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WEEK
IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT



A new housing development is planned, with a portion of it adjacent to the Rock Crusher Canyon RV Resort.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

In two areas of Citrus County, work is being done to make life safer: a sidewalk along Forest Ridge Boulevard in Hernando near the elementary school, and construction has resumed on a multi-use trail for pedestrians and cyclists along U.S. 19 in Homosassa.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Safe Routes to School policy seeks to increase the number of kids who walk or ride their bikes to school, which decreases the number of vehicles on the road near the schools, by providing a safe walking path along a busy highway.

The multi-use path in Homosassa is the result of an effort led by former teacher Beverly Howard after a student, Clayton Storey, was killed by a vehicle that struck him while he was riding a bicycle along U.S. 19 near West Cypress Boulevard in December 2014.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

The fate of the alligators at Copeland Park in Crystal River sparked a spirited conversation among Chronicle Facebook friends. Here's what some had to say:

■ **Ana Maria Rodriguez:** "They're fenced in! Not a threat! They are essential to the pond's ecosystem. Florida without gators is NOT Florida. ... Been to this park many, many, many times. Seen gators many, many, many times. Never, never, never seen a gator climb a fence!"

"Worked in gator infested Everglades swamp, and not once felt threatened."

■ **Betty Lou Barfield,** responding to the above comment: "I'm all about protecting the wildlife but alligators are expert fence climbers."

■ **GiGi Galasso:** "Stop the home building in their natural habitats!"

■ **Andrea K. McCray,** responding to the above comment: "The homes in this area have been there for over 50 years. There have been no new homes built in this neighborhood."

"#4thGenerationCitrusCountian #IGrewUpThere"

■ **Hailey Warrington:** "I am so tired of these 'frightened and estranged' residents with their little dogs moving to Florida from up North and reporting a small alligator that found a nice spot to stay healthy during the winter."

"God forbid that it's thriving off the ecosystem WE destroyed and replaced. ... There are nuisance gators, and then there are nuisance residents. This sounds like the 'concerned' resident is a nuisance more so than the poor alligator."

"Unless the gator has already eaten residential dogs/cats/ or is terrorizing the park I don't see how it's a huge threat. Stop coming to Florida to destroy the wildlife and beautiful swamplandscape that it is! Smh."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

957-home housing development planned for Lecanto

A developer is seeking county permission to build 957 single-family residential homes on a 354-acre site in Lecanto.

The proposed Crystal Ridge development would cater to all ages and budgets: from larger, pricier estate homes to traditional ranch models. Construction could start on the first of five construction phases as early as May 2023, assuming all the zoning hoops are overcome.

Currently, the property is zoned recreation and low-to-medium residential with mobile homes.

Among other things, the developer will need a comprehensive plan amendment to change the property designation which allows a master-planned subdivision.

"This would do away with the mobile homes category," said Chuck Pigeon, civil engineer with Pigeon-Ardurra in Ocala.

If approved, the first phase would encompass 80 acres north of Crystal Oaks Drive. The second phase would be on Rock Crusher Road, just south of the RV campground. Total buildout of all five phases is projected to take 15 years.

"It's the right development for the right area," Pigeon said.

Mike's Musings: Waiting for Aldi, Starbucks & Chick-fil-A

Despite the persistent rumors, Aldi is not coming to Lecanto. Starbucks will not be opening its first coffee house in Inverness. And although Chick-fil-A has been bringing its food truck to locations around Citrus County, there are no plans for a brick-and-mortar restaurant here.

Chronicle business writer Mike Bates recently wrote in his "Mike's Musings" column:

"Rest assured, I check out each and every rumor that reaches me. Heck, I'm just as anxious as you to see the above businesses come here."

"But first, I look into the veracity of each tip before rushing to print. For me to 'break' a story about any new store, business or restaurant, I must at least get hold of a submitted request to the county or city government."

"And so far, nada on these three chains. ... Bottom line: Until a chain submits actual documentation, deals can fall through. I can't tell you how many times I've seen it happen."

Citrus County Sheriff's Office closes Operation Deck the Cells with 24 drug arrests

Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast announced Monday, Dec. 6 that Operation Deck the Cells resulted in 24 drug arrests.

Prendergast said during a Dec. 6 news conference that the operation netted 319 grams of methamphetamine, 24 grams of fentanyl, and 45 grams of cocaine, all with a street value of \$18,000, in addition to an undisclosed amount of cash.

"These aren't low-level drug dealers we're taking off the street," Prendergast said.

The operation was the sheriff's office "putting our foot down" to drug use and sales and to send a message to others selling drugs they will not be tolerated.

Prendergast said that there were 81 drug overdoses in Citrus County so far this year compared to 55 in 2020.

Overall, Prendergast said he was pleased with the success of the operation but frustrated that it's often the same people being arrested and then are later back committing crimes.

"It's the sentences and (sentencing) guidelines along with these people pleading down to get out of (jail) and end up back on the street," Prendergast said, adding that the sheriff's office continues to make arrests but "there's a gap in the system" when repeat offenders continue to be released.

"This is very frustrating for us to deal with," he said.



Homosassa man wins \$5M on scratch-off

As Jeffrey Ariss, 58, of Homosassa can attest, you can't win if you don't play. Ariss recently won \$5 million from a Gold Rush Limited scratch-off ticket he purchased from Star Food Mart, 8078 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

He chose a one-time, lump-sum payment, which, after taxes, is \$3.96 million.

Star Food Mart, where he bought the ticket, will receive a bonus commission of \$10,000 for the sale.



FWC issues permit to trap alligators

Several gators, 4 to 6 feet long, have recently been spotted in and around the pond at Frederick W. Copeland Community Park.

However, their time there may be short.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued a permit Tuesday, Dec. 7, for a trapper to take up to three alligators from the park by Jan. 21.

FWC allows trappers to keep alligators for their meat and hides. Relocating an alligator to a more habitable environment can be problematic, said Karen Parker, FWC spokeswoman.

According to FWC, a relocated alligator will often try to return to its capture site, creating issues for people or other alligators along the way. If an alligator is able to make it back, capturing it a second time would be necessary and more challenging.

Copeland Park's pond spans the length of the 5-acre park. It's surrounded by a 6-foot-high chain-link fence, and abuts a playground, a pavilion and two basketball courts. There's at least one sign affixed to the fence, warning people about alligators.

Concerned about an alligator? Call FWC's Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-392-4286.

“If you see a body of water in Florida, just assume an alligator will be in it or near it.”

— KAREN PARKER, FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPOKESWOMAN, ABOUT THE CONCERN ABOUT ALLIGATORS IN THE POND AT COPELAND PARK IN CRYSTAL RIVER.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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STATE BRIEFS

Endangered sea turtles flown to Florida to avoid freezing

MARATHON (AP) — Twenty critically endangered juvenile Kemp's ridley sea turtles were flown from New England to the subtropical Florida Keys to convalesce at the Marathon Turtle Hospital after being rescued from Cape Cod Bay's frigid coastal waters.

Each of the turtles suffers from "cold stunning," a hypothermic reaction that occurs when sea turtles are exposed to cold water for a prolonged time, according to hospital manager Bette Zirkelbach. They arrived Friday by private plane.

Homeowners group in hot water after drugged geese drown

MIRAMAR (AP) — Ten geese drowned in a South Florida lake after a homeowners association's attempt to trap, sedate and euthanize them went horribly awry, resulting in it facing a likely fine.

The SilverLakes homeowners association in Miramar hired a company, Pest Wildlife Pro, to remove 25 geese because some residents in the suburban Fort Lauderdale neighborhood found them to be loud pooping machines, although others saw them as majestic, the South Florida SunSentinel reports.

Rolando Calzadilla, the company's owner, said he fed the geese bread laced with sedatives Tuesday, but a loud car spooked the drugged birds and they flew off. Ten fell into the lake and drowned, while he found the other 15 and euthanized them offsite.

Calzadilla said residents who saw what was happening charged at him and were yelling and screaming. He said he had to call police for help, saying "the situation was out of control."

Florida man arrested after body found floating in Gulf

CLEARWATER (AP) — Police in Florida have arrested a 29-year-old man in connection to the death of an older man whose body was found floating offshore earlier this month in the Gulf of Mexico.

Clearwater police say Shane Dugan was on a boat with 48-year-old Lonnie Wilson on Dec. 3 when the two men began arguing. Detectives say that at some point during the fight Dugan threw Wilson overboard, news outlets reported.

Board to mull reunification policy

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

Members of the Citrus County School Board will host their regular meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Citrus County School District administrative office, 1007 W. Main St. in Inverness. A public hearing is also scheduled for 5 p.m.

After multiple months of review and revision, board members will vote to approve the School Reunification policy, originally presented by district police chief Dave Vincent in August.

The policy outlines the procedures of a safe reunion between parents/guardians and students at a rally point in case of evacuation from a

major incident.

The district's mobile application, Raptor Emergency Management, will be able to provide personnel with the location and status of students and staff.

The policy also outlines the authority structure and coordination of the school district, police, sheriff's office, fire, medical and emergency management.

In the case of an incident, 18-year-old students are legally allowed to check themselves out from the rally point via Raptor. Parents/guardians are required to provide government ID to check out their child.

With an increase of approximately 12,607 residents in the county between

2010 and 2020, it's also time for board members to adopt a resolution modifying the boundaries of the five districts of the Citrus County School Board.

The board discussed this issue at their Nov. 9 meeting, but were awaiting official legal documentation. According to the Dec. 14 meeting budget, district staff recommends adapting the same district boundaries of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners.

In addition, the board will vote to approve a memorandum of understanding between the College of Central Florida (CF) and the school board for a student EMT training program at Crystal River High School (CRHS).

The program, funded by the school board, would take place at CRHS with instructors, books and equipment provided by CF. In addition, student clinical hours would be conducted at area hospitals and EMS providers.

Board members will also vote to approve advertisement of the following bids:

- Reroofing of building one at CREST
 - Upgrade of the Lecanto High School fire alarm system
 - Renovation of the Withlacoochee Technical College welding program
- Board members will vote on the following notable district purchases:
- International Baccalau-

reate exams, \$70,000

- Renewal of Microsoft Office 365 subscription license, \$68,796.90

- Installation and purchase of new bush wash system at the Lecanto complex, \$178,744

- Agreement between the school board and LifeStream Behavioral Center Inc. to provide clinical services to students, \$87,500

To view the complete agenda, visit tinyurl.com/t6phzraj. To watch a live video stream of the meeting, visit youtube.com/user/CitrusSchools.

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Community orgs to host Christmas outreach

Event set for Saturday, Dec. 18

By NANCY KENNEDY
Chronicle Reporter

Each year, the field on U.S. 41 between Parsons Point and Orange Drive in Hernando becomes a source of blessing for those who need it most.

What started out as the New Church Without Walls giving out a hot meal to the homeless and local people in need just before Christmas has evolved into an annual outreach event, a holiday celebration for the often forgotten among us.

This year's Christmas outreach, sponsored by the New Church Without Walls, The Path of Citrus County, Grace Pointe Church, Rep. Ralph Massullo, Carmen Forbus of God's Shed of Love and other community partners, begins at noon, Saturday, Dec. 18.

It's a day to show God's love, grace and mercy to homeless people in the area, said Doug Alexander, New Church Without Walls pastor. "Whatever they need, we want to make sure they get it."

In addition to a hot meal, people can receive nonperishable food and fresh produce, blankets, tents, clothing, bicycles and basic necessities.

Also, the Military Outlet in Crystal River is providing adult-size shoes.

Plus, there are also toys available.

Each year this event draws more than 100 people, and all are welcome to attend.

However, event organizers want to emphasize that the focus is on those who are homeless and truly in need.

Donations of toys, camping supplies, personal care items, bicycles and new clothing are still being accepted. Bring donations to the church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 16.

The New Church Without



Chronicle file

Each year around Christmas, a group of community partners spearheaded by the New Church Without Walls, provides homeless people and those in need with holiday cheer – food, clothes, bicycles and supplies. This year's outreach event is Saturday, Dec. 18.

Walls is at 300 S. Kensington Ave., Lecanto, next to the Holiday Inn Express.

Monetary donations can be made through the church's website at www.newchurch

withoutwalls.com, brought to the church or mailed to the church at P.O. Box 367, Hernando, FL 34442.

Also, Let's Feed Citrus will have its Christmas food

giveaway beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 at the Citrus County Fairgrounds, 3600 S. Florida Ave., Inverness, FL 34450 – drive-thru only. First come, first served.

For information, call the church office at 352-344-2425.

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By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Let your passion rise to the surface this year, and you will see extraordinary results. Pursuing what moves you most will help you engage in difficult but necessary tasks to reach your goal. Embrace life wholeheartedly and stand up to controversy with conviction. Set high standards and refuse to let anyone stand in your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pay attention to what's going on at home. If you want to make improvements, be willing to do the work yourself. Decline an invitation if you feel the least bit uncertain about the risks involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Aim for stability and security. Set a tight budget before you start home-improvement projects. Nurture a meaningful relationship. You will need to act if you want to make a difference.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Discipline and hard work will pay off. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans. Speak up and be honest. It's essential to make clear what's important to you and how you intend to move forward.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Assess your personal and financial situations. Do something that will ease stress. A change is required, but it doesn't have to happen overnight. Listen to someone with relevant experience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An unexpected change will throw you off guard. Take a moment to evaluate the situation, and you'll discover a way to make your life better. The key to happiness is doing what's right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change of plans will favor you. Don't let a stubborn attitude stand between you and what you want. Put your energy into what matters to you. Your input will lead to friendships and opportunities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Leave nothing to chance. Do your part, make necessary changes and set your priorities straight. Commit to something that will help you get ahead. Exercise and practice will pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pay attention. Refuse to let emotions stand between you and what you want to achieve. Don't feel bad if someone doesn't want to take part. Focus on health, happiness and peace of mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll learn through observation. Take partnerships seriously and do your fair share. Don't let anger or jealousy consume you. Put your energy into something constructive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Leave nothing to chance. Don't count on anyone else to take care of your responsibilities. Deal with domestic issues before someone complains. Arguments won't solve problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Communicate with people who stimulate your mind and inspire you to help a cause. Use your intelligence, gather information and explore possibilities. Be deliberate in your actions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Put your heart into something that matters to you. Spend time with someone who brings out the best in you. Let your creative imagination take the reins, and solutions will follow.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pop star Alicia Keys unveils new album 'KEYS' in Dubai

By ISABEL DEBRE
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Superstar Alicia Keys on Friday debuted her new album live in front of a packed crowd at the world's fair in Dubai — a lively pop performance full of soaring vocals and piano solos.

"We can live on the air," she crooned from beneath the vast shimmering dome at Dubai's Expo, a fortified stage ringed by riveted — and COVID-19 vaccinated — fans bouncing, grooving and nodding to the beat. "Baby, baby, we gonna rock forever."

Keys, 40, sauntered onstage in a glittery gold bodysuit, her hair in a tight bun, and jammed out her eighth studio album along with old classics, radiating confidence.

"Tonight I want you to let everything go, let everything go, and come with me on this journey," she told revelers. "I never want this night to end."

Her jazzy songs under the dome's projected starry sky, set to percussive crosscurrents and piano arpeggios created a kind of ceaseless, dreamy rush through the Expo grounds as the warm winter night hung over the Persian Gulf. Keys twirled, grooved and sometimes sat alone hitting high notes from the piano.

The 15-time Grammy Award-winning singer's sprawling double album, "KEYS," includes two versions of each song: "Originals," produced by Keys, and



Jon Gambrell / AP

Singer Alicia Keys performs at Dubai Expo 2020 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Friday.

"Unlocked," produced by Keys and Michael Williams II, who goes by Mike Will Made-It.

Her piano-driven "Originals" consists of emotional, intimate soul tunes oozing with love and longing, while "Unlocked" showcases upbeat, more clubby pop versions of the same tracks.

She presented the album's premise to the crowd as an experiment on Friday night.

"Tell me which version you like better," she said before performing starkly different versions of the same track, one swooning and one synthesized, asking for the audience's preferences through their cheers.

Her Dubai set also featured hits like "Girl on Fire," "Empire State of Mind" and "New

Day," booming anthems to which the audience danced and sang along wholeheartedly.

Much of the new material maintains her characteristic R&B backbone and themes of soul-searching, desire and devotion. But the "Unlocked" tracks offer a surprisingly distinct and stylized twist.

Keys' previous album "Alicia," released in the thick of the pandemic last year, focused on more topical and raw themes, with vulnerable confessions and references to virus-battered health workers and ordinary people's struggles to scrape by.

Keys has said she felt the new tracks ushered her into more confidence and clarity, describing the album once as feeling just completely "comfortable in my skin."

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2021. There are 19 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On Dec. 12, 2015, nearly 200 nations meeting in Paris adopted the first global pact to fight climate change, calling on the world to collectively cut and then eliminate greenhouse gas pollution but imposing no sanctions on countries that didn't do so.

On this date:
In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first Black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

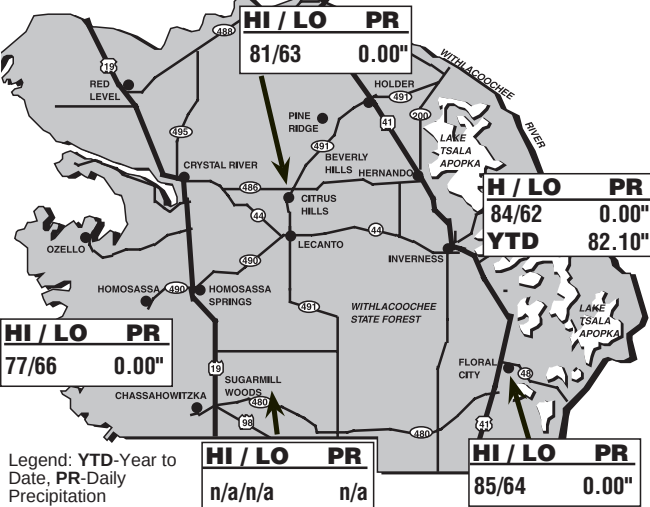
Ten years ago: President Barack Obama met at the White House with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki; afterward, the president declared that U.S. troops were leaving Iraq "with honor and with their heads held high."

Five years ago: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan endorsed investigations into the CIA's belief that Russia had meddled in the November election to help Donald Trump win, a claim the president-elect called "ridiculous."

One year ago: Thousands of supporters of President Donald Trump gathered in Washington for rallies to back his efforts to subvert the election that he lost to Joe Biden.

Today's Birthdays: Former TV host Bob Barker is 98. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Pettit is 89. Singer Connie Francis is 84. Singer Dionne Warwick is 81. Actor Bill Nighy is 72. Country singer LaCosta is 71. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 64. Actor Regina Hall is 51. Country singer Hank Williams III is 49. Actor Mayim Bialik is 46.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: YTD-Year to Date, PR-Daily Precipitation

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 80° Low: 57°
Partly sunny with an isolated shower

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 80° Low: 59°
Partly sunny and warm

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 81° Low: 60°
Partly sunny and warm

ALMANAC		Data from Crystal River Airport	
TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT	
Yesterday	85/62	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	67°
Record*	89/27	HUMIDITY	
Normal	73/46	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	87%
Mean temp.	60	POLLEN COUNT**	
Departure from mean	14	Predominant: Trees	
PRECIPITATION		Sun	
Yesterday	0.01"		low med high
Total for the month	0.06"	**Light - only extreme allergic will show symptoms, moderate - most allergic will experience symptoms, heavy - all allergic will experience symptoms.	
Total for the year	61.72"	AIR QUALITY	
Normal for the year	50.19"	Yesterday observed	Good
As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org		Pollutant	PM2.5
UV INDEX:		3	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high			
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE		30.08	

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
12/12	SUNDAY	7:13	7:38	5:33	7:59
12/13	MONDAY	7:13	8:20	5:33	8:41

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK				
Dec 18	Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9	
SUNSET TONIGHT 5:33 pm				
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:13 am				
MOONRISE TODAY 1:48 pm				
MOONSET TODAY 1:22 am				

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

WATERING RULES			
For established lawns and landscapes, irrigation may occur during only one (1) of the specified time periods, 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., or 4:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m., on the allowable watering days below:			
Addresses with house numbers ending in:			
0 - 3	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 - or-	
4 - 5	Wednesday	Common Areas	Friday

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TIDES				
*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek				
SUNDAY				
City	High	Low	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	12:28 a.m.	0.3 ft	12:25 p.m.	0.4 ft
Crystal River**	10:36 a.m.	1.7 ft	11:15 p.m.	1.7 ft
Withlacoochee**	8:29 a.m.	2.2 ft	9:08 p.m.	2.6 ft
Homosassa***	12:10 a.m.	0.9 ft	11:56 a.m.	0.8 ft
			6:17 a.m.	0.3 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	73	60	mc	Miami	81	74	pc
Fort Lauderdale	83	71	pc	Ocala	77	58	mc
Fort Myers	83	66	pc	Orlando	80	63	mc
Gainesville	73	56	cl	Pensacola	65	51	pc
Homestead	84	69	pc	Sarasota	81	64	mc
Jacksonville	69	56	cl	Tallahassee	68	51	mc
Key West	83	74	s	Tampa	83	64	mc
Lakeland	82	64	mc	Vero Beach	82	67	pc
Melbourne	79	64	pc	W. Palm Bch.	80	74	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southeast winds around 5 knots then becoming northwest early in the afternoon, then becoming north around 10 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

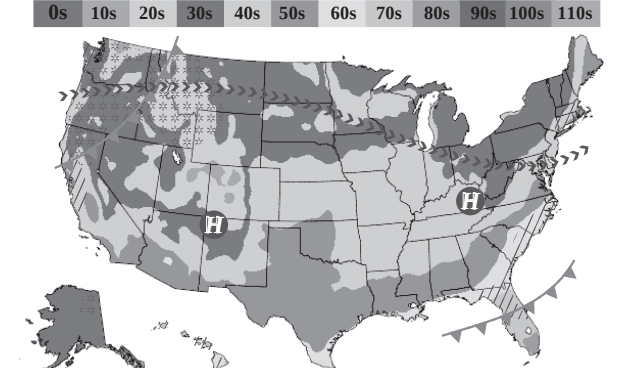
Gulf water temperature
73°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	30.03	30.06	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.86	37.87	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.18	39.19	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.36	40.37	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	SAT				SUN				City	SAT				SUN					
	H	L	Pcp.	H L Fcst	H	L	Pcp.	H L Fcst		H	L	Pcp.	H L Fcst	H	L	Pcp.	H L Fcst		
Albany	61	30	0.46	45 31 s	New Orleans	81	61	0.01	62 54 s	Albuquerque	43	16	0.00	55 25 s	New York City	66	45	0.12	48 38 s
Asheville	67	50	0.27	51 28 s	Norfolk	76	54	0.02	51 34 s	Atlanta	74	54	0.38	55 35 s	Oklahoma City	49	33	0.00	58 42 s
Atlantic City	63	46	0.17	47 37 s	Omaha	40	28	0.05	51 30 s	Austin	72	50	0.00	62 46 s	Palm Springs	66	44	0.00	66 48 s
Baltimore	70	45	0.04	49 32 s	Philadelphia	68	46	0.06	47 33 s	Birmingham	37	21	0.00	46 24 pc	Phoenix	66	44	0.00	72 46 s
Billings	37	21	0.00	46 24 pc	Phoenix	66	44	0.00	72 46 s	Pittsburgh	63	37	1.05	44 31 s	Portland, ME	39	27	0.65	42 34 s
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Robert “Bob” Bruce



The Service of Remembrance for Mr. Robert W. “Bob” Bruce, age 94, of Beverly Hills, Florida, will be held 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Crystal River, FL with Rev. Richard Chandler officiating. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM, Monday, December 13, 2021 at the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Bob’s name to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.



