FSNFL | 35 | 39 | 35 | | | Gator Icons | Inside | Pregame | NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Miami Heat. (N) | | Postgame | In Magic | In Magic | | | | | | | |
| FX | 30 | 60 | 30 | | 51 | ** "The Equalizer 2" (2018, Action) Denzel Washington. (In Stereo) 'R' | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GOLF | 727 | 67 | 727 | | | Live From THE PLAYERS (N) 'G' | | 2021 Players Championship First Round. | | | | PLAYERS | | | | | | | | |
| HALL | 59 | 68 | 39 | 45 | 54 | ** "Royal Matchmaker" (2018, Romance) Danica McKellar. Kavan Smith. 'NR' | | "Wedding Bells" (2016, Romance) Danica McKellar. Kavan Smith. 'NR' | "Falling for You" (2018) Taylor Cole. A radio station manager meets her match. 'NR' | | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | | | | | | | |
| HBO | 302 | 201 | 302 | 2 | 2 | *** "Pitch Perfect" (2012, Musical Comedy) Anna Kendrick. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | | *** "Downton Abbey" (2019, Drama) Hugh Bonneville. (In Stereo) 'PG' | | Allen v. Farrow 'MA' | ★★½ "Our Brand Is Crisis" (2015) R' | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO2 | 303 | 202 | 303 | | | *** "Joker" (2019, Crime Drama) Joaquin Phoenix. (In Stereo) 'R' | | ★★½ "Safe House" (2012, Action) Denzel Washington. (In Stereo) 'R' | | ★★½ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | | | | | | | | | | |
| HGTV | 23 | 57 | 23 | 42 | 52 | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Flipping Across America (N) 'G' | Rehab Addict Rescue | House Hunters | Hunters Int'l | House Hunters | Hunters Int'l | | | | | | | |
| HIST | 51 | 54 | 51 | 32 | 42 | Swamp People "The Boneyard" 'PG' | | Swamp People "Heat Wave" 'PG' | Swamp People "Darkest Fears" (N) 'PG' | Swamp People "Heat Fears" (N) 'PG' | Swamp People "Heat Wave" 'PG' | | | | | | | | | |
| LIFE | 24 | 38 | 24 | | 21 | Rizzoli & Isles '14' | | Rizzoli & Isles '14' | Married at First Sight (N) PG | Married at First Sight Yes week continues to test the couples. (N) | Married at First Sight (PG) | | | | | | | | | |
| LMN | 119 | 50 | 119 | | | "Chris Watts: Confessions of a Killer" (2020, Suspense) Sean Kleier. 'NR' | | "Girl in the Basement" Stefanie Scott, Judd Nelson, Joely Fisher. Premiere. 'NR' | "I Was Lorena Bobbitt" (2020, Docudrama) Dani Montalvo, Luke Humphrey. 'NR' | | | | | | | | | | | |

Peanuts



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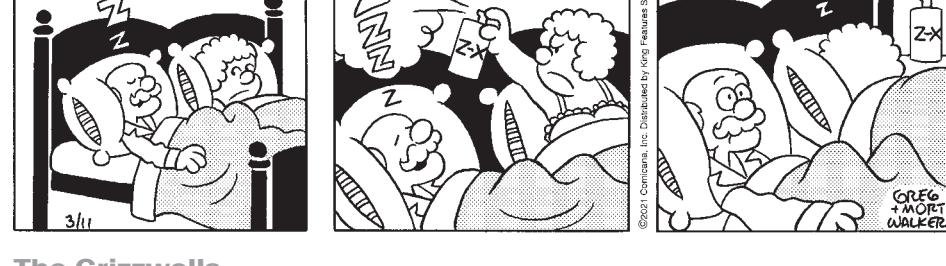
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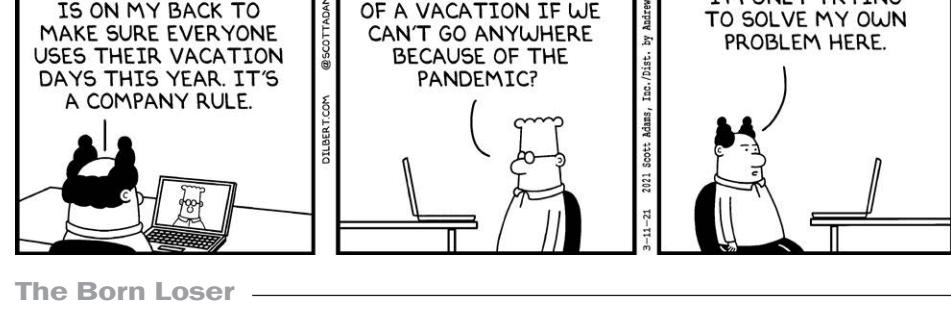
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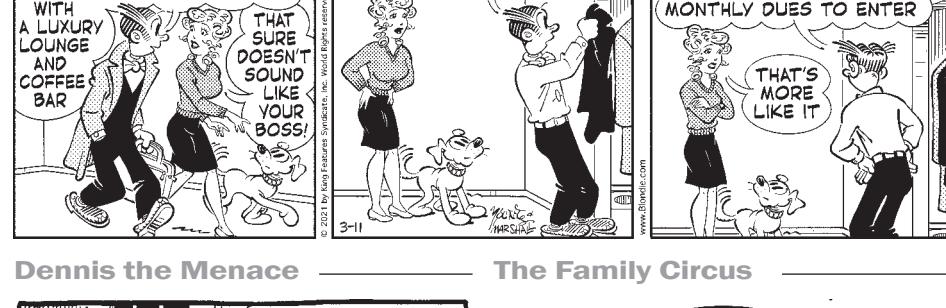
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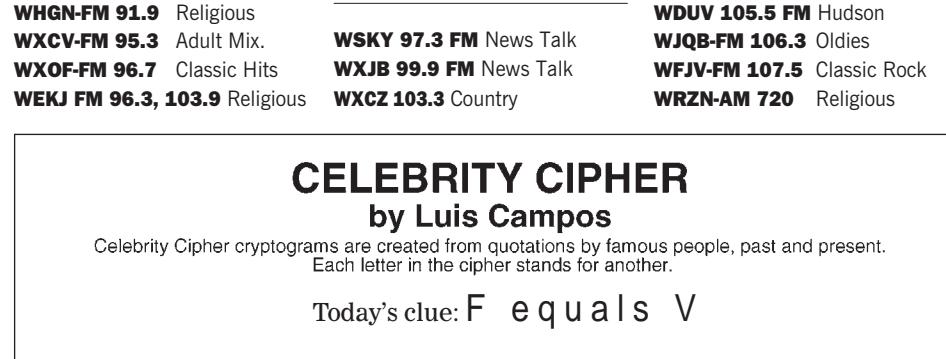
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by Luis Campos

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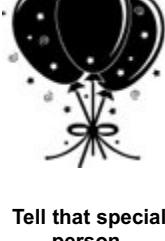
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MORE THAN YOU ASK.****4. IF POSSIBLE, GO TO THE BANK
WITH THE PERSON PAYING YOU.****• AVOID
CASHIER'S
CHECK
FRAUD.****5. INFORM THE SELLER, THAT
YOU'LL WAIT TWO WEEKS BEFORE
SENDING ANY MERCHANDISE****• NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE****• NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