ROBERT W. “BOB” BRUCE

Bob peacefully passed away at his home under the loving care of his family. He was born July 14, 1927 in Portsmouth, NH, to Bessie C. and Frederick E. Bruce, but due to his mother’s illness was soon taken to Bangor, ME and raised by his Great Grand Parents Anna and Walter Delehunt until their passing in 1944.

At age 16 he was under the Guardianship of Elizabeth and Merle Bailey of Bangor. He attended Bangor Public Schools and graduated from Bangor High on June 15, 1945 and joined the Navy on July 5, 1945. During his four year enlistment Bob served on all seven continents, including Antarctica; Operation Highjump 1946-47.

On August 9, 1948 he married his loving wife of 64 years Gloria E. Bailey. After the service he and his wife Gloria attended Michigan State College under the GI Bill. While there they had two children, Robert W. and Elizabeth L. and later Douglas A. on Long Island. Graduating June 7, 1953 with degrees in Public Administration and Political Science he attended the University of Maine as a Graduate Assistant in the History and Government Department.

In September 1954, Bob was employed by Chase National Bank, New York City. He and his family relocated to Levittown, Long Island, NY., they lived there for 36 years until his retirement in October 1989. Mostly Bob was a Municipal Bonds Analyst with Standard & Poors Corp. In May of 1990 he and Gloria moved to Beverly Hills, FL.

A cradle Episcopalian, he served Parish and Diocesan positions at St. Johns, Bangor, St Francis of Assisi, Levittown and St. Anne’s, Crystal River. He was active in Boy Scouts, a 55 plus year Mason, and enjoyed Stamp collecting, traveling and Golf. He followed both the Red Sox and the Patriots. In Citrus County he was the President of the Genealogical Society, Chairman of the Beverly Hills Chorus, member of the Beverly Hills Recreation Association and Civic Association. Bob was also a member of VFW Post 10087, American Legion, and New York, Maine and New England Clubs.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria who died May 4, 2013. He is survived by his children Robert Jr. and his wife Patricia of Vienna, VA, Elizabeth and her husband Stephen of Beverly Hills, FL, and Douglas A. of East Meadow, NY, and three grandchildren Lauren & husband Greg, Amanda and husband Bennett, and Jennifer and her husband Paul.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Richmond “Rich” Wilson

Richmond M. “Rich” Wilson, Jr., 75, of Homosassa, FL passed away at his home on December 8th, 2021.

Arrangements for Rich are private at this time. Cremation with Care is under the direction of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

Marie Stevens

Marie C. Stevens, 80, of Inverness, FL passed away December 4, 2021 at Citrus Health & Rehab Center in Inverness. Private cremation arrangements by Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

Anna Campbell

Anna Elizabeth Campbell peacefully passed away on December 8, 2021 at the age of 92 in Colonial Beach, Virginia. Anne was born in Nyack, NY on December 1, 1929, the eldest child of Herman and Helen Schnackenberg.



ANNA CAMPBELL

While she lived in Beverly Hills, Fl. since 1999, Anne spent much of her adult life on the move living in places from New York to New Mexico and leaving a trail of friends wherever she called home. She enjoyed sharing a glass of wine or bottle of beer and she was always ready with a joke. She filled her days with crocheting, crossword puzzles and cards. Her children fondly remember her “Nanaisms,” seemingly corny expressions they thought they forgot until they unknowingly passed them on to their children.

Anne is survived by her children and spouses: Anne (Chris) Yambor, Reisterstown, MD; Nancy Perrone, Colonial Beach, VA, and John (Kathy) Salamone, Mount Holly, VA, as well as her siblings: Matilda Retta; Adolf Schnackenberg; and Helen (Richard) Lieval.

Anne was proud of her 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 7 great great grandchildren as well as her feline companions.

Anne was preceded in death by her husbands, Daniel Laden and Robert F. Campbell, as well as her brother, Herman Schnackenberg and her grandsons, David Salamone and Ronald Perrone. She was also preceded by her loving cats Missy and Buddy.

The family will receive friends at Fero Funeral Home in Beverly Hills, FL on Thursday, December 16, 2021 10am – 11am visitation with a service at 11am – 12pm. Interment to immediately follow at Fero Memorial Gardens, Beverly Hills, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of Anne Campbell may be made to: Greener Side of Haven 4075 W. Bonanza Drive Beverly Hills, FL 34465 Telephone 352-746-3545

Jack Dorminy

Jack F. Dorminy of Crystal River, Florida passed away August 16. He was married to Yolande Houde of Biddeford, Maine on August 10, 1960. They were happily married for 54 years up to Yolande’s death in 2014.

Jack was born on November 11, 1932. He was the son of Luther & Kate (McMillan) Dorminy also of Crystal River, FL.

Jack worked all his life in various agencies of the U.S. Government intelligence community be it Naval Intelligence, FBI, NSA and the CIA from where he retired. Jack and his wife Yolande spent many of their retirement years travelling and enjoying their retirement years in Crystal River where they welcomed many friends and family members.

Jack is predeceased by his wife Yolande Houde, his parents Luther and Kate Dorminy and his two brothers Johnny & Jim.

Jack is survived by his second wife Geraldine (Hyers) Dorminy, his brother-in-law Renald Houde and his wife

Arlene of Largo, FL (formerly of Biddeford, ME) and his sister-in-law Priscilla Bennett and her husband Larry of Cape Coral, FL. as well as as many nieces and nephews who enriched their lives. These nephews and nieces are Marlene (Houde) Miller of Smyrna,TN, Timothy Houde of Saco, ME, Scott Houde of Biddeford, ME, Pamela Hawley of Concord, MA, Karen Conwell of Marblehead, MA, Cindy Beasley of King, NC, Jon M. Dorminy of Martinsburg, WV, Greg Dorminy of Claudville, VA, Jill Hershey of Hollidayburg, PA, Tonya Palmer of Tyrone, PA , Jack C. Dorminy of Bellwood, PA, Jim Dorminy of Tyrone, PA and Stacy Wurstein of Lincoln, CA.

There will be no calling hours due to the severe COVID situation presently in FL. A future TBA memorial service will be held at a later date. Private graveside prayers will be held when he is laid to rest next to his wife Yolande at St. Joseph Cemetery in Biddeford, ME.

Robert Weaver

Robert V. Weaver, 68, of Inverness, and lifelong resident of Florida, passed away on December 8, 2021 under the care of VITAS Hospice of Lecanto, FL.

Arrangements for Robert are private at this time. Cremation with Care is under the direction of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

Lamar Lowe

Lamar Michael Lowe, age 51 of Naples, Florida, went home to his Lord and Savior on November 27, 202



LAMAR LOWE

He will be remembered by his family and friends as a gentleman who loved nature and animals. He was a gifted artist and was blessed with a musical talent and wonderful voice. At times his dry sense of humor caught you completely by surprise and brought a laugh to your heart and a smile to your face. “Mike” as he was affectionately known loved his Nannie and Poppie and cherished his childhood memories of times he spent with them.

Lamar Michael was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Smith and his sister Mary Pantoja. Left to cherish his life and memories are: his mother Debbie Pettit, her husband Randy Pettit, his grandfather Theodore Smith (Carol), his aunt and Godmother, Sherry Gentile III (Larry), his brother in Law, Osmany Pantoja, his nieces Jeanette, Alexiss and Jade, and his grandnieces Melania and Bella, and his faithful and treasured friend Martha Pantoja.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, December 16, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Inverness, FL. Visitation will be from 10:30 AM until the service time at 11:00 AM. Cremation with care is under the care of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL. Burial with Military Honors will follow at a later date in Florida National Cemetery.

Joseph “Joe” Gannon



Joseph R. “Joe” Gannon, MAJ., U S A F (RET), 93, of Homosassa, FL, passed away on Mon., Dec. 6, 2021 at Oak Hill Hospital in Brooksville, FL.



JOSEPH GANNON

A native of Philadelphia, PA, he was born August 18, 1928 to Joseph F. and Monica (Jessen) Gannon, one of two children. Joe, as he was known to many, served his country honorably and proudly for 26 years, beginning in the United States Navy as an enlisted man in 1947.

After 3 years serving the Navy in air traffic control, Mr. Gannon enlisted in the United States Air Force and soon gained acceptance into Officers Candidate School. He then served his country for an additional 23 years as a commissioned officer with the U.S. Air Force on six continents, again as an air traffic controller, retiring in 1969 at the rank of Major.

Major Gannon was also instrumental in the selection of air base sites around the world prior to his retirement from military service and earned many decorations, including the Bronze Star and Vietnam Service Medals, as well as the coveted and rare Antarctica Service Medal.

Mr. Gannon then began a long and devoted career of over 20 years as a guidance counselor for Hillsborough Community College, while living in Clearwater, FL. He moved to Homosassa 35 years ago from Clearwater and brought with him his passions for golf, fishing and traveling. One of Joe’s goals in life was to visit all seven continents. He accomplished this later in life when he visited Morocco on the African continent, thereby achieving this goal.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children, Juliet A. Gannon, in 1999. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Dolores Zill “Dee” Gannon, Homosassa, FL and his five children: Robert Gannon (wife Bonnie), Tampa, FL; Paul Gannon (wife Karli Dwyer), Albany, NY; Andrew Gannon (wife Francesca Gross), Birmingham, AL; Richard Gannon (wife Melissa), Raleigh, NC and Susan Gannon (husband Brad Beemer), Orlando, FL; brother Thomas Gannon, Reading, PA; 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will take place at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, FL on Tues., Dec. 14, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. beginning with military honors rendered by the United States Air Force and American Legion Post

#155. Immediately following the Celebration Of Life, a reception will be held at Wilder Funeral Home. Private family interment will then follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida at 2:00 P.M. www.wilderfuneral.com.

Richard “Dick” Painter



Richard C. Painter (Dick) was born feet first in Wilmington, Delaware on March 12, 1935. He died peacefully at home on December 5, 2021, in his Homosassa, Florida home. He died from a rare form of dementia which struck like a lightning bolt only two and a half months before and progressed downhill rapidly.



RICHARD C. PAINTER

He is survived by his loving wife Laurie Painter with whom he lived and his son David Painter from Dunedin and two sisters Charlotte Smith in Delaware and Carolyn Saks in Pennsylvania. His brother David and his sister Holly were already deceased.

Dick grew up in Newport, Delaware remembering WWII with the victory gardens, the food and gasoline rationing, the black outs and air raid drills. He began his business career at the age of 10 by delivering newspapers and earning 3 cents for every paper delivered. When paid, he immediately put one penny in the bank, gave his parents a penny and then happily bought himself some fun.

At the age of 12, he built his own soap box car and competed in a race in downtown Wilmington. He didn’t win but loved the thrill of the ride. He began at 13 to roller skate which helped straighten his legs and feet since he was so pin toed. He did so well skating that at 16, he qualified and went to the National Competition in Ohio. Now that he was 16, he bought his first motorcycle which was the start of a lifelong love of riding motorcycles.

At the age of 19, he married Rose Marie Fogel and in 1957, had his son David of whom he is very proud. Richard worked as a plumber for a while and also worked at Tidewater Oil Refinery in 1957. For fun, he entered motorcycle enduro trial competitions but finally stopped enduro riding at the age of 40. He took a Dale Carnegie course and gained so much confidence in himself that in 1963, he bought a franchise with Snap-On tools buying a large truck and carrying an enormous inventory of automotive tools and equipment. In 1967, he married Rae Garrett but unfortunately it only lasted 3 years.

In September 1970, he met

the love of his life Laurette George and finally married her in 1976. They held their wedding ceremony at their lakefront property and held the reception at the North East River Yacht Club of which they were members. They set sail in the sunset on their sailboat for a honeymoon on the Chesapeake Bay. In 1971, Dick was one of the top dealers in the nation at the rank of number 16. In 1979, Laurie and he bought a historic home on the Chesapeake Bay and enjoyed 30 years of sailing there and in the winter would fly to the Caribbean to sail the waters there.

In 1996, Dick received his professional boat captain’s license. He retired from Snap-On in 1996 and moved to Florida “living the dream” riding motorcycles and was still riding one of his 5 motorcycles, a Ducati, one month before dementia hit him at the age of 86. Because he enjoyed the NERYC yacht club so much, he and Laurie joined the Hernando Beach yacht club and was looking forward to more fun living. It is obvious that Richard loved moving things – he owned 4 powerboats – 5 sailboats – 9 trucks – 30 cars including a Packard, Studebaker and LaSalle. He owned 30 motorcycles and still had 5 in his garage still riding at the age of 86. Richard loved to read and read over 150 books a year plus reading two newspapers each day. His last book he finished in the Emergency Room was “The Last Mile” by David Baldacci. Richard was a 32nd degree mason and a wonderful and thoughtful man buying his wife fresh cut flowers every week and making her a cup of tea each evening and a pot of coffee each and every morning. He always liked to date things he bought so that he would know if he had gotten his money’s worth. He could fix anything, and if he could not fix it, he engineered something that worked even better. Laurie is so happy that she had 51 glorious years with him and feels blessed knowing that at God’s perfect timing and grace, Richard accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Richard and Laurie were so in love and blessed that they were even able to be holding hands when he took his last breath. The world has truly lost a wonderful man.

Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, Florida.

Barry Wagoner

Barry Lynn Wagoner, 67, of Beverly Hills, FL passed away on December 4, 2021 under the care of Brandley House of Summerfield.

Arrangements for Barry are private at this time. Cremation with Care is under the direction of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

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Lynda Wagner and Amber Serena attended Thursday's meeting and are opposed to a Florida Turnpike extension.

TURNPIKE

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facilitate new development.”

Every one of the four proposed routes cuts through wildlife corridors, he said.

The state has called for an extension of the turnpike from its current ending point near Wildwood to “a logical and appropriate terminus” as determined by FDOT.

That terminus has yet to be decided.

Potential alignments show it could go west and hooking up with the Suncoast Parkway in Crystal River on U.S. 19 or going through Marion County east of Dunnellon and taking a more roundabout route to Levy County.

FDOT spokeswoman Angela Starke said her agency will gather the input from Thursday’s meeting to planners as they discuss routes. A similar meeting was held Tuesday in Levy County and drew 500 people, she said.

Starke stressed that the

state is in the “very early stage” of planning and there is a long way to go.

Starke said the extension: would enhance connections between towns/cities; provide a hurricane evacuation route; be safer than driving back roads; and address population growth.

Starke said input from environmental groups, state and federal officials would be included in the planning.

And the possible negative environmental effects are the biggest fear at this point. Environmental groups argue the projects would bring sprawling development and damage natural habitats.

Josh Wooten, president and CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, was there gathering information. The chamber does not yet have a position. “Citrus County citizens have accepted that the Suncoast Parkway is a reality,” he said. “We want to make sure the cost-benefits are there (for a turnpike extension).”

Glenn Stephens of Dunnellon saw the proposed

routes, met with representatives and will now weigh the benefits.

“It’s kind of vague,” he said. “Florida needs an outlet for more traffic but why not just fix existing roads?”

Stephens said he fears his home values will decrease should a route come near his property.

Still, he’s glad he attended.

“I came out to see (what’s going on),” he said. “I’ll keep my eye on it.”

What’s next? The Florida Legislature asked that a report be drafted summarizing the status of a Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) turnpike study to be sent to Gov. Ron DeSantis and other lawmakers by Dec. 31, 2022.

To learn more about the project and view proposed alignments, visit www.floridasturnpike.com/NTE. *Material from News Service of Florida was used in this report.*

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Publix’s entrance scales may soon be history

By **PAUL NUTCHER**
The Ledger of Lakeland

LAKELAND — If you are still shy about checking your weight on the iconic scale at Publix, you might want to step on the green machine before it vanishes.

Those big historic and industrial looking scales at the front of Publix Super Markets could land on the scrapheap of supermarket history one day, because the scale manufacturer stopped making them, a Publix Facebook post recently reported.

At least one new store that recently joined the grocery chain’s Florida outlets, opened without the scale. An associate said the new Publix located the Shoppes of Golf Village near Boynton Beach does not have one.

“The manufacturer ceased production in 2015, meaning that one day – although our wonderful repair shop keeps our remaining machines in great shape – the last Publix scale will retire,” an Aug. 19 Facebook post announced.

The scales, shaped like “lollipops,” have been a Publix Super Market fixture for 81 years, the post explained. When they made their first appearance, initially at the back of the store and later by the front doors, household scales were bulky and too expensive to own. Most people were weighed at the doctor’s office or Floridians went to Publix to check their weight. Over the years, the current

scales are now four times bigger and costlier than their original counterpart.

Ever the supermarket innovator, George Jenkins saw the scarcity of weighing machines as an opportunity to bring in the customers.

On its blog, The Publix Checkout, a further history of the green scales was posted in 2016.

When Jenkins “founded Publix in 1930, he embarked on setting Publix apart from the competition by offering services and value to customers in things not seen around other grocery chains like his ‘food palace’ in 1940 equipped with air conditioning, frozen food cases and many other innovations,” wrote blogger Aijana W.

“However, there’s one perk about shopping in Publix that’s been a part of the company since the beginning and still remains to this day: the weighing scales. The difference with Publix scales? It was completely free for our customers,” the blogger wrote.

In a 1988 interview with Jenkins, the company founder said, the scales “were very popular. Even back then people were conscious of their weight.” He added, more than 5 million customers weighed themselves in Publix’s during the first year of business.

And it’s not just Publix writers who have been pushing the lore of the 2831 People Weigher by Mettler Toledo, which still manufactures other weighing systems for laboratories, in-

dustry and food retail.

In a May 30, 2018, report by the Tampa Bay Times, the writer noted that these relics of a bygone era have been entertaining and enthralling Floridians and tourists for decades.

Some recalled childhood weights taken at Publix as milestones.

He added, others liked to announce their light weigh publicly to anyone within earshot. And even visiting non-Floridians enjoyed the novelty on annual vacations. Others took to Twitter to question the accuracy of the scales after seeing their pounds display on the big round dial.

Spato wrote, “In a 1988 feature in the Orlando Sentinel, writer Donna Bouffard, with the help of store employees in Winter Park, identified seven recurring categories of scale users, including ‘pickpockets,’ who set aside keys, change and wallets; ‘bashfuls,’ who go to great lengths to make sure nobody is looking; ‘hoppers,’ who leap on in a single bound; and ‘mechanics,’ who insist this thing must be broken.

“They all ring true 30 years later, employees say, with the addition of a category: the ‘footloose, or those who remove their shoes, and sometimes socks,” Spata wrote.

All the fun and pleasant – or unpleasant – memories of the scales are not over yet.

Publix representative Brian West told the Times, “For the foreseeable future, they will remain part of our Florida stores.”

DRIVER

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officer without violence.

“What should have been a fun-filled, festive parade was interrupted by a few moments of havoc for those who witnessed the chaos caused by Williams’ careless and reck-

less actions,” Sheriff Mike Prendergast said in the release. “Our deputies quickly recognized a threat to public safety and reacted immediately to Williams’ erratic behavior. Even though Williams had a blatant disregard for public safety, our deputies’ actions exemplified service above self when it

comes to the safety of our community.”

Williams was transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility, where he is being held with a \$15,000 bond per the bond schedule.

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Dole honored in Kansas as tough but compassionate statesman

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — Fellow Kansans on Saturday celebrated Bob Dole as a tough but compassionate patriot shaped by small-town values, a strong partisan leader who could nevertheless work with political opponents, and a war hero who ultimately became “the greatest of the Greatest Generation.”

Dole made his last journey to his prairie state for memorial services in his western Kansas hometown of Russell and at the Statehouse in Topeka. He was honored for the military service during World War II that left him severely wounded and the distinguished political career that followed his recovery.

Elected officials and former elected officials from both parties said Dole embodied the state’s motto,



World War II veteran Alexander Freidenberger, 97, talks to Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., before a memorial service for former Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., Saturday in Russell, Kan.

“To the stars through difficulties,” and never stopped trying to help others.

“He did not hide in a time of crisis. He looked for solutions,” former U.S. Rep. Jim Slattery, a Kansas Democrat, said during the Statehouse event. “I often told Bob he was the toughest

man I ever knew, both physically and mentally, but he had a tender heart.”

Dole died Dec. 5 at the age of 98 after a lifetime of service that included nearly 36 years in Congress and running as the GOP nominee for president in 1996. U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who served more than a decade with Dole in the Senate and later surpassed Dole as the longest-serving GOP leader there, attended both Kansas events as well.

Saturday’s events began with a public viewing of his casket and a memorial service at a Roman Catholic church in Russell, the small town some 240 miles west of Kansas City where he grew up during the Great Depression. Speakers for the state capital event Saturday afternoon noted that Dole’s career in elective office began in the Kansas House in the early 1950s.

The dignitaries at both events included Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly, Kansas’ two Republican U.S. senators, Roger Marshall and Jerry Moran, and former GOP U.S. Sens. Pat Roberts and Nancy Kassebaum Baker.



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Weekly roundup: DeSantis’ ‘huge, huge’ budget

By **RYAN DAILEY**
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis this week rolled out an election-year \$99.7 billion “Freedom First Budget” that would funnel money to education, the environment and law-enforcement officers and deliver a temporary gas-tax break to motorists.

The bottom line of DeSantis’ proposal would amount to about \$2 billion less than the current year’s budget, according to the governor’s office. The current year budget, which took effect in July, became the state’s first \$100 billion budget, at least in part because of a huge influx of federal money tied to the coronavirus pandemic.

DeSantis’ plan would continue to rely on federal cash to fund key issues, including a proposal to eliminate state gas taxes for five months starting in July. Federal money would make up for about \$1 billion in lost gas-tax revenue that ordinarily goes to transportation projects.

During a press conference at the Capitol on Thursday, the governor touted his proposed spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1 as one that delivers for everyday Floridians.

“This is a huge, huge budget. This is a huge deal,” DeSantis told reporters. “This is something that is going to have very positive effects. We are doing that while remaining the lowest per-capita tax burden in the country.”

DeSantis’ plan includes a total of more than \$1 billion to provide pay hikes for teachers, state workers, law-enforcement officers and correctional officers. He’s also pitching \$1,000 bonus payments for educators, police officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency-medical technicians throughout the state.

Part of the pay raises are aimed at solving workforce issues plaguing the state’s

public schools, which are grappling with an ongoing teacher shortage, and prison system, which is being crippled by a massive turnover rate of correctional staff.

The governor’s request, which steers \$980 million toward Everglades restoration and other water projects, will serve as a starting point for lawmakers as they negotiate a spending plan during the legislative session that will start Jan. 11.

Democrats argued that the governor’s spending plan should be more “people-centered.”

ON TILT

Gamblers looking to go on a hot streak had their hopes put on ice over the weekend as wagering on sports was taken off the table in Florida, at least for now.

The Seminole Tribe suspended its online sports-betting operations Saturday morning.

The tribe stopped accepting wagers on its Hard Rock SportsBook mobile app after an appeals court on Friday refused to put on hold a judge’s ruling that said a deal giving the tribe control over sports betting throughout the state violates federal law.

“Although we are temporarily suspending the acceptance of new bets and account deposits, we remain committed to building the best place for sports betting in Florida,” a message to bettors on the Hard Rock app Saturday morning said.

Sports betting was given the green light as part of a compact signed by DeSantis and Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Marcellus Osceola, Jr. this spring and authorized by the Legislature in a May special session.

U.S. District Judge Dabney Friedrich on Nov. 22 invalidated the compact, ruling that the deal violates the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, or IGRA, which creates a framework for gambling activity on

tribal lands.

ABOUT THOSE BENJAMINS ...

With her hat in the ring for the 2022 gubernatorial election, Fried will have to fend off allegations that she violated state ethics law by not properly disclosing financial information.

The state Commission on Ethics on Wednesday issued an order finding “probable cause” that Fried did not properly report income in 2017 and 2018 on financial-disclosure forms filed with the state.

The commission’s investigation into Fried’s filing was spurred by a complaint by Leon County Republican Party Chairman Evan Power that alleged Fried, a Democrat, violated the “public trust” by not fully and accurately submitting reports for 2017 and 2018. Power filed the complaint in June.

In an August response, Fried’s attorney, Benedict Kuehne, described the complaint as “meritless.”

STORY OF THE WEEK: Saying that Florida is “clicking on all cylinders,” Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday proposed a \$99.7 billion budget that would steer money to schools, the environment and law-enforcement officers and give drivers a temporary gas-tax break.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “We’re going to have a program to allow Florida businesses to pay state fees in cryptocurrency. I think you’ve seen in South Florida, it’s been a huge thing. A lot of people have flocked to South Florida over this issue. And so, our view as the state government, this is something that we welcome. And we want to make sure that the state government is crypto friendly.” — Gov. Ron DeSantis, *touting part of his budget proposal that would launch cryptocurrency projects at several state agencies*

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New inflation number feeds angst about Democrats’ \$2 trillion bill

By **ALAN FRAM**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government reports on rising inflation and the potential costs of President Joe Biden’s social and environment legislation raised fresh questions Friday about the bill’s fate, with both sides hoping the new numbers would influence pivotal Sen. Joe Manchin.

The moderate Manchin, D-W.Va., has spent months forcing Democrats to trim the 10-year, \$2 trillion package, arguing it’s too expensive and at times citing growing inflation as a reason to slow work on the bill. On Friday, the Labor Department said consumer prices grew last month at an annual rate of 6.8 percent, the highest in 39 years.

A separate report from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said that if many of the bill’s temporary spending boosts and tax cuts were made permanent, it would add \$3 trillion to the price tag. That would more than double its 10-year cost to around \$5 trillion, Democrats called the projections from the Republican-requested report fictitious.

Manchin aides did not respond to requests for comment. Manchin said in a brief interview Thursday that he wanted to know “where we are in inflation and where we are on the true price” of the bill, adding he was “very concerned.”

The latest inflation figures prompted Biden to use some of his strongest language yet, telling reporters at the White House on Friday, “I think this is the peak of the crisis.” While the numbers illustrate a clear political danger for the administration, the recent performance of financial markets suggests investors don’t see inflation as a long-term problem.

Friday’s reports popped out two weeks before Christmas, by when Senate Majori-



President Joe Biden delivers closing remarks to the virtual Summit for Democracy on Friday in Washington.

ty Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., hopes to end months of talks among Democrats and finally push a compromise bill through the Senate. The House approved an initial version last month.

With Manchin still seeking cuts in a measure that originally cost \$3.5 trillion, the day’s reports at the least increased his leverage in a tortuous process that’s already seen several near-death moments caused by Democratic infighting. At worst, the numbers fueled worries that Manchin might abandon the package, sinking it.

“I don’t know the answer to that,” Biden said at the White House when asked if he could win Manchin’s support. He said he’d talk to the lawmaker early next week.

Every Democrat in the 50-50 chamber will have to back the bill so Vice President Kamala Harris can cast a tie-breaking vote to approve it.

The political sensitivity of inflation and its impact on the Democratic bill, a collection of family services, health care and climate change priorities, was illustrated as leaders of both parties tried to spin the numbers to their advantage.

Democrats argued that the inflation report intensified the need to approve the measure. They said the legislation’s spending and tax credits for health care, children’s costs,

education and other programs would help families cope with rising prices. Most of the bill is paid for with tax boosts on the wealthy and big corporations.

The legislation’s impact will be “reducing costs for ordinary people,” Biden said.

Republicans said the legislation’s expenditures would further feed inflation, which has been driven by supply chain delays making products less available and spending prompted by a strong underlying economy.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said inflation means “the average American has gotten a pay cut,” adding, “It is unthinkable that Senate Democrats would try to respond to this inflation report by ramming through another massive socialist spending package in a matter of days.”

Possibly mitigating the political impact of Friday’s inflation numbers was that they were expected and represented a modest rise from October’s 6.2 percent.

Adding any additional juice to the economy might worsen inflation. But the extra fiscal stimulus over the next several years in Democrats’ bill would be less than 1 percent the size of the entire U.S. economy, making its likely inflationary impact mild, said the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

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COMING UP

Sponsor a gravesite wreath

Aaron A. Weaver Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 will support Wreaths Across America during the holiday season. The chapter is looking for community donations toward their goal of 500 wreaths, which they will place on graves at the Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 21. To donate, visit wreathsaacrossamerica.org/FL0227P and click on "Sponsor a Wreath." To sponsor a wreath at Bushnell National Cemetery, go to "Specific Site" to enter the location. The group ID number is FL0227P and the cemetery number is FLNCBU. For assistance, email mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

Police-escorted ride for vets

Join the American Legion Riders Chapter 237 and veterans for "Wreaths for Our Fallen Heroes," a police-escorted ride to Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 19. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with kickstands up at 10 a.m. Participants will line up at Crystal Harley-Davidson, 1147 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa, and take wreaths to Bushnell to place on gravesites. For the past four years, they have honored veterans by placing wreaths at an isolated area of the cemetery for the holidays to ensure veterans and families are not forgotten.

Legion Riders set Poker Run

The American Legion Riders Chapter 237 will have their 11th annual Poker Run on Jan. 29 beginning at the post, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills. Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m. with kickstands up at 10:45 a.m. A \$15 entry fee includes a poker hand, prize ticket and meal. Event proceeds will benefit Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast. In its first 10 years, this event has provided a total of \$65,287 to help individuals and families cope with end-of-life issues, grief and loneliness. Festivities include door prizes, a silent auction, a 50/50 at every stop and music donated by Better Than Nothin'. Best hand wins the Poker Run and all vehicles are welcome. For more information, call ride chairman John Roby at 352-341-5856 or 352-536-7480, or the post at 352-897-4776. For more information about Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast, call 352-249-1470, visit friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

GOOD TO KNOW

MOAA to do speaker event

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Citrus County Chapter welcomes veterans and the public to attend a sponsored speaker presentation by Citrus County Commissioner Ruthie Davis Schlabach. The event takes place at 10 a.m. Jan. 13 at the American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. Schlabach will speak on issues and solutions affecting veterans in Citrus County. For more information, visit moaaff.org/Chapters/CitrusCounty.

MOPH offers scholarships

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart is pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities for local graduating high school seniors. Chapter 776's College of Central Florida (CF) Endowed Scholarship awards \$1,250 to a graduating senior accepted or currently enrolled as a full time student (12 or more semester credit hours) at CF for Academic Year 2022-23. Chapter 776's Sgt. Dennis J. Flanagan Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 to a graduating senior enrolled in the JROTC Program and accepted as a full time student (12 or more semester credit hours) at any accredited U.S. college for Academic Year 2022-23. The Chapter 776 scholarship information and application can be obtained at www.citruspurpleheart.org, by contacting your school guidance department or by either emailing info@citruspurpleheart.org or calling 352-382-3847. Chapter 776 must receive scholarship applications no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 26, 2022.

WTC scholarships available

For the second year in a row, the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC) made a \$3,000 scholarship available to the Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC). WTC distributes these funds to veterans who attend classes there. The funds may be used for the purchase of books, manuals, tools of the trade or uniforms. Veterans can receive grants through the VA for course tuition, but incur many other expenses in the course of their education. These funds are

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Next Agent Orange?



Traumatic brain injury gets inauspicious tag due to number of sufferers

What is a traumatic brain injury (TBI)? It is a medical condition from a brain injury caused by being hit in the head or something causing a violent pressure wave resulting in the head and brain being violently impacted. According to the Department of Defense (DOD), more than 430,000 U.S. service members were diagnosed with a TBI from 2000 to 2020. Because of the numbers of troops suffering from TBI's, it is now being frequently referred to as the next Agent Orange. In the Vietnam War, hundreds of thousands of veterans fell ill or even died after being exposed to sprayed poison called Agent Orange that was

used to kill vegetation. However, the poison was not considered a health issue by our country for many years. Will TBI's, in fact, be the new Agent Orange?



John Stewart
VETERANS VOICES

Because there is so much better medical care in recent wars with technological advancements in protective body armor and headgear, chances of survival in war have increased and in many instances a brain injury may not even be known after a veteran is rendered unconscious by an attack. Or, when the veteran awakens, he or she may not even be aware the brain injury may have occurred. In many instances the veteran tragically chooses to ignore symptoms following the occurrence.

As time passes, symptoms may surface causing serious medical problems for the veteran. Those problems can be physical, psychological, or a combination of both conditions. The Mayo Clinic indicates results from a TBI include headaches, problems with speech, memory or concentration problems, mood changes or mood swings, difficulty sleeping, convulsions or seizures, clear fluids draining from the nose or ears, cognitive or mental symptoms, slurred speech, PTSD, and many other serious medical conditions. TBI's have been known about since World War I and were called "shell shock." Symptoms of veterans from that first world war after artillery and other explosions are similar in nature to that being experienced by Iraq and

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VFW, Auxiliary members have donation drive



Special to the Chronicle

The week of Veterans Day is synonymous with flag waving, parades and members of the VFW and Auxiliary at entrances of department and grocery stores requesting donations. In Inverness, Walmart, Publix and Winn Dixie allowed a platform that enabled the VFW and Auxiliary members to conduct a donation drive. These donations help support charitable efforts to help needy veterans and others in the local community. The generosity of those that contributed toward this effort was rewarded by a Red Buddy Poppy and the sense of wellbeing that can only come from knowing you have done a good deed. The Buddy Poppy is the VFW's official memorial flower and is symbolic of the blood that has been shed by American service men and women during time of war. All Gave Some, and Some Gave All should have a postscript: Some Keep On Giving. First row from left are: Terry Loper, auxiliary; Tom Zurawski, commander; Gilda Herrin, quartermaster; Prish Hansen, auxiliary conductress; Carl Cyr Jr., vice-commander and Poppy chairman; John Lowe, chaplain; and Jeanette Miles, auxiliary guard. Second row from left are: Lori Acosta, auxiliary secretary/treasurer; Randy Hillman, trustee; Nancy Hetherington, auxiliary chaplain; Marty Kloubec, senior vice-commander; Carol Davis, auxiliary president; and Joe Acosta, trustee. Not pictured: Randolph Bellamy, honor guard.

- Submit information for the Veterans page at least two weeks before the event.
- Early submission of timely material is appreciated,

- but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.
- Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a specific day is not guaranteed.

- Submit material at the Chronicle office in Meadowcrest, Crystal River; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

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specifically intended to ease the financial hardships of veterans in their continuing education.

To access the available funds, veterans should contact the financial aid coordinator at WTC. For additional assistance, call Bob Bendle, CCVC scholarship officer, at 352-400-8952.

FVN holds monthly meetings

Female Veterans Network (FVN) invites all female veterans to their monthly meeting at 1 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center on 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The meeting is held in the cafeteria.

Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged.

The mission of the (FVN) is to unite female veterans, develop camaraderie and discuss issues that are important and unique to female veterans.

For information or to support FVN, contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481, Jo Monty at 352-527-6575 or visit femaleveteransnetwork.org.

Legion Post 155 serves breakfast

The public is invited to American Legion Post 155 for breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. every Sunday at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River.

Buy a pin, support the FVN

The Female Veterans Network is selling pins for \$5 at Mac 1 Signs Inc., 7068 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa.

For information, call 352-628-3246.

VFW Post 10087 has Vittles for Vets

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt will be hosting Vittles for Vets at 4:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

For information, call the post at 352-746-0440.

CCVC food pantry remains open

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition continues to serve the needs of veterans and their families at its food pantry, on every Tuesday, and on the first and third Thursdays of every month, from 9 a.m. until noon. Our pantry is at 1039 N. Paul St. just off Independence and U.S. 41 N., Inverness. For more information, call 352-400-8952.

We'd like to thank Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, and our loyal vendors, and the public, for their support over the past years for the now-discontinued yard sales. We are no longer accepting donated clothes, or article for sale, for the yard sale. Cash donations or nonperishable food goods will still be accepted, during the pantry open hours. Corporate sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

For information, call 352-400-8952 or visit www.veterans-coalition.com.

CCVC expands COVID services

In addition to existing clients at the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC), the coalition is now accepting any veteran who now may be unemployed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Also, any veteran whose financial situation has changed is also invited to attend the CCVC food pantry for assistance.

A DD-214 certificate or other proof of honorable discharge must be shown to qualify for assistance.

The CCVC pantry is at 1081 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, and is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, and the first and third Thursdays monthly.

For information, call 352-400-8952.

Fish fry benefits charities

Members of the VFW Post 10087 host a fish fry every Friday to benefit local charities and veterans relief.

The fish fry events are open to the public and are from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m., at 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills. Get a plate of lightly battered fillet, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw and a roll for \$8.

For information, call the post at 352-746-0440.

Attend a meal for a good cause

The Crystal River American Legion Post 155 hosts a

breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. every Sunday, at American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, for an \$8 donation. The proceeds from these meals support the Legion programs, veterans and community. All are welcome. Information: 352-795-6526.

Dog tag sales benefit veterans

Veterans dog tags now being made at the Beverly Hills American Legion Post 237 at 6726 N. Lecanto Highway.

These are the genuine notched and un-notched type tags as were issued. Chains and silencers also in stock.

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Call the post at 352-897-4776 to make an appointment. Proceeds go to Post 237 veterans programs.

VA needs volunteer drivers

Do you have a few hours during the week to drive a Citrus County veteran to much-needed services? Volunteer drivers are desperately needed to drive veterans to appointments at the Gainesville Veterans' Administration Medical Center (VAMC) and to the Villages Out Patient Clinic (OPC).

Drivers volunteer on an on-call basis, one to three times a week. Volunteers will receive a free physical examination at the Gainesville VAMC, lunch the day they drive and participate in the

awards program for miles driven.

There is an application process for potential volunteers and a Veterans' Administration (VA) identification badge will be provided. Fingerprinting and proof of driver's license and vehicle insurance will need to be provided to participate. For information on this volunteer opportunity, call 352-746-8005.

Enrollment open at VA clinic

The Lecanto Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Based Outpatient Clinic is accepting enrollment applications for eligible veterans. Primary Care and Mental Health access is available. Call 352-746-8004 or visit in person at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto, to apply.

Donate sweats for vets in recovery

DAV Auxiliary Unit 70 in Inverness is coordinating a "Sweats for Vets" drive, collecting new sweatshirts and pants. These will be donated to VA hospitals and nursing homes for recovering veterans and those in rehabilitation. When you go shopping, remember a vet and put a new sweatsuit in your cart — any size or color. Please, do not drop off used clothing.

Donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays at the DAV chapter

hall at the corner of Independence Highway and North Paul Drive, Inverness near the pink elephant on U.S. 41; or call Sunny Hayes, auxiliary commander, at 352-527-3395; or Ann Fair, senior vice commander, at 352-249-7827 to make other arrangements.

Businesses: List discounts for vets

Business offering a discount to female veterans for services or goods can now be listed on the website of the Female Veterans Network.

Send your business information, what you are willing to offer as a discount, and a contact name to cynthia@femaleveteransnetwork, and list the subject as: offering discount.

Want to be a member and support Female Veterans Network? Go to femaleveteransnetwork.org for membership information or to make a donation to support the group's projects.

Make appointment at Veterans Service Office

Scheduled appointments and walk-in clients at the Citrus County Veterans Service Office will be seen from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Anyone wishing to meet with a service officer between 4 and 5 p.m. Monday to

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2 (WESH) NBC	19		19	News	NBC News	Football Night in America (N)	14' 88		NFL Football Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers. (N)	(In Stereo Live) 88					News				
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		Country Pop Legends (My Music) Country and pop charts. (In Stereo) 'G' 88				All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "Another Farnon?" 'PG' 88				Bee Gees: One Night Only Las Vegas concert. (In Stereo) 'G' 88					
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5	Rick Steves European Christmas 'G' 88				All Creatures Great		All Creatures Great and Small				Ultimate Pet Health Guide					
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Football Night in America (N)	(In Stereo) 14' 88		NFL Football Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers. (N)	(In Stereo Live) 88					NewsChannel 8				
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)	(In Stereo) 'PG'	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune (N)	(In Stereo) 'PG'	Supermarket Sweep (N) 'PG' 88 (DVS)		The Rookie "Breakdown" (N) '14' (DVS)	News Sunday	Sports Night on 9 'G'					
10 (WTPS) CBS	10	10	10	NFL Football Buccaneers. (N)	(In Stereo Live) 88	Buffalo Bills at Tampa Bay Buccaneers. (N)	(In Stereo) 60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo) 88		"A Christmas Proposal" (2021, Romance) Camacho, Adam Rodriguez. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'G'		Jessica Lor Baker	Chris Franz	NCIS: Hawai'i A team of international thieves. 14'		10 Tampa Bay				
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		FOX13 News Sunday (N)	(In Stereo) 88		70th Miss Universe Women vie for the crown. (N)	(In Stereo Live) 'PG, D.L.' 88				FOX13 10:00 News (N)	(In Stereo) 88	FOX13 11:00 News (N)	(In Stereo) 88				
20 (WCJB) ABC			11	World News		Funnies Home Videos		Celebrity Wheel		Supermarket Sweep 'PG'		The Rookie (N) '14'	WCJB TV20	Invest.					
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	Truths that		Life	Real Life 'G'	Great Awakening, Browne	Lovel/Child	Graham	Jewish Jes	M. Barclay	Duplantis	Global Food	The Great A				
22 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Bible Say?		Nature	YTA Movie of the Week					YTA Movie of the Week		Life of Cards					
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Funnies Home Videos		Celebrity Wheel		Supermarket Sweep 'PG'		The Rookie (N) '14'	News	Joel Osteen					
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last Man	Last Man	MacGyver '14' 88		The First 48 'PG' 88	Matter	Blk Forum					
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	S.W.A.T. "Ghosts" '14'		Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Chicago Fire '14' 88	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.					
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21	Charles Stanley		Rejoice in the Lord		Divine	Bill Winston	M. Barclay	Chris Franz	Lori Bakker	Jim Raley	Pink Chair	Paula Today				
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	The King of Queens 'PG'	The King of Queens 'PG'	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Legends of the Hidden Temple (N) 'PG' 88		Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2021		Bull A woman kills her husband in his sleep. '14'	Bull A man assists his terminally ill mate. '14' 88						
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Politica ya	Noticiero	Aquí y ahora (N) '14'		Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) 'PG'					María	Noticiero					
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	Extra (N) 'PG' 88		70th Miss Universe Women vie for the crown. (N)	(In Stereo Live) 'PG, D.L.' 88					FOX 51 News		TMZ (N) 'PG' 88					
55 (WXPX) ION			17	"A Christmas in Vermont" (2016) Abigail Hawk. 'NR'		"A New Lease on Christmas" (2021) Claire Coffee.		"A New Lease on Christmas" (2021) Claire Coffee.											
(A&E)	54	48	54	The First 48 "Unforgotten: Crystal" 'PG' 88		The First 48 'PG' 88		The First 48 '14' 88		The First 48 '14' 88		The First 48 '14' 88		The First 48 '14' 88					
(ACCN)			99	ACC Tradi	3 Day Wknd	College Basketball Monmouth at Pittsburgh. (N)	(Live)	College Football Clemson at Pittsburgh. (Taped)											
(AMC)	55	64	55	"National Lamp."		*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"		*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) 'PG-13'							<i>National</i>				
(ANI)	52	35	52	Lone Star Law '14'		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed "Under Suspicion" (N) '14'		Lone Star Law '14'											
(BET)	96	71	96	** "Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection"		*½ "Acrimony" (2018, Suspense) Taraji P. Henson, Lyric Bent. 'R' 88									Clutch Academy '14'				
(BIGTEN)	742	809		Basketball	B1G Live (N)	Women's College Basketball Indiana at Ohio State.		B1G Show	B1G Show	Big Ten	B1G Show	Campus	B1G Show						
(BRAVO)	254	51	254	Housewives-Atlanta		Housewives-Atlanta		Housewives-Atlanta		The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City		Housewives-Atlanta		Real SLC					
(BSFL)	35	39	35	AVP Pro Beach Volleyball		World Poker		World Poker		Pregame NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Lakers. (N)	(Live)								
(CC)	27	61	27	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	*** "Office Space"					
(CMT)	98	45	98	***½ "The Sandlot" (1993) Thomas Guiry. 'NR'		Yellowstone 'MA' 88		***½ "The Breakfast Club" (1985) 'R' 88						Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
(CNN)	40	29	40	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		The 15th Annual CNN Heroes All-Star Tribute (N)		The 15th Annual CNN Heroes All-Star Tribute 88									
(ESPN)	33	27	33	College Basketball		SportsCenter (N) 88		SportsCenter (N) 88		Bowl Mania (N)			SportsCenter (N) (Live) 88						
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	2021 Grey Cup Hamilton Tiger-Cats vs Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (N)	(Live)														
(FBN)	106	149	106	Sunday Morning Futures		Kudlow 88		Kennedy 88		How America Works		How America Works	American	American					
(FLIX)			118	170	***½ "Sex, Lies, and Videotape" (1989) 'R'		**** "Milk" (2008) Sean Penn. 'R' 88		****½ "Carlito's Way" (1993) Al Pacino. 'R' 88										
(FNC)	44	37	44	Fox Report		Sunday Night in America		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		The Next Revolution With		Sunday Night in America	Life, Liberty & Levin						
(FOOD)	26	56	26	Kids Baking		Kids Baking		Buddy vs. Duff (N) 'G'		Holiday Wars (N) 'G'		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby				
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994) 'PG'		** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002, Children's) Tim Allen. 'G' 88		***½ "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"											
(FS1)	732	112	732	NHRA in 30	NASCAR Race Hub 'PG'	College Basketball Rutgers at Seton Hall. (N) 88		*** "Hoosiers" (1986) Gene Hackman. 'PG' 88						Boxing					
(FX)	30	60	30	*** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. 'PG'		***½ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) 'PG' 88		*** "Home Alone" (1990) 'PG' 88											
(GOLF)	727	67	727	PGA Tour Golf QBE Shootout, Final Round. 88				PGA Tour Golf QBE Shootout, Final Round. 88											
(HALL)	59	68	39	"Sister Swap: A Hometown Holiday" (2021) 'NR'		"Sister Swap: Christmas in the City" (2021) 'NR'		"A Royal Queens Christmas" (2021) Megan Park.											
(HBO)	302	201	302	Axios '14'	Real Sports	***½ "No Country for Old Men" (2007) 'R' 88		Succession 'MA' 88		Insecure (N)		Curb Your Enthusiasm (N)	Succession						
(HBO2)	303	202	303	Succession 'MA' 88		Succession 'MA' 88		Succession 'MA' 88		"Seeking a Friend-End of the World" ** "The Rules of Attraction" (2002)									
(HGTV)	23	57	23	White House Christmas		Fixer Upper 'G' 88		Fixer Upper 'G' 88		Fixer Upper 'G' 88		Fixer to Fabulous 'G'	Fixer to Fabulous 'G'						
(HIST)	51	54	51	The Cars That Made America 'PG, L.V.' 88		Toys-America		Toys-America		The Toys		The Toys	Toys-America						
(LIFE)	24	38	24	"A Christmas Village Romance" (2020) Jeni Ross.		"Blending Christmas" (2021) Haylie Duff. 'NR' 88		"Kirk Franklin's A Gospel Christmas" (2021) 'NR'											
(LMN)	119	50	119	"A Professor's Vengeance" (2021) Bryan Bachman.		"Lethal Love Triangle" (2021) Savvy Shay. 'NR' 88		"Tracking a Killer" (2021) Laurie Fortier. 'NR' 88											
(MSNBC)	42	41	42	Voices-Alicia Menendez		Voices-Alicia Menendez		The Mehdi Hasan Show		Ayman (N) (Live) 88		Voices-Alicia Menendez	The Mehdi Hasan Show						
(NBCSN)	448	26	730	IBU		IBU		Speed Skating ISU World Cup. 'G' 88					IBU						
(NGEO)	109	65	109	Airport Security: Peru		To Catch a Smuggler		Airport Security Peru		To Catch a Smuggler		A Smuggler	A Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler					
(NICK)	28	36	28	"Loud House"		Treasure Truck		*** "Bee Movie" (2007) Voices of Jerry Seinfeld. Mike		Mike		Mike	Mike	Mike					
(NWSNTN)	18	18	18	Last Man	Last Man	NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)		Dan Abrams Live 88		Barfield 88	On Balance						
(OWN)	125	24	103	Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie		20/20 on ID '14' 88		20/20 on OWN '14' 88	20/20 on OWN '14' 88						
(OXY)	123	44	123	Snapped (N) 'PG' 88		Real Murders		Alex Murdaugh: Death. Deception. Power. (N) 88		Alex Murdaugh: Death. Deception. Power. 88									
(PARMT)	37	43	37	Yellowstone 'MA' 88		Yellowstone 'MA' 88		Yellowstone (N) 'MA'		Yellowstone (In Stereo) 'MA' 88		***½ "The Magnificent Seven" 88							
(SEC)	745	72		Wm. Basketball		SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now				
(SHOW)	340	241	340	Yellowjackets 'MA' 88		Dexter: New Blood 'MA'		VICE 'MA'	VICE 'MA'	Dexter: New Blood 'MA'		Yellowjackets (N) 'MA'	Desus	Dexter					
(SUN)	36	31	36	Fight Sports: Boxing		Animals	Sport	Dreamboat	Best Boat	Fishing	P1 APBA Offshore		P1 AquaX USA 2021						
(SYFY)	31	59	31	*** "Red" (2010, Action) Bruce Willis. 'PG-13'		*** "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" (2011, Action) Shia LaBeouf. 'PG-13' 88		*** "You're a Big Boy Now" 'NR'											
(TBS)	49	23	49	*** "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" (2017)		Harry Potter: Hogwarts		Harry Potter: Hogwarts		*** "The Amazing Spider-Man" (2012) 'PG-13'									
(TCM)	169	53	169	*** "Remember the Night" (1940) 'NR' 88		*** "Finian's Rainbow" (1968, Fantasy) Fred Astaire. 'G' 88		***½ "You're a Big Boy Now" 'NR'											
(TDC)	53	34	53	Homestead Rescue 'PG'		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue "Bone Dry in Big Sky" (N) 'PG'		Homestead Rescue 'PG'							
(TLC)	50	46	50	90 Day Fiancé: Before The 90 Days: Countdown To		90 Day Fiancé: Before The 90 Days: (In Stereo) 'PG'		Sister Wives (N) 'PG'											
(TMC)	350	261	350	***½ "United 93" (2006) David Alan Basche. 'R'		**** "Schindler's List" (1993, Historical Drama) Liam Neeson. (In Stereo) 'R' 88									<i>Midnight</i>				
(TNT)	48	33	48	*** "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (2017) 'PG-13'		*** "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" (2019) Carrie Fisher. 'PG-13'									<i>"Star Wars: For"</i>				
(TOON)	38	58	38	*** "The LEGO Movie 2" (2019) 'PG'		Harry Potter: Hogwarts		King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty						
(TRAV)	9	106	9	Unexplained: C	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) '14' 88				Osournes Want- Believe		Osournes Want- Believe							
(truTV)	25	55	25	Imp. Jokers	Tacoma FD	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokes	Jokes				
(TVL)	32	49	32	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men				
(USA)	47	32	47	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU					
(WE)	117	69	117	NCIS 'PG' 88		NCIS "Enigma" 'PG'		NCIS "Bete Noir" 'PG'		NCIS 'PG' 88		NCIS "UnSEAI ed" 'PG'		NCIS '14' 88					

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Afghanistan war veterans. The conflicts have resulted in increased numbers of veterans who have had a TBI and the DOD along with the Defense and Veteran's Brain Injury Center estimate that 22% of all combat casualties from these conflicts are brain injuries, compared to 12% of Vietnam War-related combat casualties, while 60% to 80% of soldiers who have other blast injuries may also have TBI's.

My wife and I recently received a disturbing phone call from our son, a former Army Green Beret who is suffering from a number of medical issues following 56 months of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. He sadly informed us that, years later after numerous physical contacts with improvised explosive devices (IEDS) and other materials while in combat or training scenarios, the concussion of those blast events has caused him to now experience severe vision loss, equilibrium difficulties, strong migraines, behavioral issues, and memory difficulties.

Unfortunately, he is not alone inside the military veteran community with these debilitating health problems. After talking with our son, I did a lot of research on TBI's,

Five-year outcomes of persons with TBI*



*Data are US population estimates based on the TBIMS National Database. Data refer to people 16 years of age and older who received inpatient rehabilitation services for a primary diagnosis of TBI.

particularly the vision issue. Let me attempt to explain TBI's a little more and use that vision health issue, only one of several health problems caused by TBI's, to describe how detrimental to health a TBI can become.

The nonprofit Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), founded in 1945, is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization exclusively dedicated to serving America's blinded and visually impaired veterans. They recently reported that surveillance data from DoD indicated that eye injuries account for approximately 14.9% of all injuries from

battlefield trauma sustained during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This has resulted in more than 182,000 ambulatory patient and 4,000 hospitalizations. In addition, TBI which has affected hundreds of thousands of service members, can have significant impact on vision even when there is no injury to the eye. The BVA has requested Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations of \$30 million for the DoD Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program Vision Research Program, strengthening the only research program focused on prevention and treatment of

combat-related ocular trauma and TBI visual dysfunction. Hopefully, congress will take appropriate action.

I believe America failed for many years in recognizing just how bad TBI's can impact the health of a veteran and, in fact it was not until around 2014 before VA were able to expand benefits for veterans who later in life developed certain conditions found from a TBI.

Additionally, VA found that many veterans who experience a TBI also develop PTSD because of the combat traumatic incident but I understand the VA will grant benefits

only to one of those conditions despite the fact a veteran may have both TBI and PTSD diagnoses. In January of this year around 250,000 veterans were receiving disability compensation through the VA for eye or vision conditions; over 80,000 alone from the Gulf War.

Approximately 75% of veterans with TBI have vision problems, often without even realizing the problems are related to their TBI. Some are getting disability compensation and treatment for the vision condition as a secondary condition to the TBI.

Unfortunately, TBIs are

typically classified as mild due to the lack of obvious acute macroscopic injury. Consequently, affected service members who often return to duty prematurely and untreated.

The CDC states that even after surviving a moderate or severe TBI and receiving inpatient rehabilitation services, a person's life expectancy is 9 years shorter and TBI increases the risk of dying from several causes.

War and combat exposure pose great risks to vision. Usually, the more serious injuries experienced by an IED or other device will lead to the likelihood of vision problems to occur because of that severity of injury. According to CDC's National Library of Medicine, defects from TBI's in primary vision cause light sensitivity, decreased peripheral vision, eye movement including vergence, saccadic and smooth pursuit movements, and in more complex aspects of vision involving visual perception, motion vision ('akinetopsia'), and visuo-spatial function.

In my unprofessional assessment, those large professional words break down to simply state veterans are having their sight severely impaired by a TBI. And, there may be a horrific condition being experienced

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despite the fact there has been no direct injury to the eye.

For example, from 2000-2017 there were 4394 annual incidences of TBI reported where there was visual impairment but no direct injury to the eye. One study done of 50 patients reported to have suffered from TBI found that there was a greater occurrence of vision loss in those that had blast-related injuries (52%) than in those that were injured via other causes (20%).

Overall, visual complaints were reported by 74% of the patients, and moderate to total blindness was found in 38% of all cases. The rate of vision loss was 2.5 times greater in those who had a blast injury compared to those who did not.

That's a lot of statistics but, unfortunately, there are a lot of veterans with vision medical problems from TBI's.

The VA does offer routine eye care and eyeglass eligibility to all veterans and those with a service-connected disability, are former POWs, are Purple Heart recipients, those with an increased pension based on aid and assistance, those with significant functional or cognitive impairments, or those whose vision impairment is so severe it

interferes with their ability to participate in their own medical care.

Diseases of the eye by VA for veterans disability rating purposes are based on three main measurements; central visual acuity, visual field, and muscle function. If an impairment is approved, then a disability rating is assigned but that process is complicated.

For example, a 60% disability rating, alone, requires documented incapacitating episodes requiring 7 or more treatment visits for an eye condition during the past 12 months. That seems to me to be a bit overwhelming from a layman's point of view, or perhaps more so from someone needing immediate vision health support after being nearly blind over the year.

There are a few programs around the country addressing support for veterans with TBI. For example, a new clinical outreach program at UNC-Chapel Hill will provide traumatic brain injury treatment, wellness services for veterans from a \$12.5 million gift from the Gary Sinise Foundation Avalon Network.

The investment will enable them to establish a new outreach program dedicated to treating traumatic brain injuries and related health conditions, promoting overall wellness for veterans. However, their effort needs to be joined by many others

in our country to ensure our veterans receive needed treatment for their TBI-related medical issues.

In the case of our son, obviously we are devastated by his situation and ask for your prayers. I asked him how many times he and his war fighting brothers had experienced overpressure concussions to body parts from various situations and he simply replied there were countless

incidents where his special forces teams used explosive charges to breach buildings, were blown up in a vehicle, or faced hundreds of incidents when their team's friendly fire, whether wartime or during training, was using mortars, bombs, weapons, and other materials sending concussion waves into the body.

In one attack alone, as example, he and his special forces team initiated nine breeches

(explosions) to a building structure only inches from their position as they attacked the enemy.

After studying this TBI subject, I realized that a couple of my health problems may also be incidental to an explosion and trauma I experienced after a rocket attack in the Vietnam War. Along with constant head pain and vision problems, one issue I have faced is memory loss that I attempt to stave off through writing

these veterans related articles while trying to keep the old brain cells somewhat functional. Trust me when I say that at times it is not easy.

If you are also a veteran and believe you are suffering from the effect of a TBI, I encourage you to schedule a mental and physical health appointment with the VA. No matter what you are experiencing, treatments and resources are

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Benefits have been extended from August 1953 to December 1987 for former residents of Camp Lejeune.

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available and many types of professionals at VA can help treat the effects of TBI.

If you're already using VA health care, ask your primary care provider to help you make an appointment for VA mental health services. If you're not already using VA health care, contact your nearest VA medical center to talk about your needs. If you are new to VA, apply for health care benefits at www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/id-form.

Also, VA's MyHealtheVet is a web-based personal health record that gives veterans information and tools to improve their health. Registration is required to have full access to all features. I highly recommend you create a free account online at www.myhealth.va.gov/home to help ease your enrollment process.

No matter your health issue, completing this registration is very important to your current or future health issues.

Obviously, I am not a medical expert and everyone should do their own research on this subject, but I hope my rambling here helped you understand the possibility of a new Agent Orange scenario for heroes of this recent 20-year war, the longest war in our history.

They need and deserve our country's complete support. As for me, I am now off to find the keys, glasses and billfold that I

have forgotten where I put them so I would not forget where I put them.

John Stewart is a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, disabled Vietnam War veteran and has been a veterans advocate for nearly three decades. In 2016 he was inducted into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame for his volunteer service and can be contacted at cornhusker69@yahoo.com.

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Tkachuk's hat trick leads Senators past Bolts

Lightning fall 4-0 to end their five-game win streak

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OTTAWA, Ontario — Brady Tkachuk notched his first career hat trick for Ottawa but made sure to share the spotlight with Anton Forsberg.

The Senators captain knew his goaltender deserved just as much credit in the Senators' 4-0 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Saturday. Forsberg made 24 saves for his first career shutout. The 29-year-old netminder is riding a personal four-game win streak and appears to have taken over the starter's role in Ottawa.

"I didn't know it was (his) first career shutout, so that's probably more exciting," Tkachuk said. "He's been great for us during this streak and the stretch of wins that we've had. He's been holding the fort down and he played awesome again tonight."

Speaking to reporters with his young son Ben by his side, Forsberg said the entire team deserved a lot of credit for playing a solid game.

"It was really nice to get a shut-

out just for the confidence and all that," said Forsberg, who played his 66th career NHL game. "I thought we played a really solid game for 60 minutes and we just have to keep building from here."

The loss ended Tampa Bay's five-game winning streak. The Lightning (17-6-4), who closed a five-game road swing, were looking to finish a trip of five or more games with a perfect record for the first time in franchise history.

"When you're getting these road trips, whether it's three, four or five games, you've got to take more points than games played, and we did that," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "If we lose the first game and win the next four, it's probably a way better feeling than it is right now. It sucks to do interviews like this right after the game. But for the big picture, those eight out of 10 (points), that's a good trip."

Brian Elliott stopped 20 shots for the Lightning, who were shut out for the first time this season.



Tampa Bay Lightning center Steven Stamkos (91) falls after crashing into Ottawa Senators left wing Tim Stutzle (18) during the first period of Saturday's game in Ottawa.

Justin Tang / AP

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Back-to-back for 'Bama



Todd Van Ernst / AP

Alabama quarterback Bryce Young holds the Heisman Trophy at an award ceremony, Saturday in New York.

Quarterback Bryce Young gives Alabama consecutive Heisman Trophy victories

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Bryce Young didn't just meet the standard set by the star quarterbacks who preceded him at Alabama, he exceeded it.

Young became the first Crimson Tide quarterback to win the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night, making Alabama the fifth school with consecutive winners of college football's most prestigious player of the year award.

Young received 684 first-place votes and 2,311 points to easily outdistance Michigan defensive end Aidan Hutchinson (78,954).

Pittsburgh quarterback Kenny Pickett (28, 631) finished third and Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud (12, 399) was fourth. Alabama linebacker Will Anderson Jr. (31, 325) was fifth, putting two defensive players in the top five for the first time since 1962.

A year after former teammate DeVonta Smith won the Heisman, Young received 83 percent of total points available, the seventh highest among 87 winners. He was named on 90 percent of all ballots, also the seventh highest in Heisman history.

Young has passed for 4,322 yards and 43 touchdowns this season, leading No. 1 Alabama to a Southeastern Conference title and a spot in the College Football Playoff. The defending champion Crimson Tide will play No. 4 Cincinnati on Dec. 31 in the Cotton Bowl.

Young is Alabama's fourth Heisman winner, all in the last 13 years under coach Nick Saban. Only four schools have won more: Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma and Southern California each have won seven.

The other schools to have Heisman winners in consecutive years are Yale (1936-37), Army (1945-46), Southern California (2004-05) — though Reggie Bush's 2005 victory was later vacated — and Oklahoma (2017-18).

Running backs Mark Ingram (2009) and Derrick Henry (2015) were Alabama's first two Heisman winners and Smith, a receiver, was No. 3 last year.

It seemed only a matter of time before a Tide quarterback took one home. Saban's Alabama dynasty has evolved into QB U.

Young, a sophomore, stepped into the starting role held by Mac Jones last year and Tua Tagovailoa the

two seasons prior. Both are starting in the NFL after being selected in the first round of the draft.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for the great quarterbacks that have played here before me and that's something that I don't take lightly at all," Young told AP earlier this week.

Tagovailoa was the Heisman runner-up to Oklahoma's Kyler Murray in 2018 and then finished 10th in the voting in 2019, a season cut short by injury.

Jones put up even better numbers than Tagovailoa in 2020, but settled for third in the Heisman voting behind his favorite receiver, Smith, and Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence.

Then came Young, the five-star recruit from Southern California, who was Jones' lightly used backup last year.

"Alabama's not a place you go to if you're shying away from expectations or shying away from standards," Young told AP.

Young showed immediately he was up to the task. He threw for 344 yards and four touchdowns in his starting debut against Miami to begin the season, but it was the way he finished that won him

the Heisman.

The race appeared mostly up for grabs heading into November. Michigan State's Kenneth Walker, who finished sixth, Stroud and even Young's teammate, Anderson, all briefly surged to the top of the leader boards.

Young led Alabama on a 97-yard, game-tying touchdown drive in an overtime victory against Auburn on Thanksgiving weekend, shaking off what was overall one of his poorest games of the season to deliver when it mattered most.

Even-keeled confidence might be Young's strongest trait.

"That's just always been there," his father, Craig Young, said earlier this week. "It's just been the ability to stay calm within chaos and not perceive it as chaos."

Bryce Young followed up that clutch performance in the Iron Bowl with a masterpiece from start to finish. Young passed for an SEC championship game record 421 yards and the Crimson Tide tore up Georgia's vaunted defense in a 41-24 victory.

The Heisman race went from wide open to done deal as Young helped Alabama pass yet another milestone with the greatest season ever for Tide quarterback.

Brady, SB champs host Bills

Bucs aiming for 4th straight win

By FRED GOODALL

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — It's December, Tom Brady is playing well and barreling toward another division title.

Even though the Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback's no longer ruling the AFC East, what Brady's accomplishing after switching uniforms looks awfully familiar to the struggling Buffalo Bills.

To put it mildly, Brady absolutely had his way with the once downtrodden Bills during a two-decade stint with the New England Patriots, winning 32 of 35 games between the division rivals — setting the NFL record for most wins by a QB against one opponent and claiming 17 AFC East titles.

The reigning Super Bowl champion Bucs (9-3) can clinch their first NFC South crown since 2007 with a win over the Bills (7-5) and some outside help on Sunday, when Buffalo faces its old nemesis for the first since Brady moved to Tampa Bay in 2020.

"They are a very tough team, a very resilient team. They challenge you in every way," Brady said. "Last year, they were in the AFC championship game. They've obviously got a dynamic offense and the top defense in the league."

That's true to a certain extent.

The Bills have a top 10 offense and are averaging 28 points, which is tied for fifth in the NFL. The defense is No. 1 against the pass and ranks first overall, too, while limiting opponents to only 16.3 points per game.

The reality, though, is lately Buffalo has hardly resembled the team which, a year ago, won its most games since 1991, its first division title since 1995, and enjoyed its deepest playoff run in 27 years before losing to the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC title game.

The Bills are 3-4 in their past seven games and are coming off a tough 14-10 home loss to New England in which the Patriots ran the ball 46 times for 222 yards and only attempted three passes.

The offense, at best, has been inconsistent after a strong start to the season. Josh Allen has thrown for nine touchdowns over the past five games, while also turning the ball over the same number of times with seven interceptions and two lost fumbles during the

See **BUCS**, page B5

Lavatai runs for 2 TDs, Navy’s D dominates Army

By TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Navy had its way Army. It was good, aggressive, lucky and most of all angry with the idea the Black Knights had turned the tables in the one of college football’s biggest rivalries.

Quarterback Tai Lavatai ran for two touchdowns and Navy’s defense limited Army to 57 second-half yards and a season-low 232 overall in a 17-13 victory Saturday in a game played at the Meadowlands to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The win more than made the season for Navy (4-8), which faced 11 bowl-bound teams, tops in the nation. It also gave them only their second win in the last six games with their biggest rivals, and they were not averse to boasting about it.

“We’ve faced a lot of adversity this year and guys keep consistently coming back and battling and not giving up,” senior linebacker Diego Fagot said. “Regardless of the score, we’re going to keep playing as hard as we can. We pride ourselves on that. I mean, I can’t say enough about how they think they’re the last of the hard. But it’s just not the case. They’re our little brothers.”

Navy dominated against bowl-bound Army (8-4) after giving up an early touchdown. It outgained them 278 yards to 232, including 196-124 on the ground against the nation’s No. 2 rushing offense. They held the ball for 34:25 and converted three big plays, including a fourth-down, fake punt in the fourth quarter that wasn’t supposed to be a fake punt.

“It is good to be lucky,” Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said of the 4-yard, first-down run by Fagot that set up Bijan Nichols 43-yard field goal and kept alive a nearly nine-minute drive.

The up-back on a punt, Fagot said he made a line call because Army overloaded one side. Freshman center Ethan Nguyen mistook it for



Navy quarterback Tai Lavatai, top center, runs the ball in for a touchdown during the first half of Saturday’s game against Army, in East Rutherford, N.J.

a fake call and Fagot got the first down despite being hit in the facemask with the snap.

“I mean, as a linebacker, you kind of already have tunnel vision, so I wasn’t really expecting it,” Fagot said. “So when I caught it, I just I just started running straight.”

It worked. The Navy defense and Fagot also made the big play at the end, stopping Army quarterback Christian Anderson a yard short at the Navy 46 on fourth down with 91 seconds left.

“Honestly, it came down to that last one,” said Anderson, who scored on a 56-yard run on the fourth play from scrimmage. “I feel like we were moving the ball pretty OK. Then we got to the fourth down. I’ve just got

to be able to make that run and get that conversion.” Navy ran out the clock and then celebrated.

“Obviously it’s something we dream of,” Navy senior center Pierce Banbury said. “That is the reason I came to the Academy, to have that feeling. Right now, I am speechless.”

Cole Talley added field goals of 31 and 32 yards in helping Army take a 13-7 halftime lead. The Black Knights generated little after that in seeing their four-game winning streak snapped.

“They beat blocks, they just destroyed blocks,” Army coach Jeff Monken said. “They just did a much better job defending us than we did

attacking them on offense. We tried different things and none of them worked. We just got outplayed.”

After Anderson’s touchdown, Lavatai capped an 11-play, 83-yard response by the Midshipmen, scoring on an 8-yard run on which fullback James Harris helped carry him the final 3 yards.

“I was thinking about jumping,” said Lavatai, who ran for 62 yards and was 4 of 6 for 82 yards passing. “Good thing I didn’t because I probably would not have gotten there.”

Navy took over in the second half, taking the kickoff and going 74 yards in 10 plays with Lavatai scoring from 2-yards out. The drive featured a 26-yard run by Chance Warren on fourth-and-4 that got the

ball to the 2. It was supposed to be a pass to Lavatai, but Warren saw it wasn’t open so he ran.

“We were going to come out swinging,” Niumatalolo said. “We have been hearing a lot of stuff that the tables have turned and there were on top. We have never felt that. I think they are a very good football team. But our schedule is tough and that is by design.”

Navy’s season is now over. Army will play Missouri in the Armed Forces Bowl in Texas on Dec. 22.

“This is the game we build up for year round,” Army defensive back Cedrick Cunningham said. “We pretty much build our program to beat (Navy), so to lose to them is very disappointing.”

Oklahoma blows out No. 12 Arkansas in Razorbacks’ 1st loss

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TULSA, Okla. — Elijah Harkless scored 21 points and Oklahoma handed No. 12 Arkansas its first loss of the season, frustrating the Razorbacks’ coach and top shooters in an 88-66 romp Saturday.

Playing at a neutral site less than two hours from both schools, Oklahoma (8-2) rushed to a 13-0 lead in the first 4:37, helped by two 3-pointers and a drive by Harkless.

Arkansas (9-1) never caught up and coach Eric Musselman was assessed two technical fouls and ejected with 3:30 to play. He was restrained by his assistant coaches while arguing with an official, and Jordan Goldwire hit four free throws that made it 76-57.

JD Notae, who had been leading the Razorbacks with nearly 19 points a game, was held to 13 on 3-for-14 shooting.

Davonte Davis scored a career-high 26 for Arkansas.

**Notre Dame 66,
No. 10 Kentucky 62**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Freshman and hometown star Blake Wesley hit a go-ahead, pull-up jumper in the lane with 11.7 seconds left to give Notre Dame the win over Kentucky.

Wesley broke a 62-62 tie and Dane Goodwin added a dunk as time expired, prompting fans to storm the Purcell Pavilion court. The Irish scored the final five points in the closing 1:31.

Notre Dame (4-4) ended a three-game losing skid in its first matchup of the season against a ranked team. The Wildcats (7-2) had won seven in row.

Wesley and Goodwin scored 14 points each for the Irish, who erased a 53-48 deficit with an 11-1 spurt. Trey Wertz added 12 points for Notre Dame and Paul Atkinson had 10.

Oscar Tshiebwe scored 25 points for Kentucky, and Keion Brooks added 12 points and seven rebounds.

**No. 21 Ohio State 73,
No. 22 Wisconsin 55**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — E.J. Liddell scored 28 points and No. 21 Ohio State shot 50 percent to defeat Wisconsin.



Oklahoma guard Umoja Gibson (2) drives around Arkansas guard JD Notae (1) in the first half of Saturday’s game, in Tulsa, Okla.

The Buckeyes (8-2) outscored the Badgers by 13 points in the second half, running away with the game after leading by five points at halftime.

Johnny Davis led Wisconsin (8-2) with 24 points and Brad Davison added 13.

**Creighton 83,
No. 24 BYU 71**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Ryan Hawkins scored 19 of his season-high 25 points in the first half and Creighton beat BYU.

Creighton (9-2) built its lead to as many as 20 before the break, helped by Hawkins’ four 3-pointers.

Hawkins finished 10 for 18 from the field, including 4 for 8 on 3s, and had eight rebounds for the Bluejays.

Alex Barcello scored 28 points for BYU (8-2), shooting 5 of 7 on 3-pointers. Gideon George played 20 minutes off the bench and led the Cougars with 11 rebounds.

**No. 8 Kansas 102,
Missouri 65**

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Ochai Agbaji scored 21 points, Christian Braun and Dajuan Harris had 13 apiece, and Kansas blew out Missouri in the first meeting of the longtime Big 12 rivals as nonconference foes.

David McCormack added 11 points and Remy Martin 10 for the Jayhawks (8-1), who have won eight of the past nine games in a series that began in 1907 but hadn’t been played since the Tigers departed the Big 12 after the 2012 season.

Javon Pickett led sloppy, poor-shooting Missouri (5-5) with 19 points. DaJuan Gordon had 11 and leading scorer Kobe Brown, hounded all afternoon by the Jayhawks’ man-to-man defense, finished with five points and six rebounds.

**No. 11 Arizona 82,
Illinois 76**

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Benedict Mathurin scored 27 points to power Arizona over Illinois.

Trailing the Illini by one with 2:22 to play, Arizona’s Azuolas Tubelis capitalized on an offensive rebound by putting in a layup. On the next possession, Christian Koloko forced an Illinois turnover, and Mathurin scored an easy layup to make it 79-76 with 1:55 to go.

Mathurin finished 10 of 16 from the field with five made 3s for Arizona (9-0). Sophomore guard Kerr Kriisa added 19 points, eight rebounds and four assists, while Tubelis had 16 points and eight rebounds.

For Illinois (7-3), guard

Trent Frazier had 27 points, including 6 3-pointers. Alfonso Plummer added 25 points, and Kofi Cockburn had a game-high 12 rebounds.

**No. 13 Tennessee 76,
UNC Greensboro 36**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Josiah-Jordan James and Brandon Huntley-Hatfield scored 12 points each to lead Tennessee over UNC Greensboro.

James made his first start since suffering an injury to a finger on his left hand in the third game of the season.

Santiago Vescovi scored 10 to help the Volunteers (7-2) flush the memory of Tuesday’s loss to Texas Tech.

De’Monte Buckingham scored 10 points to top the Spartans (7-3).

**No. 15 UConn 74,
St. Bonaventure 64**

NEWARK, N.J. — R.J. Cole scored 15 points and Connecticut surged midway through the second half to beat St. Bonaventure.

Akok Akok added 12 points and Jordan Hawkins had 11 for UConn (9-2).

St. Bonaventure (8-2) took a 39-36 lead on Jalen Adaway’s two free throws before the Huskies scored 13 straight points to take control.

The Bonnies cut the deficit to five on two occasions,

including on Osun Osunniyi’s layup to make it 64-59 with just under two minutes to play.

Jaren Holmes had 17 points, eight rebounds, and five assists for the Bonnies and Dominick Welch had 15 points and seven rebounds.

Tyler Polley added 13 points off the bench for UConn.

**No. 18 Auburn 99,
Nebraska 68**

ATLANTA — Playing minus suspended coach Bruce Pearl, Auburn made 16 steals and routed Nebraska.

Pearl began his two-game suspension imposed by the NCAA on Friday. Auburn was placed on probation

for four years for unethical conduct involving former associate head coach Chuck Person. Pearl was penalized for failing to monitor his assistant and adequately promote compliance.

Assistant coach Wes Flanigan served as acting coach.

Center Walker Kessler and guard Zep Jasper each had five steals and Auburn scored 30 points off 20 turnovers. Jabari Smith had 21 points to lead the Tigers (8-1).

C.J. Wilcher led Nebraska (5-6) with 17 points.

**No. 19 Michigan St 80,
Penn State 64**

ATLANTA — Gabe Brown scored 15 points and Marcus Bingham Jr. had 12 points and 13 rebounds to lead Michigan State to a victory over Penn State.

The Spartans (9-2), who have won four straight games, are off to their best start since the 2017-18 season, when they started 14-2.

Seth Lundy scored 18 points and John Harrar added 16 for the Nittany Lions (5-5).

**No. 25 LSU 69,
Georgia Tech 53**

ATLANTA — Tari Eason scored 23 points, and LSU recovered from a 15-point first-half deficit to beat Georgia Tech and remain undefeated.

Xavier Pinson had 13 points and Brandon Murray added 10 points for LSU. The cold-shooting Tigers (9-0) trailed 24-9 before surging late in the first half.

Jordan Usher led Georgia Tech (5-4) with 15 points, and guard Michael Devoe, who averages a nation-high 23.6 points per game, was held to 12.



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FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	4	0	.692	350	200
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	336	196
Miami	6	7	0	.462	254	288
N.Y. Jets	3	9	0	.250	217	367

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	304	290
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	371	283
Houston	2	10	0	.167	164	323
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	180	320

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	282	260
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	331	267
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	254	267
Pittsburgh	6	6	1	.500	272	322

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	303	259
L.A. Chargers	7	5	0	.583	314	315
Denver	6	6	0	.500	237	218
Las Vegas	6	6	0	.500	274	312

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	353	267
Washington	6	6	0	.500	246	297
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	337	291
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	211	273

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	9	3	0	.750	377	270
Atlanta	5	7	0	.417	216	332
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	236	253
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	274	276

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	283	242
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	344	333
Chicago	4	8	0	.333	201	287
Detroit	1	10	1	.125	203	316

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	10	2	0	.833	343	224
L.A. Rams	8	4	0	.667	336	270
San Francisco	6	6	0	.500	303	278
Seattle	4	8	0	.333	239	249

Thursday's Game

Minnesota 36, Pittsburgh 28

Today's Games

Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.

Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

Las Vegas at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

New Orleans at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Seattle at Houston, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Denver, 4:05 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.

Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.

San Francisco at Cincinnati, 4:25 p.m.

Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Open: Indianapolis, Miami, New England, Philadelphia

Monday's Game

L.A. Rams at Arizona, 8:15 p.m.

NFL Playoff Scenarios

NFL playoff scenarios entering Week 14:

NFC

CLINCHED: None

ARIZONA CARDINALS (10-2) vs. L.A. Rams (8-4), Monday night

Arizona clinches playoff berth with:

1. ARI win or tie OR

2. SF loss + NOR loss or tie + ATL/CAR tie

GREEN BAY PACKERS (9-3) vs. Chicago (4-8), Sunday night

Green Bay clinches playoff berth with:

1. GB win + NOR loss or tie + SF loss OR

2. GB win + NOR loss or tie + LAR loss + SF tie

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (9-3) vs. Buffalo (7-5), Sunday

Tampa Bay clinches NFC South title with:

1. TB win + NOR loss or tie + CAR loss or tie

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	26	18	4	4	40	99	72
Toronto	29	19	8	2	40	93	75
Tampa Bay	27	17	6	4	38	89	74
Detroit	28	13	12	3	29	78	96
Boston	23	13	8	2	28	65	60
Buffalo	27	8	15	4	20	73	97
Ottawa	25	8	16	1	17	67	93
Montreal	29	6	20	3	15	62	102

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	28	17	5	6	40	97	71
N.Y. Rangers	26	18	5	3	39	79	67
Carolina	25	18	6	1	37	81	55
Pittsburgh	27	14	8	5	33	80	70
Columbus	25	13	11	1	27	81	82
New Jersey	26	10	11	5	25	76	90
Philadelphia	25	9	12	4	22	61	86
N.Y. Islanders	23	7	11	5	19	54	72

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	26	19	6	1	39	101	74
St. Louis	27	15	8	4	34	94	76
Nashville	27	16	10	1	33	80	75
Colorado	24	15	7	2	32	106	82
Winnipeg	27	13	9	5	31	82	76
Dallas	24	13	9	2	28	68	68
Chicago	27	10	15	2	22	62	86
Arizona	26	5	19	2	12	46	97

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	27	15	6	6	36	85	58
Anaheim	29	15	9	5	35	91	80
Edmonton	25	16	9	0	32	89	77
Vegas	26	15	11	0	30	89	81
San Jose	27	14	12	1	29	73	76
Los Angeles	25	11	10	4	26	68	67
Vancouver	28	11	15	2	24	70	84
Seattle	26	9	15	2	20	73	93

Saturday's Games

Ottawa 4, Tampa Bay 0

Pittsburgh 1, Anaheim 0

St. Louis 4, Montreal 1

Toronto 5, Chicago 4

Washington 3, Buffalo 2, SO

N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 2

Philadelphia at Arizona, late

Boston at Calgary, late

Carolina at Edmonton, late

Columbus at Seattle, late

Dallas at San Jose, late

Minnesota at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

Anaheim at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Florida at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Vegas, 9 p.m.

Carolina at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Activated TE Hayden Hurst from injured reserve. Signed RB Qadree Ollison from the practice squad. Waived RB Wayne Gallman. Elevated S Shawn Williams from the practice squad to the active roster.

BUFFALO BILLS — Elevated LB Joe Giles-Harris, DT Brandin Bryant and DT Eli Ankou from the practice squad to the active roster. Activated OL Jon Feliciano from injured reserve. Released OL Jamil Douglas.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Elevated LBs Keandre Jones and Austin Calitro from the practice squad to the active roster.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Activated LB Jacob Philips from injured reserve. Waived WR Ja'Marcus Bradley. Elevated WR JoJo Natson, CB Herb Miller and S Jovante Moffatt from the practice squad to the active roster.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived DT Justin Hamilton.

DETROIT LIONS — Placed LB Tavante Beckett reserve/COVID-19 list. Signed RB Rodney Smith from the practice squad. Elevated CBs Parnell Motley, Corey Ballentine, Nickell

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 7 - 9	PICK 5 (late) 7 - 7 - 5 - 4 - 4
PICK 2 (late) 7 - 4	FANTASY 5 Unavailable
PICK 3 (early) 5 - 4 - 0	LOTTO Unavailable
PICK 3 (late) 0 - 1 - 4	POWERBALL Unavailable
PICK 4 (early) 0 - 5 - 7 - 6	POWER BALL Unavailable
PICK 4 (late) 4 - 6 - 7 - 5	CASH 4 LIFE 3 - 11 - 17 - 44 - 53
PICK 5 (early) 9 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 0	CASH BALL 1

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 2 – 5 – 25 – 33 – 38 – 45

4-of-5 MB	No winner
4-of-5	13 winners\$500
3-of-5 MB	42 \$200
3-of-5	1,044 \$10
2-of-5 MB	954 \$10
Fantasy 5:	16 – 18 – 23 – 26 – 27
5-of-5	3 winners \$66,079
4-of-5	213 \$150
3-of-5	8,221 \$10.50
Cash 4 Life:	17 – 33 – 40 – 53 – 60
Cash Ball:	3
5-of-5 CB	No winner
5-of-5	No winner

Mega Millions: 23 – 25 – 40 – 42 – 60

Mega Ball: 8

5-of-5 MB No winner

5-of-5 No winner

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

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

AUTO RACING

7:55 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Racing Abu Dhabi Grand Prix

8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Formula 1 Racing Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (Same-day Tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

12 p.m. (ESPN2) Florida State at South Carolina

12 p.m. (FS1) College Basketball Colgate at St. John's

2 p.m. (ESPN2) Virginia Tech at Dayton

3 p.m. (ABC) Villanova at Baylor

4 p.m. (ESPN2) Kent State at West Virginia

4 p.m. (ESPNU) NJIT at Northwestern

7 p.m. (ACCN) Monmouth at Pittsburgh

7:30 p.m. (FS1) Rutgers at Seton Hall

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. (ESPN) Kentucky at Louisville

1 p.m. (SEC) Florida State at Florida

3 p.m. (ESPN) Maryland at South Carolina

3 p.m. (SEC) New Orleans at Auburn

NBA

1 p.m. (NBA) G League: Cleveland Charge at Wisconsin Herd

9:30 p.m. (BSFL) Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Lakers

HORSE RACING

2 p.m. (FS1) America's Day at the Races

NFL

1 p.m. (6 CBS) Jacksonville Jaguars at Tennessee Titans

1 p.m. (10 CBS) Las Vegas Raiders at Kansas City Chiefs

1 p.m. (FOX) Dallas Cowboys at Washington Football Team

4:25 p.m. (CBS) Buffalo Bills at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

8:20 p.m. (NBC) Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers

CFL

6 p.m. (ESPN2) 2021 Grey Cup: Winnipeg Blue Bombers vs Hamilton Tiger-Cats

GOLF

12 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour QBE Shootout, Final Round

2 p.m. (NBC) PGA Tour QBE Shootout, Final Round

HOCKEY

3 p.m. (NHL) AHL: Hartford Wolf Pack at Lehigh Valley Phantoms

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE

8 a.m. (ESPNU) 2021 National Cup Championship: Burning River at Blue Star (Same-day Tape)

9:30 a.m. (ESPNU) 2021 National Cup Championship: South Jersey at Lake Effect Storm (Same-day Tape)

11 a.m. (ESPNU) 2021 National Cup Championship: South Jersey at Team 91 (Same-day Tape)

12:30 p.m. (ESPNU) 2021 National Cup Championship: Precision at Lake Effect Storm (Same-day Tape)

RUGBY

2:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) European Champions Cup: Ospreys vs Sale Sharks (Same-day Tape)

SKATING

4 p.m. (NBC) Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final

9 p.m. (NBCSPT) Speed Skating ISU World Cup (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

8:55 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League: Burnley vs West Ham United

10 a.m. (ACCN) Men's ACC Championship: Notre Dame at Duke (Taped)

11:25 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League: Crystal Palace vs Everton

12 p.m. (ACCN) Women's ACC Championship: Teams TBA (Taped)

2 p.m. (ESPNU) NCAA College Cup Final: Teams TBA

TENNIS

6 a.m. (TENNIS) Florianapolis-ATP Challenger, Maia-ATP Challenger, Angers-WTA 125, Singles & Doubles Finals

WINTER SPORTS

1 p.m. (NBC) FIS Snowboarding Copper Mountain

4:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Women's Super-G (Taped)

5:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) IBU Biathlon World Cup: Men's 4x7.5km Relay (Same-day Tape)

7 p.m. (NBCSPT) IBU Biathlon World Cup: Women's 10km Pursuit (Same-day Tape)

8 p.m. (NBCSPT) IBU Biathlon World Cup: Women's 7.5km Sprint (Same-day Tape)

11 p.m. (NBCSPT) IBU Biathlon World Cup: Women's 4x6km Relay (Taped)

COLLEGE WRESTLING

6 p.m. (ESPNU) Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (Same-day Tape)

Robey-Coleman, LB Curtis Bolton, DE Bruce Hector and TE Shane Zylstra from the practice squad to the active roster.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Activated LB DeVondre Campbell from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed WR Randall Cobb on injured reserve.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Elevated WR Phillip Dorsett from the practice squad to the active roster. Elevated DB Grayland Arnold and DL Chris Smith from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed WR Damon Hazelton to the practice squad. Placed RB Jaylen Samuels on reserve/COVID-19 list.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed DB Chris Lammons on injured reserve.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Placed ILB Kyler Fackrell on injured reserve.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Placed CB Robert Rochell on injured reserve.

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS) Signed LB Will Compton to the active roster. Activated CB Trayvon Mullen and DT Darius Philon from injured reserve. Activated WR Tyron Johnson, LB Javin White and RB Trey Ragas from the practice squad. Waived DT Damion Square.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed RB Salvon Ahmed on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bishop's career ending over knee issue, GM says

DALLAS — Dallas Stars goalie Ben Bishop's career is over because of a degenerative condition in his right knee, general manager Jim Nill said Saturday.

The Stars recalled Bishop from a conditioning assignment with the Texas Stars of the AHL after he allowed eight goals on 34 shots in his only game. The 35-year-old was placed on long-term injured reserve and is set to talk to reporters Tuesday.

"It's no secret, he has a degenerative knee injury and he went down there, he wanted to be a big part of this," Nill told The Dallas Morning News in San Jose, California, where the Stars were playing Saturday night. "In the end, by going through the process, going down there and playing, he found out that it's the end of his career."

Bishop's \$29.5 million, six-year contract runs through the 2022-23 season. Dallas signed Bishop after acquiring him from the Los Angeles Kings for a fourth-round pick in 2017.

The last game for Bishop was a 6-3 loss to Colorado in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals in the playoff bubble in Canada on Aug. 31, 2020. Battling the knee injury, Bishop played once in each of the first three playoff series. The Stars reached the Stanley Cup Final behind Anton Khudobin, losing to Tampa Bay in six games.

Bishop had surgery for a torn meniscus after the pandemic-altered 2019-20 season and missed all of the shortened 2020-21 season, when Dallas missed the playoffs.

Bishop was Tampa Bay's starter in 2014-15, when the Lightning came within two victories of the title. Stars coach Rick Bowness was an assistant on that team.

Bishop was 222-128-36 with a 2.32 goals-against average and .921 save percentage in 413 games over 11 seasons with five teams. He was a three-time Vezina Trophy finalist, including with the Stars in 2018-19.

Oregon hires Georgia DC Lanning as head coach

Oregon hired Georgia defensive coordinator Dan Lanning as head coach Saturday, completing a search for Mario Cristobal's replacement that took less than a week.

Cristobal was hired away from Oregon by Miami on Monday. Five days later, the Ducks landed on the 35-year-old Lanning, who will be a first-time head coach after spending the last four years at Georgia, the previous three leading one of the best defenses in the country.

"We are staged for success and I look forward to building on the strong foundation that currently exists in Eugene," Lanning said in a statement. "Our goal is to win championships and develop our players both on and off the field."

No. 3 Georgia (12-1) has the top-ranked defense in the country this season and will play No. 2 Michigan in the College Football Playoff at the Orange Bowl on Dec. 31.

Georgia coach Kirby Smart said in a statement that Lanning would stay with the team through its playoff run.

Slow Down Andy ends Baffert's winning streak

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. — Slow Down Andy upset heavily favored Messier by a length to win the \$300,000 Los Alamitos Futurity on Saturday, snapping trainer Bob Baffert's seven-year winning streak in the race for 2-year-olds.

Ridden by Mario Gutierrez, Slow Down Andy ran 1 1/16 miles in 1:42.33. The son of 2016 Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist paid \$12.40 and \$3.40 as the 5-1 third choice in the wagering.

Messier, who won his two previous races by a combined 10 lengths, paid \$2.10 to place. He finished nine lengths ahead of stablemate Barossa. Both are trained by Baffert, who had won the Futurity every year since 2014.

Baffert won three other races on Saturday's card at the Orange County track.

— From wire reports

Jackson, Clippers beat Magic



Associated Press
Los Angeles Clippers guard Luke Kennard (5) shoots over Orlando Magic guard R.J. Hampton (13) during the first half of Saturday's game, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even though the Los Angeles Clippers were missing Paul George, there weren't any doubts on who they were going to with the game on the line Saturday against the Orlando Magic.

Reggie Jackson hit a step-back jumper with 2.2 seconds remaining to give the Clippers a 106-104 victory over the Orlando Magic on Saturday.

"When Paul isn't out there, Reggie is going to take that shot," Clippers guard Terance Mann said.

Jackson had nine of his 25 points points in the final three minutes. He hit the winning 20-footer following a timeout after Orlando tied it at 104 on Cole Anthony's 3-pointer with 23.6 seconds left.

Jackson said his confidence was waning a bit after he air balled a 3-point attempt with 1:04 remaining, but Luke Kennard said during a timeout that the players and coaching staff made sure to let Jackson know they had his back.

"As soon as I was about to get down on myself, Luke said to stay confident. It was easy to dig deep down and find something else in there," Jackson said. "I knew where I wanted to get to

on the floor (on the final possession) and the shot dropped."

Orlando's Terrence Ross missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and the Clippers held on for their third straight victory. Ross, who had 22 points off the bench and made all 13 of his free-throw attempts, said he had a good look and missed it.

Anthony led the Magic with 23 points, hitting five 3-pointers.

"You call the timeout, you have 2.2 left on the clock and the one thing you ask for in a game like this on the road is that you get a good look, you get the shot you want. Whether it goes in or doesn't, you gave yourself an opportunity on the road to win the game," coach Jamahl Mosley said after Orlando dropped its four straight and 14 of its last 16.

Jazz 123, Wizards 98

WASHINGTON — Donovan Mitchell scored 28 points, Rudy Gobert had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Utah routed Washington for their seventh straight victory.

Hassan Whiteside added 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Bradley Beal scored 21 points for Washington. The Wizards lost for the fourth time in five games and for the ninth time in 14.

Cowboys’ easy ride in NFC East not so easy any longer

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

When November began, the NFC East was all about the run-away Cowboys.

Now in December, it could become about surging Washington (6-6) if it can beat Dallas (8-4) on Sunday.

A division that was won by Washington in 2020 with a 7-9 record will be up for grabs – with even Philadelphia in the mix – should Dallas falter in this rivalry game.

“It’s definitely a critical game,” says Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott, who is battling a right knee injury that has limited his production. “They’re playing very good football, I think, what like four wins in a row?”

Correct, Zeke.

“And they’re a little banged up but seems like they haven’t really missed much of a beat and they’ve been having good game plans.”

Washington also isn’t feeding on the dregs of the league, with wins over Tampa Bay and Las Vegas during its recent streak. That string has occurred even though 2020 Defensive Rookie of the Year Chase Young has been sidelined.

Quarterback Taylor Heinicke looks as if he’s earning a future contract in the nation’s capital. Proven coach Ron Rivera seems to have his team peaking as it heads to five consecutive division contests to finish the schedule, an NFL first.

“I have a blind faith, I guess,” Rivera says, looking back at a 2-6 mark. “I got a lot of confidence in our guys. I got a lot of confidence in our coaches and I just think that it’s unfortunate, but we were most certainly better than what our record said. I know you are what your record said, but I didn’t believe that.

“I do think that when guys believe in something and they really feel they have a chance, all they need is that opportunity. And that’s what we are hoping to create. To get to where we are right now, with the opportunity with the door wide open, now we just got to step through it.”

The action began with Minnesota surviving 36-28 against Pittsburgh on Thursday night.

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Los Angeles Rams (8-4) at Arizona (10-2), Monday night

A win gives the Cardinals their first postseason berth since 2015. They snapped a seven-game losing streak against the Rams earlier this season, part of going 4-0 in the division.

But Rams coach Sean McVay is 8-1 against the Cardinals, and LA has the playmakers on both sides of the ball to make things difficult for Arizona. Cooper Kupp leads the NFL with 1,366 yards receiving and 11 touchdown catches.

The Cardinals will look to establish running back James Conner, who has scored at least one touchdown in six straight games.

San Francisco (6-6) at Cincinnati (7-5)

Two contenders for wild-card playoff slots who come off losses.

San Francisco forced four fumbles at Seattle, yet fell. The Niners lead the NFL with 18 forced fumbles. Two keys to stopping them: The 49ers rank second in the NFL in gaining 6.31 yards per play on first down and have converted a league-best 77.4 percent of red-zone drives into touchdowns.

Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow is nursing a damaged finger, but will play. The Cincinnati offense is third in red-zone TD rate (69.7 percent). Tee Higgins has emerged as another playmaker for Burrow. He had nine catches for 138 yards and a touchdown last week against the Chargers, and six receptions for 114 yards and a touchdown the previous week vs. the Steelers.

Baltimore (8-4) at Cleveland (6-6)

Hey, didn’t these guys just duke it out two weeks ago?,

Yep. Indeed, this is the first time Cleveland, coming off a bye, has faced the same opponent in consecutive games in the regular season since 1957, when the Browns split a pair with the Eagles.

Ravens coach John Harbaugh is 23-4 against Cleveland, including 11-2 at FirstEnergy Stadium. Since 1950, only Hall of Fame coach Chuck Noll (25-21) has more victories against the Browns. And Baltimore has won four straight and 11 of 14 against the Browns since 2014. Plus, the Ravens’ 14-3 record in December since 2018 is the NFL’s best for the month.

Both offenses are struggling. The Browns haven’t scored more than 17 points in six of the past seven games. Baltimore has been held under 20 points in five of its past six games, going 3-3 in that span after a 5-1 start.

Chicago (4-8) at Green Bay (9-3)

Another chance for Aaron Rodgers to show the Bears “I still own you,” as he yelled after he beat them in Chicago in October. The Packers have gone 22-5 against the Bears in games Rodgers has started. In one of the five losses, Rodgers left with an injury after the Packers’ opening series.

“I feel good about being able to leave this at some point with us ahead, which you never know, it’s been an ebb and flow in this rivalry, and it’s been fun to get back ahead in the all-time series,” says Rodgers, referring to Green Bay’s 102-95-6 mark in the league’s oldest rivalry.

The Bears, who have dropped six of seven, should have rookie quarterback Justin Fields back from broken ribs.



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) carries the ball as Washington Football Team’s Cole Holcomb (55) and Chase Young (99) give chase during the second half of a Nov. 26 game in Arlington, Texas.

Las Vegas (6-6) at Kansas City (8-4)

The Chiefs go for a sixth straight victory, and taking on a sieve of a secondary like the Raiders have could provide a boost to a somewhat sputtering attack. Patrick Mahomes had another difficult game against Denver, throwing for 184 yards with an interception and no TD passes. The Las Vegas pass defense is allowing just over 230 yards per game. Mahomes threw for 406 yards with five touchdowns and no picks in a 41-14 win for Kansas City earlier this season.

The Chiefs have won seven of the past eight in the series. Las Vegas, losers of four of the past five outings, is 6-0 when Derek Carr throws for at least 300 yards and 0-6 when he doesn’t.

New York Giants (4-8) at Los Angeles Chargers (7-5)

Both sides have concerns about who won’t be available. Chargers receivers Keenan Allen is out, and Mike Williams and cornerback Chris Harris Jr. are in COVID-19 protocol, but could test out before Sunday and play.

Giants QB Mike Glennon will start after he cleared concussion protocol, but could be dealing with a diminished receiving corps. Starting quarterback Daniel Jones remains sidelined because of a neck injury.

The Chargers have won four straight against the Giants, who have lost their past four games this season on the road. They will be guaranteed a fifth consecutive losing record with a defeat.

Jacksonville (2-10) at Tennessee (8-4)

Can’t be a much better way to

come off a bye than facing the lowly Jaguars. Tennessee hopes to be healthier, too, but the Titans have 18 players on injured reserve, and standout safety Kevin Byard on the COVID-19 list. They have used an NFL-high 86 players.

The Titans have won four straight and eight of the past nine against the Jaguars. They also have won seven straight in Nashville.

Only four players on Jacksonville’s roster even have wins at Nissan Stadium, and none of them came with the Jaguars. Receiver Tavon Austin, defensive tackle Malcom Brown, running back Carlos Hyde and defensive end Jihad Ward are the lone Jaguars with wins in Nashville.

Detroit (1-10-1) at Denver (6-6)

For the Lions to get another win after securing their first against Minnesota – thanks, Vikings, for that absurd defensive scheme on the final drive – they will need to stop the run. Rookie RB Javonte Williams has emerged for Denver and Detroit’s run defense ranks 28th, allowing 131 yards a game.

Keep an eye on Denver rookie cornerback Patrick Surtain II, who has three interceptions in his past two games and four overall. He leads all rookies with a dozen pass breakups, has a pass breakup in eight consecutive games, the longest active streak in the NFL.

This is just the third time since 2017 the Broncos are favored by more than a touchdown.

New Orleans (5-7) at New York Jets (3-9)

With New Orleans getting back its top offensive player, running back Alvin Kamara, maybe the Saints can end their first five-

game slide since the 2005 season, the year before Sean Payton was hired as coach. New York allowed 418 total yards in a loss to Philadelphia, the sixth time this season the Jets have given up at least 400 in a game. Yes, that’s Kamara smiling.

New York’s best chance might come on special teams. Braxton Berrios ranks first among players with 15 or more kickoff returns with a 28.9 average, helped by his 79-yard return on the opening kickoff last Sunday. He’s also among the league leaders with a 13.6 average on punt runbacks.

Atlanta (5-7) at Carolina (5-7)

Like a few teams in 2021, the Falcons enjoy road trips more than home cooking. The Falcons are 5-2 away from home, including a win over the Jets in London; the Panthers are 2-4 at home.

The Panthers have not won at Bank of America Stadium since beating the Saints 26-7 on Sept. 19. QB Cam Newton has lost his past 10 starts for Carolina.

Seattle (4-8) at Houston (2-10)

The Seahawks certainly have learned how to handle early games. Handling the Texans might not be much of a chore, either.

This will be the second 10 a.m. PST kickoff of the season for Seattle. The Seahawks are 20-7 in their past 27 games in that situation, including wins in 12 of the past 13.

Houston coach David Culley has benched veteran QB Tyrod Taylor for rookie Davis Mills, who threw eight interceptions with seven touchdowns in 6½ games filling in when Taylor was injured.

NFC Individual Leaders					
Quarterbacks					
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Brady, TB	508	347	3771	34	10
Stafford, LAR	438	292	3611	30	9
Cousins, Min	477	319	3569	27	5
Prescott, Dal	416	287	3170	23	8
Ryan, Atl	420	286	2914	16	11
Aa.Rodgers, GB	373	247	2878	23	4
Heinicke, Was	393	267	2809	18	11
Garoppolo, SF	310	207	2641	15	8
Goff, Det	399	266	2576	13	7
Hurts, Phi	351	211	2435	13	8
Rushers					
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Cook, Min	198	978	4.9	66	6
Gibson, Was	206	800	3.9	27	5
Elliott, Dal	173	765	4.4	47	8
Mitchell, SF	165	759	4.6	39	5
Hurts, Phi	122	695	5.7	31	8
Fournette, TB	152	665	4.4	28t	7
Henderson, LAR	142	648	4.6	29	5
Conner, Ari	166	630	3.8	35	12
Pollard, Dal	107	602	5.6	58t	2
Sanders, Phi	112	578	5.2	34	0
Receivers					
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Kupp, LAR	100	1366	13.7	59	11
Jefferson, Min	85	1288	15.2	56	8
Adams, GB	80	1083	13.5	59	5
Samuel, SF	56	1006	18.0	83	5
Godwin, TB	82	949	11.6	44	5
Lockett, Sea	57	881	15.5	69t	4
Moore, Car	66	854	12.9	64	4
Lamb, Dal	57	829	14.5	49t	6
McLaurin, Was	61	808	13.2	40t	5
Evans, TB	57	794	13.9	46	10
Punters					
	No	Yds	Lg	Avg	
Lee, Ari	41	2042	62	49.8	
Fox, Det	53	2621	70	49.5	
Anger, Dal	46	2262	63	49.2	
Way, Was	36	1752	66	48.7	
Gillikin, NO	55	2655	63	48.3	
Dickson, Sea	66	3158	68	47.8	
Bojorquez, GB	38	1817	82	47.8	
Berry, Min	54	2535	63	46.9	
Wishnowsky, SF	38	1765	67	46.4	
Morstead, Atl	33	1547	59	46.0	
Punt Returners					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Raymond, Det	17	197	11.6	48	0
Harris, NO	17	191	11.2	26	0
Grant, Chi	19	171	8.9	22	0
Westbrook, Min	22	183	8.3	45	0
Erickson, Car	20	166	8.3	22	0
Moore, Ari	19	153	8.1	27	0
Aiyuk, SF	21	162	7.7	27	0
Am.Rodgers, GB	16	106	6.6	17	0
Reagor, Phi	23	148	6.4	22	0
A.Williams, Atl	17	105	6.2	15	0

Kickoff Returners										
No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD						
17	489	28.8	100t		Allen, LAC	86	929	10.8	42	
28	699	25.0	101t	1	Diggs, Buf	71	898	12.6	61	
23	556	24.2	41	0	Pittman, Ind	67	882	13.2	57	
22	533	23.7	34	0	Williams, LAC	55	854	15.5	72t	
25	591	23.6	39	0	Waddle, Mia	86	849	9.9	57	
26	596	22.9	38	0	Kelce, KC	70	848	12.1	46t	
16	328	20.5	68	0	Brown, Bal	65	825	12.7	49t	
						No	Yds	Lg	Avg	
Scoring Touchdowns						49	2505	71	51.1	
TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts		30	1453	68	48.4	
14	12	2	0	84	Townsend, KC	40	1900	71	47.5	
11	0	11	0	66	Bailey, NE	53	2505	68	47.3	
10	0	10	0	60	Cooke, Jac	36	1695	69	47.1	
10	5	5	0	60	Long, LAC	66	3092	69	46.8	
10	0	10	0	60	Johnston, Hou	45	2094	61	46.5	
9	8	1	0	54	Huber, Cin	47	2139	68	45.5	
9	7	2	0	54	Martin, Den	47	2124	79	45.2	
9	4	5	0	54	Sanchez, Ind	52	2339	57	45.0	
Kicking						Punt Returners				
PAT	FG	LG	Pts			No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
27/31	27/32	55	108		Duvernay, Bal	25	360	14.4	42	0
35/36	23/24	54	104		Olsewski, NE	23	288	12.5	27	0
33/33	22/24	58	99		Rogers, Ten	18	181	10.1	22	0
40/41	17/22	62	91		McKenzie, Buf	17	148	8.7	26	0
14/14	25/29	55	89		McCloud, Pit	27	235	8.7	19	0
44/47	15/18	48	89		Renfrow, Las	19	164	8.6	21	0
25/29	21/24	50	88		Spencer, Den	20	171	8.6	25	0
25/28	21/26	56	88		Felton, Cle	30	227	7.6	24	0
31/32	18/27	54	85		Phillips, Cin	21	157	7.5	17	0
19/20	20/22	57	79		Hines, Ind	22	163	7.4	16	0
AFC Individual Leaders										
						Kickoff Returners				
						No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Quarterbacks						18	520	28.9	79	0
Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int		15	382	25.5	47	0
451	306	3663	17	9	Berrios, NYJ	19	482	25.4	39	0
473	315	3547	27	11	Duvernay, Bal	22	548	24.9	75	0
478	309	3384	25	12	Pringle, KC	22	525	23.9	102t	1
440	289	3216	26	10	McKenzie, Buf	31	711	23.2	48	0
379	259	3135	23	14	Agnew, Jac	27	611	22.6	40	0
455	297	3066	19	7	Roberts, LAC	Scoring Touchdowns				
420	266	2948	22	5	McCloud, Pit	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
384	270	2869	16	8		18	16	2	0	108
378	242	2865	16	13	Taylor, Ind	15	8	7	0	90
379	255	2775	16	7	Ekeler, LAC	14	12	2	0	84
Rushers						10	10	0	0	60
Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD		9	9	0	0	54
241	1348	5.6	83	16	Henry, Ten	9	6	3	0	54
227	978	4.3	32	12	Harris, NE	8	0	8	0	48
219	937	4.3	76t	10	Harris, Pit	8	0	8	0	48
237	873	3.7	23	6	Chase, Cin	Kicking				
150	867	5.8	70t	6	Hill, KC	PAT	FG	LG	Pts	
131	782	5.8	31	2		29/33	33/36	53	128	
164	754	4.6	64t	9	Folk, NE	23/25	27/30	56	104	
137	678	4.9	58	7	Carlson, Las	35/35	21/25	57	98	
140	670	4.8	49	2	Bass, Buf	23/23	25/27	66	98	
149	663	4.5	28	8	Tucker, Bal	22/24	24/26	56	94	
Receivers						35/37	18/21	54	89	
No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD		25/29	21/24	50	88	
81	990	12.2	50t	6	McPherson, Cin	33/35	18/21	56	87	
55	958	17.4	82t	8	Hopkins, LAC	29/32	18/21	51	83	
86	954	11.1	75t	8	Butker, KC	22/23	19/22	53	79	
					Bullock, Ten					
					McManus, Den					

Parise, Greene lead Islanders to first win at new arena

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The New York Islanders finally won a game at their new arena on Saturday evening, beating division rival New Jersey 4-2 with the help of two former Devils captains.

Andy Greene scored the game-tying goal and Zach Parise had the go-ahead goal in the second period to give the Islanders their second win in three games. Noah Dobson and Jean-Gabriel Pageau also scored, and Ilya Sorokin made 30 saves, while Mathew Barzal extended his point streak to six games with two assists.

Jesper Bratt and Jack Hughes scored for New Jersey, but the Devils fell for the sixth time in their last seven games. Akira Schmid stopped 25 of 29 shots in his NHL debut. The Devils were without captain Nico Hischier and defenseman Ryan Graves, announcing before the game started that both were in COVID-19 protocol.

The Islanders’ seven-game winless streak at UBS Arena had been the longest stretch in NHL history to open a new arena.

Greene knotted the score at 2-2 with a wrist shot that sailed past the left pad of Schmid at 8:33 of the middle frame. Barzal and Josh Bailey assisted the play.

Parise gave the Islanders a 3-2 lead when he scored his first of the season – and first as an Islander – with 3 1/2 minutes left in the second period while the team was shorthanded. Pageau collected a bouncing puck in the neutral zone and then delivered a spinning, backhanded pass to Parise all alone into the offensive zone.

The 37-year-old Parise signed a one-year deal with the Islanders this summer after the Minnesota Wild bought out the remaining four years of the 13-year contract he signed in July 2012.

Pageau extended the Islanders’ lead to 4-2 at 9:37 of the third period when Oliver Wahlstrom’s cross-ice feed set up the one-time opportunity.

Bratt opened the scoring for New Jersey late in the first period when defenseman Jonas Siegenthaler’s pass helped the Swedish winger get behind the Islanders’ defense. The 23-year-old leads the team in



Jim McIsaac / AP

New York Islanders left wing Zach Parise (11) celebrates his shorthanded goal against the New Jersey Devils with Jean-Gabriel Pageau (44) during the second period of Saturday's game, in Elmont, N.Y.

scoring with 24 points and extended his point streak to five games.

Dobson tied it up with about two minutes left in the first, but Hughes responded with a slap shot past Sorokin’s glove 40 seconds later to give the Devils a 2-1 lead going into the second period.

Brock Nelson (lower-body injury) and Casey Cizikas (COVID-19 protocol) returned to the Isles’ lineup after missing seven and five games respectively.

Penguins 1, Ducks 0

PITTSBURGH — Casey DeSmith stopped 33 shots and Brock McGinn scored as Pittsburgh extended its winning streak to four games with a victory over Anaheim.

DeSmith earned his seventh career shutout and first of the season. He also won consecutive games in his sixth appearance.

McGinn scored his seventh of the season on Pittsburgh’s first

shot of the game, 5:12 into the first period. Sidney Crosby’s seven-game point streak ended.

John Gibson stopped 15 of 16 shots through two periods for Anaheim before he left with a lower-body injury. Anthony Stolarz started the third period and made 13 saves.

Maple Leafs 5, Blackhawks 4

TORONTO — David Kampf took a lucky carom off the end boards and scored with 1:20 left in the third period to give Toronto a win over Chicago.

As Chicago goalie Kevin Lankinen went behind his net to stop Morgan Rielly’s shot into the zone, the puck bounced to Kampf, who scored an easy goal against his former team. Lankinen gave up five goals on 26 shots.

William Nylander had a goal and two assists, John Tavares and Aus-

ton Matthews each had a goal and an assist and Pierre Engvall also scored for Toronto, which won for the second time in five games without injured forward Mitch Marner. Toronto’s Petr Mrazek made 31 saves.

Jonathan Toews, Connor Murphy, Dominik Kubalik and Jake McCabe scored for the Blackhawks.

Blues 4, Canadiens 1

ST. LOUIS — Charlie Lindgren made 22 saves and Pavel Buchnevich had a goal and assist, leading St. Louis over slumping Montreal.

Ivan Barbashev, Dakota Joshua and Torey Krug also scored for St. Louis. Lindgren, making his second start of the season, replaced Jordan Binnington, who remains in the NHL’s COVID-19 protocol.

Alexander Romanov scored for Montreal, ending the Canadiens’

scoring drought of 134:49. Montreal has lost six in a row. Jake Allen, who spent seven seasons in St. Louis, made 33 saves in his seventh straight start for the Canadiens.

Capitals 3, Sabres 2, SO

BUFFALO — T.J. Oshie and Evgeny Kuznetsov scored in the shootout, leading Washington past Buffalo.

Martin Fehervary and Lars Eller scored in regulation, and Vitek Vanecek stopped 29 shots for the Capitals, who rebounded from Friday’s 4-2 loss to Pittsburgh to earn a point for the 11th time in 12 games.

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 40 saves for the Sabres, who got goals from Vinnie Hinostroza and Will Butcher. Buffalo snapped a streak of five regulation losses but extended its seven-game winless skid and fell to 3-14-3 over the past 20 games.

BUCS

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same stretch.

Allen is confident the Bills can pull out of the funk.

“There’s no panic in our locker room. We’re extremely united right now with what we need to do,” the quarterback said. “We’re a hungry team and we want to go out there and prove what type of team we are, not to (the media) or anybody else, but to ourselves because we know the type of guys that we have in this locker room and the team

that we can be.”

The Bucs, meanwhile, seem to be rounding into form after a two-game skid wrapped around last month’s bye week.

Brady has guided the team to three straight wins and is leading the league with 3,771 yards passing and 34 TDs.

“From a film and opposition point of view, I would say I think he’s playing as good a football as I’ve seen him play and he’s played, as we know, really good football,” Bills coach Sean McDermott said of the 44-year-old quarterback. “So credit

to him, credit to how they’re using him down there and where he is in his career. We have a lot of respect for that.”

Red-zone blues

Questions are being raised as to whether McDermott and offensive coordinator Brian Daboll are on the same page. Asked about Daboll’s offensive game plan following the loss Monday night, McDermott took issue with the Bills scoring 10 points on four trips inside the Patriots 20.

A day later, McDermott was a little more diplomat-

ic, by saying: “Challenges are different every year, and those are the things we’re working through to get fixed and make sure we are all on the same page. I believe we are.”

Free Gabe Davis?

Bills receiver Gabriel Davis is making the case for more playing time after catching two of four passes thrown his way for 30 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown while playing only 16 offensive snaps on Monday night. Veteran off-season free-agent addition Emmanuel Sanders, mean-

time, caught three of six passes in his direction for 22 yards over 46 snaps.

Sanders hasn’t topped three catches for 30 yards in four straight outings, and not scored since a two-TD performance in a 38-20 win at Kansas City on Oct. 10. Davis has just 19 catches for 342 yards and three TDs in playing behind Sanders, a year after a rookie season in which he had 35 catches for 599 yards and seven TDs.

Tom Terrific

Brady has beaten the Bills nine straight times since a 17-9 loss to Buffalo in the

2014 season finale in which the QB played only the first half. Otherwise, he has lost just two games to the Bills in which he started and finished.

The seven-time Super Bowl champion has averaged 247.7 yards per game in his 35 career starts against Buffalo. He has also accounted for 72 touchdowns, including two rushing.

Former Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, who came out of retirement to join Brady in Tampa Bay, has had a lot of success against the Bills, too, with 69 receptions and 12 TD catches in 15 games.

BOLTS

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Ottawa’s special teams played a huge part in the victory over the defending Stanley Cup champions. The Senators scored two power-play goals and were perfect on the penalty kill as the Lightning went 0 of 5 with the man advantage.

“I think we weren’t as consistent getting into the zone,” Tampa’s Ryan McDonagh said. “We were a little sloppy on our break-ins. You can give (the Senators) cred-

it, they were gapped up well and making good reads and in good positions. If you’re not able to get into the zone clean and execute well there, it’s going to make it tough for you to gain the zone and get your looks going.”

While the Lightning were missing a number of key players, the win will go a long way for Ottawa, which has struggled to put a solid 60-minute effort together.

Senators coach D.J. Smith praised Tkachuk’s efforts and the attention to detail, especially in the final minutes of the game.

“He’s learning how to win in the NHL and it’s not an easy thing,” Smith said. “It’s not something that happens overnight. You’ve got to play games, you’ve got to lose games to learn, but that line especially, and then the rest of the guys, I thought they had really good legs, too, and they took care of the puck.

“There was no one cheating to try and win. It was a good, good team effort.”

Tkachuk capped his afternoon with an empty-net goal with just over three minutes remaining in regulation.

“We didn’t let off the gas all game, so I think we’re definitely proud of the effort,” Tkachuk said. “I think we just played the right way.”

The Senators opened the scoring midway through the first period, with Norris notching his 12th goal of the season on a one-timer off a great pass from Drake Batherson.

A pair of power-play goals in the second period by Tkachuk stretched the lead to 3-0. Elliott had come up with a couple of big saves, but was unable to stop Tkachuk. The goal was Tkachuk’s first power-play point of the season.

Two minutes later, Tkachuk scored again, deflecting in a Thomas Chabot point shot.

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The two teams meet again Thursday in Tampa with the season series tied 1-1.

UP NEXT

Tampa Bay hosts the Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday night

Notes: Tampa’s Anthony Cirelli missed his second straight game with an upper-body injury.

BOWLING SCORES

PARKVIEW LANES

League scores for the week ending Dec. 5, 2021:

PARKVIEW SENIORS

Handicap: Don Demers 261,714; John Marcucci 252; Kenny Piispanen 684; Theresa Sardonno 271; Rose Marcucci 262; Nellie Kintner 729; Dedi Obenauf 715. Scratch: Don Demers 202,537; Dick Newhall 193; Cesare Nicoletti 527; Theresa Sardonno 199; Rose Marcucci 192,490; Glenda Johnston 496.

MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Handicap: KE Conrad 300,775; Dennis Emery 270; Larry McGarvey 760; Stacey Christopher 270; Peggy Rummler 269; Donna Emery 730; Jeanette McWilliams 722. Scratch: Derek Fish 257,695; Ryan Aguilar 246,715; Peggy Rummler 223,551; Renee Boyce 201; Jeanette McWilliams 533.

PRESERVE PINBUSTERS

Handicap: Chuck Wright 280; Ron Warner 274,748; Chuck Reese 734; Yvonne Reeves 257; Terri Furniss 249,719; Judi Summers 249,717; Carrie Rubertello 249. Scratch: Bob Wright 242; Steve Strohshmitter 226,611; Jeff Koch 599; Shirley Tenity 177,476; Carrie Rubertello 169; Joyce Swarm 465.

SANDY OAKS FALL

Handicap: Jim Clark 262; Ken Briggs 239; Richard Barnhill 674; Stuart Luedtke 661; Penny Nardin 233,624; Marcia Schick 227,643. Scratch: Jim Clark 244,564; Richard Barnhill 200,563; Marcia Schick 168,466; Marlene Hyde 154,408.

NFL III

Handicap: Jim Laurain 253,705; Rich Vehrs 252,706; Donna Carone 255,678; Betsy Bowman 247; Linda Vehrs 687. Scratch: Larry McGarvey 217,594; Jim Laurain 199,543; Bunny Higginbotham 184,503; Betsy Bowman 184; Donna

Carone 174,485.

WOMEN'S TRIO

Handicap: Lydia Veselsky 225; Nancy Vaughan 220,632; Rosemary Kinsey 615. Scratch: Nancy Vaughan 156,440; Donna Morris 153,411; Marcia Schick 411.

LATE STARTERS

Handicap: John Marcucci 275,735; Aaron Broughton 268,725; Janet Carthen 253,695; Courtney Cash 245,712. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 213,596; Aaron Broughton 210; Ted Rafanan 555; Pam Murphy 160,444; Rosemary Marcucci 154; Mae Johns 413.

WEDNESDAY SCRATCH TRIO

Michael Harrison 290,769; Ryan Aguilar 289,712; Terry Rummier II 706; Stephanie Flory 244,659; Lisa Pozzi 235,656.

7-9-8 NOTAP

Handicap: KE Conrad 337,892; Jack Hogan 335,854; Shirley Tenity 343; Marilyn Seymour 339; Linda Ferguson 885; Nancy Vaughan 869. Scratch: Jack Hogan 300,749; Bill Johnson 300; K E Conrad 296,769; Marilyn Seymour 300,751; Shirley Tenity 300; Jette Hansen 276; Glenda Johnston 709.

GOOD TIMES

Handicap: Bob Krueger 245,688; Alan Murray 238; Jerry Ness 678; Laura Bonadonna 231,587; Janet Murray 218,602. Scratch: Jerry Ness 208,597; David Cross 203,552; Janet Murray 201,551; Laura Bonadonna 169,398.

HOLDER HOTSHOTS

Handicap: Richard Hickey 302,799; Robbie Yoakum 295; Joel Bott 699; Hattie Chives 265,701; Judy Hindbaugh 261; Dawn Rivera 688. Scratch: Robbie Yoakum 275,621; Richard Hickey 267,694; Judy Hindbaugh 186,453; Lauren Dolphin 166,430.

T.G.I.F.

Handicap: Bill Spreen 291,773; John Casdia 267; Ray Botts 748; Pam Levart 271; Susan Dantoni 265,701; Lisa Stewart 265; Pinny Lane 722. Scratch: Bill Spreen

253,659; Tony Hyatt 244,673; Susan Dantoni 246,644; Pam Levart 215; Kathie Weavering 533.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED

Handicap: Terry Rummier II 280,782; P J Ireland 268; Tony Hyatt 747; Marla Carr 284,727; Carol Anderson 280,721. Scratch: Terry Rummier II 280,782; P J Ireland 268,729; Carol Anderson 234,583; Marla Carr 231,568.

PIN PALS

Handicap: Trevor Zuppa 269,676; Justin Rose 263; Makaleb Washington 691; Destiny Snyder 235,658; Sarah Mercier 228,628. Scratch: Justin Rose 227,533; Cody Underwood 214,611; Destiny Snyder 146,391; Sarah Mercier 109,271.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Richard Hickey, 139 pins over his average, and Stephanie Flory, 128 pins over her average. Youth: Makaleb Washington, 25 pins over average; and Destiny Snyder and Megan Allen, 41 pins over their averages.

MANATEE LANES

MIDWEEK MIXERS

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME 180 & OVER - Kathy Pollari 189/199, Joyce Longfellow 192, Lisa Stewart 180.

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES 500 & OVER - Kathy Pollari 536.

MEN'S HIGH GAME 200 & OVER - Chuck Ahn 211/238, Eric Anderson 236(2), Bill Searies 203/236, Ken Sutton 204/229, Charles Beatty 225, Greg Barlow 207/212, Ives Chaves 212, Ralph Mejia 205.

MEN'S HIGH SERIES 525 & OVER - Eric Anderson 647, Chuck Ahn 612, Ken Sutton 608, Greg Barlow 607, Bill Searies 591, Ives Chaves 549.

TOTAL PINS OVER AVERAGE - Kathy Pollari 74 and Ken Sutton 62.

TUESDAY ODD BALLS

Men's High Game Hdcp, 280, Ron Larkin Men's High Series Hdcp, 738, Ernie Reed Jr. Men's High Game Scratch, 279, Rich Koller Men's High Series Scratch, 681, Bailey Allan

Women's High Game Hdcp, 255, Laurie Bixler Women's High Series Hdcp, 752, April Reed Women's High Game Scratch, 207, Kim Mullis

Women's High Series Scratch, 585, Patty Brennan

WEDNESDAY MATCH PLAY

Men's High Game Hdcp, 285, Tom Traywick Men's High Series Hdcp, 721, Ryan Duclos

THURSDAY POWDER PUFFS

Women's High Game Hdcp, 243, Beverly Hoey Women's High Series Hdcp, 708, Di McKinney

Women's High Game Scratch, 206, Chiki Morrell Women's High Series Scratch, 481, Lou Peters

THURSDAY FLORIDA POWER MIXERS

Men's High Game Hdcp, 284, Joe Clark Men's High Series Hdcp, 729, Deane Keyser Men's High Game Scratch, 258, Cody Mullis Men's High Series Scratch, 635, Matt Ivkovic

Women's High Game Hdcp, 273, Kim Mullis Women's High Series Hdcp, 666, Melissa Widerman

Women's High Game Scratch, 202, Danyelle Lee Women's High Series Scratch, 518, Krissy Koller

CITRUS HILLS MIXED

Men's High Game Hdcp, 263, Tom Hoey Men's High Series Hdcp, 677, Mike Krebs Men's High Game Scratch, 211, Matt Blaze-wicz

Women's High Series Hdcp, 654, Shelly Johnson Women's High Game Scratch, 172, Bev Hoey Women's High Series Scratch, 521, Susan Dantoni

FRIDAY FUN BUNCH

Men's High Game Hdcp, 278, Bird Zachary Men's High Series Hdcp, 720, Doug Hockenberry

Men's High Game Scratch, 279, Jeff Borre Men's High Series Scratch, 688, Mike Pozzi Women's High Game Hdcp, 272, Vicky Post

Women's High Series Hdcp, 712, Lee-Ann Stein Women's High Game Scratch, 234, Lisa Pozzi

Women's High Series Scratch, 576, Joyce Johnson

TUESDAY YOUTH

Boy's High Game Hdcp, 267, Payton Beville Boy's High Series Hdcp, 752, Robert Pierson

Boy's High Game Scratch, 268, Skyler Beville Boy's High Series Scratch, 697, Cody Underwood

Girl's High Game Hdcp, 230, Alyssa Kline Girl's High Series Hdcp, 650, Caydnce Balletto

Girl's High Game Scratch, 158, Kaitlyn Perrine Girl's High Series Scratch, 454, Alayna Lee

SPORTSMEN'S BOWL

His and Hers Men

Scratch Game, 232, Brad Ash Scratch Series, 636, Brad Ash

Women

Scratch Game, 188, Cathy Roof Scratch Series, 463, Edith Regan

Handicap Game, 265, Kathy Shampine Handicap Series, 734, Kathy Shampine

Tuesday Afternoon Mixed Men

Scratch Game, 214, Rich Murdock Scratch Series, 570, Robert Fisher

Handicap Game, 255, Rich Murdock Handicap Series, 651, Robert Fisher

Women

Scratch Game, 211, Peg Murdock Scratch Series, 488, Peg Murdock

Handicap Game, 273, Peg Murdock Handicap Series, 677, Lori Fisher

Firstnighters

Scratch Game, 279, Wayne Hill Scratch Series, 708, Lucas Rabb

Handicap Game, 332, Wayne Hill Handicap Series, 756, David Caudill

Wednesday Mixed Men

Scratch Game, 257, Eric Avery Scratch Series, 687, Eric Avery

Handicap Game, 268, Eric Avery Handicap Series, 735, Jeremy Taylor

Women

Scratch Game, 178, Carmen Carrero Scratch Series, 461, Carmen Carrero

Handicap Game, 241, Pat Avery Handicap Series, 704, Bob Manfredi

Pinbusters

Scratch Game, 186, Angela Hackerott Scratch Series, 509, Angela Hackerott

Handicap Game, 236, Dorothy Taffinger Handicap Series, 643, Rose Warnock

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Changes can be difficult to accept



Trina Murphy
MURPHY'S
LAW

Change is hard for everyone. I recall a time when we changed a program I regularly used at work. It was hard to use and I did not like it. The places I went for information were different, the buttons were in different spots and how I got that information was different. I was certain that I didn't like it. After some time I realized I was using this new program like a champ and it had grown on me. I now realize I'm now more

productive than I ever could have been on the old program and ... darn it, I like it. Here at the Chronicle, changes are happening all the time to meet the needs of consumers as well as to keep up with our changing industry. Recently, we changed the classified section of the newspaper to use a larger font and readers love it. Some of the tweaks you'll soon see might simply be the location of a column or design of a page.

Another change is related to the comic strips we publish. Comics are a funny thing; if you read them, you're passionate about them. If you don't read them, you don't even know they are there. This minor change may be slightly annoying for a few days, but I am certain we will get used to the change. Take a deep breath. We hope you'll enjoy some of the new comic strips we're adding to our pages. Another upcoming change

involves our delivery services. Many years ago, the Tampa Bay Times realized they could no longer sustain a carrier force covering Citrus County. That realization began a business relationship between the TBT and the Chronicle for delivery of their newspaper each day. Later, other newspapers such as the USA Today, Wall Street Journal, NY Post, NY Times, Tampa Bay TV Guide, Barrons and USA See **LAW/Page C3**

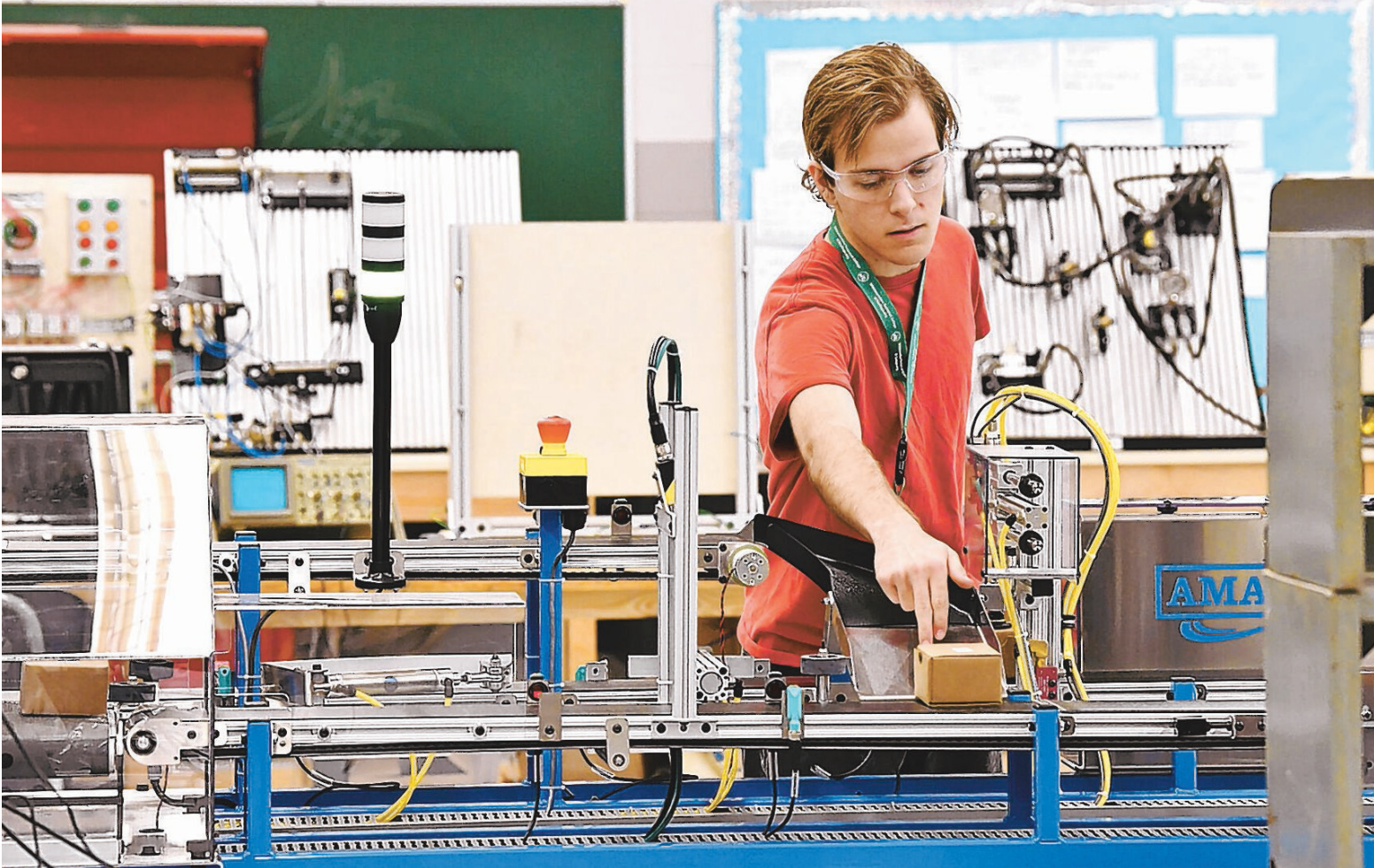


Jeff Bryan
THE OTHER
GUY

Beatles series isn't a letdown

John Lennon and Paul McCartney penned the words, "Don't Let Me Down." When Disney announced it would soon air "Get Back," a docuseries helmed by Peter Jackson, based on scores of hours of film footage from The Beatles final studio session as well as last public performance, my interests were piqued. However, my first thought was, "I hope it's not a letdown." I'm certainly not old enough to recall Beatlemania or the band's infamous split after recording its final album, "Let It Be." But if there's one lesson my late mother instilled in me, it was her love and appreciation for the Beatles' music. There remains an aura around the Beatles meteoric rise, their sustained success and breakup. The docuseries showed tremendous insight into the relationship of four lads who spurred the 1960s "British Invasion." They were more than four bandmates who shared a common passion for songwriting and music. They were family, and like most families, they sniped at each other and had disagreements. And maybe, unless you would prefer to believe in theories, the series dispels the notion that Ono was the focal point of the See **GUY/Page C3**

Looking forward



Withlacoochee Technical College student Thaxton Fitts works on a machine that replicates a sorting system in his Industrial Machinery and Controls program Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Withlacoochee Technical College adapts to a changing society's needs

Most people would say that small places don't adapt well. I have a vivid memory of when the Super Walmart came to Inverness. To say it was a big deal is an understatement. The front page of the newspaper featured a kid in the Walmart parking lot holding a sign that stated, "I skipped school for Walmart." I'm not joking. I think it was around the same general time that Citrus County was getting major press for its Cooter Festival and a late night show had recently made its way to Inglis to cover the story of the mayor banning Satan from the city limits. It was clearly our 15 minutes of fame. All joking aside, the Super Walmart coming to Inverness was legitimate news. It was, actually, quite exciting. Of course, we haven't come far enough in our endeavors to attract

business to the area, but we have come a long way from 20 years ago. Development and progress are double-edged swords. In order to maintain a high quality of life and decent standard of living, the county needs the businesses that are frequently rumored to be making their way into Citrus and yet never seem to appear. Target and Starbucks are draws. People want to go there. Those kinds of businesses create economic draw and provide good-paying jobs. I remember when Panera Bread came to town. It was the most amazing spectacle we had seen since, well, Super Walmart. But there's a cost, too. More people means more traffic, both cars and pedestrians. It means

the need for more housing, more schools, more hospitals. Simply put, it means more noise. And many people like the idea of Citrus County as the hidden gem of the Nature Coast. The thought of becoming the next Spring Hill leaves a bitter taste in the mouths of some people. Progress comes with intended and unintended consequences. Look at the Industrial Revolution. Talk about a mixed bag. You can predict some of the effects of forward movement but others simply befall you. It's the roll of the dice. No matter what you do, you risk something. Choose progress and risk becoming a bigger and less personal place. That's one of the arguments people make about

the Suncoast Parkway. Becoming a bedroom community for Tampa scares people who like the small town, middle of nowhere feel Citrus County brings. On the flip side, if we stall progress and refuse to grow, we die. That's just the nature of life. It's a conundrum. And like just about everything else in the world right now, people feel very strongly one way or the other. There doesn't seem to be too much of a middle ground. But as per usual, one group of people have managed quite well to find firm footing in the middle — educators. I'm not talking about our K-12 school system, though. While it has adapted and done well to meet the needs of an increasingly changing landscape of education, I'm not referring to it this time. I'm talking about one of the best kept secrets in the entire state — Withlacoochee See **WINDOW/Page C3**



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GROWTH SPURS DEMAND

Sheriff’s pitch needs to be embraced

With Florida and the county’s population growing and not expected to slow down in the years to come, Sheriff Mike Prendergast had made it known: his agency needs to expand to meet the community’s expectations.

The agency will have to have more staff, equipment and facilities to take on the additional demands for services and protection.

It will come with a cost.

The second-term sheriff told the Chronicle he’d like to add

22 sworn deputies to the current 208, plus 10 unsworn positions, at an estimated cost of \$4.3 million in the first year.

Prendergast said more deputies and support staff in varying capacities are needed to tackle not just the complex emergencies but also the low-priority calls going unanswered.

“With a population of a 154,000 that gives us about one deputy per 700 citizens. ... The national average is 2.4 sworn law enforcement officers per 1,000 inhabitants,” he said. “We’re clearly drastically below the national average when it comes to our ability to do things we need to do.”

Maintaining peace throughout the community falls on the shoulders of our law enforcement officers. That’s a tall order when our numbers are waning short of national averages. We’re at dangerously low levels now.

Prendergast said his goal is to approach the county commission by the spring of 2022 with funding requests,

including a possible pitch to increase the local sales tax.

Now is the time to have a conversation about preparing for the county’s future public safety needs. That the sheriff has opted to get ahead of the curve is a smart approach.

To the sheriff’s credit, he’s being proactive within the community — having addressed the financial needs and ramifications with a number of homeowners associations — about the needs of the law enforcement agency.

When Prendergast presents his strategies to county leaders, he’ll be pulling recommendations from a University of North Florida study analyzing the local law enforcement staffing needs.

Both the commission and the public owe to the county’s top law enforcement officer to listen with an open mind; but they also need to support his efforts.

The primary objective of government is to protect the public, and no agency takes that task more seriously than the sheriff’s office and fire rescue.

While it will fall to property owners to foot the bill, citizens cannot balk at the need for public safety.

However, the decision to increase his budget or find alternative funding options lays ultimately with the commission, which has a steadfast track record of ignoring the needs of public safety and looking ahead.

It can ill afford to do that. We all need to be supportive of funding the needs for public safety.

because we have to. I hope the person who called in that Sound Off never has to face a similar situation.

Trash falling all over the roads

So here it is, a beautiful Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8, traveling down (State Road) 44 between Crystal River and Inverness about a mile west of the dump and there goes this big

bunch of trash flying off an irresponsible person’s trailer on the side of the road. What a mess. How do we solve this problem, county commissioners? How do we get this problem solved? People are irresponsible and the dump doesn’t seem to help. The county looks like crap.

Make the upcoming holiday season a safe one

With the holidays rapidly approaching, the commitment to keeping our community and families safe should be everyone’s focus — not just law enforcement’s. Each year during the merriest of times, we can expect to see an increase in vehicle traffic on our roadways, so we all must do our part in keeping safety at the forefront. Despite our deputy sheriffs working diligently to maintain a safe driving environment, they cannot be in all places at all times. This is where we need our citizens’ help.

Staying safe on the roadways during the holiday season, and every day, requires preparation. Being well rested before any long road trips or travel is just as important as having a full gas tank and an emergency roadside kit. Just as important, leave early and plan for heavy or congested traffic. We don’t need motorists turning onto Norvell Bryant Highway or Gulf-to-Lake Highway into Interstate 75 by speeding, thinking they will get to their destination faster, contrary to popular belief. In fact, if motorists kept to the speed limit, it would reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic flow. A few minutes is definitely not worth the potential price you could

pay in a speeding fine or fatal traffic accident.

Another way to help improve the traffic conditions on our roadways is by putting your cell phone away. I cannot stress this enough. When you get behind the wheel of a vehicle, your only concern should be driving. According to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a total of 299

people in the state of Florida lost their lives in 2020 due to distracted drivers. And since 2015, distracted driving fatalities for the state have increased by 36.53% in 2020. Too many times, we have heard stories of loved ones lost due to the careless actions of a distracted driver — sometimes those loved ones being the distracted driver. Let’s not add to these statistics and heartbreaking losses and simply put our phones down (lock them in your trunk if you have to) and arrive to our destinations safely. I promise, you’ll still be able to view your text messages when you park.

Another safety tip to remember before traveling is to make sure that everyone is securely seat belted in before leaving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports 15,000 lives are saved every year by wearing a seat belt. When you buckle up before

driving or riding in a vehicle, you cut your risk of a fatal injury in a crash nearly in half. That’s a massive return on the investment for the brief and easy step it takes to put on a seat belt. So if seat belts save lives, why wouldn’t you buckle up every time?

Lastly, let’s discuss your eggnog intake before the Christmas festivities take place. As we all know, alcohol is going to be part of at least a few of the family and friend gatherings you attend. Knowing this, designate a sober driver before you start drinking. Unfortunately, in 2020, there were 746 fatalities from crashes involving alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both in Florida reported by the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. CCSO deputies will be out patrolling in an effort to reduce those reported fatalities. Please don’t be the reason a deputy has to make a DUI arrest or work an alcohol-related traffic crash that not only ends the celebrations, but someone’s life.

When it comes to safety, safety is everyone’s responsibility. The men and women of the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office will continue to pursue every effort to make the holiday season a safe and enjoyable one — but we need the help and support of our community to do so.

Wishing you the safest of holidays.

Mike Prendergast is the sheriff for Citrus County.

OTHER VOICES

Mike Prendergast



LETTERS to the Editor

World doesn’t orbit around you

When one reads or hears the word “spoiled,” one thinks of something rotten or nearly so. Why is it that in this country we have been having so many news stories of people demonstrating how spoiled they have become?

We continue to have dismaying and despicable stories of “spoiledness” in Congress, in state legislatures and gubernatorial offices, and now even in Major League Baseball. How much of the spotlight does one need before the spoiled one realizes such light on his/her activities is not necessarily a good thing.

Might everyone please go purchase an all-day sucker (an early holiday gift to oneself) and sit alone quietly for a few hours until they realize the world does not orbit around their little, petty planet. Please do this for all of our sakes!

Sue Kelder Norman
Homosassa

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Universal garbage not good for all

In regards to the Chronicle Editorial Board’s disappointment of the BOCC decision not to pursue universal garbage pickup: They don’t understand that Citrus County is small and populated by mostly elderly people on

fixed incomes or snowbirds who only live here a couple months a year. Yet you want everyone to pay a fixed amount yearly on our taxes.

Perhaps everyone is wealthy on the Chronicle Editorial Board. Many people here in Citrus County share the cost of garbage pickup with one, two, or even three or four neighbors. One household subscribes to a hauler and the cost is divided among the other neighbors. Since most elderly don’t generate a lot of garbage, this works just fine, and the hauler never feels any pain or knows the difference. The residents save a lot of money by doing this.

Many of us just don’t need a service we don’t fit into. The amount of garbage my household produces is minuscule, so I take it to the dump once a month. Many people do this. The old adage, a penny saved is a penny earned, holds true for many of us seniors. Just because something is good for the people on the Chronicle Editorial Board doesn’t mean it’s good for everyone.

Billy Watkins
Homosassa

Caller’s remarks were insensitive

(Re Wednesday, Dec. 8’s Page A10 “Hot Corner: Driving,” call No. 1): I’m calling about the self-centered, inconsiderate person who criticized Scott Carnahan for saying imagine getting on the parkway in Crystal River and going all the way to Tampa. We have gone to Moffit Cancer Center over 100 times in the past several years. Their surgeries and treatments have kept my husband alive through four different bouts of cancer. Being able to get on the parkway in CrystalRiver will cut at least a half-hour off our three-hour round trip. We don’t go to Tampa because we want to, but



Some reflections on youth and politics

The death of former Sen. Bob Dole at age 98 — a full quarter-century after he was the unsuccessful Republican presidential nominee — inevitably raises questions about age and politics. Some of those are profoundly relevant today.

Dole was 73 when he ran against President Bill Clinton, who had just turned 50, an occasion that prompted Dole to tell the nation that he had “more yesterdays than tomorrows.” The sitting president just turned 79. His bete noire, the former president and perhaps his future presidential-election foe, is 75.

Dole had many disadvantages in that 1996 presidential race: He was running against an incumbent with preternatural political abilities, and the economy was in its fifth year of sustained expansion. But there is no denying that an important element was his age; he was trying to become the oldest person elected to a first term in the White House.

He seemed ancient compared with Clinton, who jogged a minimum of three days a week for a little more than a half-hour, often in shorts that were not flattering but nonetheless brought attention to his fitness.

Politics favors the young, even though William Ewart

Gladstone (four terms as Great Britain's prime minister between 1868 and 1894) was revered as the G.O.M., which stood for Grand Old Man, and Reagan often was affectionately referred to as “the old man” by those in his inner circle.

But age is not only chronological. Here the tone poem famously revered by Gen. Douglas MacArthur provides an indispensable Baedeker to contemporary American politics:

“Youth is not entirely a time of life — it is a state of mind. It is not wholly a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips or supple knees. It is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a freshness of the deep springs of life. It means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of an appetite for adventure over love of ease.”

That is the opening of what is known as the MacArthur Credo, even though it actually was written by the American poet and religious leader Samuel Ullman and “borrowed” repeatedly by the general and scores of commencement speakers. It helps explain Joe Biden's low approval ratings. It also helps us understand the persistence of Donald J. Trump.

For it is the great tragedy of Biden, and the great advantage of Trump, that the former

seems older while the latter seems younger than his age. The two are only four years apart — about the same age difference between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon — but Sen. Kennedy seemed young in the 1960 presidential campaign and Vice President Nixon seemed old, even though the younger-appearing man was riddled with Addison's Disease and the older-appearing man suffered mostly from a 5 o'clock shadow that doomed him in the first presidential debate.

Biden's disadvantage is that he has been around for what seems like forever. He was elected to the Senate the year Shaquille O'Neal, who retired from the NBA a decade ago, and Nikki Haley, the former South Carolina governor who may run to oppose him in 2024, were born.

He once was the bright young man of American politics; that was the leitmotif that Patrick H. Caddell, the onetime wunderkind pollster who himself died two years ago, thought would propel Biden to the presidency nearly a quarter century ago.

He was in the Senate for more years than Sidney Crosby, the veteran NHL player, and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the progressive House member from New York, have been alive.

Then again, Trump has not exactly been drinking from the Fountain of Youth in Florida, which the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sought in

1513, when he was a little less than half Biden's age. The former president was born the year Juan Peron first became the leader of Argentina. All that is ancient history. And yet by the reckoning of Italian Gen. Gabriele d'Annunzio, the populist born four months before the Battle of Gettysburg, Trump seems young:

“On the verge of old age,” said d'Annunzio, “I have been reborn as the Prince of Youth.”

That is because the old poet and war hero — whose wild rallies somewhat evocative of Trump's led to the brief post-World War I independence of Fiume in present-day Croatia and whose views and political techniques sometimes are considered precursors to Italian fascism — was a man of action whose actions belied his years.

While Biden remains identified with the politics of the Democratic Party past — in manner, political style, speaking patterns, viewpoint — Trump is the personification in manner, style, speech and outlook of an entirely new GOP. Trump seems energized; Biden seems beleaguered.

Trump seems to be a formidable force eager to rush into a presidential campaign in 2024; Biden seems to be a spent force limping into a reelection campaign.

Benjamin Disraeli and Gladstone, born five years apart in 1804 and 1809 respectively, present an intriguing comparison. By the mid-1870s, Disraeli was broken in strength, and Gladstone would be prime

minister three more times, dying 17 years after Disraeli. Beginning in the 1840s and then accelerated by the 1848 revolutions in Europe, there developed several movements that appropriated the term and outlook of youth: Young England (rebels against Tory orthodoxy) and Young Ireland (seeking independence and reform), the Young Turks (the struggle against the Ottoman Empire) and the Young Hegelians (from which Marx emerged).

In each country, these movements were generational rebellions against the old guard.

Young America was a slogan that became popular in the middle of the 19th century and came to describe an ambitious political speaker or impatient young person with eyes westward and encouraged by democratic movements in Europe. But it also had an element, in the South, that promoted slavery.

“This was a movement where people were impatient with the old ways,” said Edward Widmer, the author of a 1999 book on Young America, who teaches at the Macaulay Honors College of City University of New York.

“This was a time when people's demand for change instead led Americans to get mad at each other. And today, Trump is tapping into a hatred of entrenched power much like these movements.”

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LAW

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Sports Pub also asked to use our delivery services.

Last year, when the Tampa Bay Times changed their daily delivery to two days a week, that had an impact on our internal processes and had a substantial financial impact as well.

To ensure you are receiving the best customer service from our carrier force as well as making the best business decision for our company, we recently made the difficult decision to stop the distribution of these outside newspapers. This decision was hard, but we know it is what's best for all.

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When someone looks to research history one of the first places they look is the local newspaper. We hold an important role for Citrus County, as we have done for 127 years, to record history in the pages we publish every day.

Decisions like these will allow us to continue recording history for another 127 years.

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GUY

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Beatles' premature demise. While her consistent presence during the sessions might have rubbed bandmates wrong, they, at varying points, had family members with them.

The docuseries opened the door for fans as well as future fans to see the “Fab

Four's” collective talents and abilities.

And while their demise was greatly exaggerated among the media, what the 50-plus-year-old footage did show, was four young men who had matured and were eager to set their paths in life.

Now whether one specific line was purposely left in, I couldn't say. However, while speaking with the director, a teary-eyed McCartney, with Ringo Starr nearby, said, “Then there were two.”

It was a haunting moment, considering

11 years later, Dec. 8, 1980, Lennon was murdered on his way home in New York City. Twenty years ago, George Harrison died from cancer.

Sadly, although we would never see a full reunion of the Beatles, their music and influence remains steadfast 60 years later.

Much to my surprise, even my 14-year-old son, he who shall not be named due to an agreement, found the docuseries thoroughly engaging.

His two favorite Beatles' tracks — “Yesterday” and “Let It Be” — made me beam with pride. They were two of my mom's favorite Beatles tunes. That apple didn't fall from the tree.

In the end, the docuseries didn't let me down.

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WINDOW

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Technical College.

I've written about it before and every time I think that they have peaked in moving Citrus County into the future, these fantastic folks outdo themselves.

How did they manage it this time? Enter the newly approved Industrial Machinery and Controls Technician (IMCT) program.

I had to do some Googling myself to figure out what in the world this meant. For a system that we are all dependent on, most of us, myself included, have no idea what it is. People in this field maintain and repair equipment in industrial settings. They work in preventative maintenance to identify potential problems and create solutions. They work with computer systems that control the

equipment, troubleshooting issues and creating backup programs.

In the world that we live in today, these types of jobs are what keep everything and everyone moving. They are the textbook definition of essential.

Innovative instructors at WTC, Tom Fissore and John Woythaler, looked at the problems the world is currently facing and realized that they had the skills to teach students how to fix the issues. Obviously this isn't the first training program of its kind in the country. But it's a first for Citrus County and it shows a keen eye to the kind of thinking that works to solve potentially disastrous problems before the train comes off the tracks.

Fissore and Woythaler have built into their program the most important and often missing component — the combination of theory and praxis.

While many programs teach students the hypotheticals of dealing well in

industry, WTC's program sets out to create operators who have critical thinking skills and who can approach a systems problem from a multi-dimensional angle, uncovering the root issue, developing an approach to fix the problem at its base, and get production lines back in business.

That, ladies and gentlemen, is the future. And Citrus County is offering its students a chance to be on the cutting edge.

We've lived for so long in a world that says a four-year college degree is essential, that we've begun to produce workers who are good at theory but fail to deliver on the practical end of things. They can't actually fix the problem. WTC has never wavered in its belief that technical schools can give students the training to not only troubleshoot real world problems, but to actually have the skills to fix them.

And they keep adapting to a changing

society.

It may take Citrus County longer than some of us would like to bring in the kind of businesses that will help the country grow. And there are serious drawbacks to this approach that need to be addressed by the Board of County Commissioners and city councils. Make no mistake about that.

But there are areas where Citrus is shining and leading the way in progress. WTC is one of them.

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It's a family firearms Christmas

Some days, it's the little things, the small absurdities in the news that make a person wonder if there's any real hope for American democracy.

Consider, for example, the Christmas greeting sent out by Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky, featuring the congressman and his entire family brandishing semi-automatic rifles and grinning into the camera like some latter-day Bonnie and Clyde. Or "Y'all Qaeda," as somebody derisively dubbed the happy family on Twitter.

There's a Christmas tree in the background, and a cheery holiday message: "Merry Christmas! ps. Santa, please bring ammo."

Ho, ho, ho!

This only a few days after a disturbed 15-year-old in Michigan murdered four high school classmates with a semi-automatic handgun that his parents gave him as an early Christmas gift.

Oh yeah, this too: Massie himself appears to be fondling an actual machine gun, presumably to let everybody know who's the head honcho of this hardy brood of crackpots. None of whom, you can bet your own personal Colt .45, has ever heard a shot fired in anger, nor — prayerfully — ever will.

Somebody who has experienced actual

combat, Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., an Iraq War veteran, put it this way: "I'm pro Second Amendment, but this isn't supporting the right to keep and bear arms, this is a gun fetish."

My sentiments exactly. Current right-wing idolatry of firearms as totemic objects, it seems to me, signifies arrested development in those like Massie who make a spectacle of brandishing them.

You can't hunt or go target-shooting with a heavy-caliber automatic weapon. They're useless for self-defense or for anything other than military purposes. In civilian hands, they're essentially masturbatory.

Speaking of arrested development, you may not be astonished to learn that Massie's Facebook page identifies him as a "Libertarian" — that is, as somebody whose intellectual development stalled at the "You're not the boss of me" stage of early adolescence.

The congressman, whose district stretches along the Ohio River in rural northern Kentucky, has made rather a specialty of solitary grandstanding.

Back in 2013, Massie

was the only congressman to vote against the Undetectable Firearms Act, a bill to prevent non-metallic weapons from being smuggled aboard airplanes. (Or into the U.S. Capitol, for that matter.)

His was the only vote against the Stolen Valor Act punishing people falsely posing as war heroes. In 2017, he cast the lone vote against sanctioning North Korea.

He's also provided solitary votes against helping to build Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system and against supporting Hong Kong's democracy.

Trained as a mechanical engineer at MIT — just to show you — he derides climatology as "pseudoscience" and rejects all efforts to do anything about it.

Regarding the COVID plague, he has argued fiercely against mask mandates. He and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, to give readers an idea of the company he keeps, have sued Speaker Nancy Pelosi after being fined for refusing to wear masks on the House floor.

Like Greene, he has compared vaccination mandates to the Holocaust, trivializing the

gravest crime in living memory.

"There is no authority in the Constitution that authorizes the government to stick a needle in you against your will, (or) force you to wear a face mask," he once tweeted. "Can you imagine the signers of the Declaration of Independence submitting to any of these things?!"

Better-informed critics quickly cited Constitutional Law 101: "Congress shall have power to ... provide for the common defence and general welfare of the United States."

Others noted that in 1776, Gen. George Washington inoculated his army against smallpox at Valley Forge. Putting down the epidemic proved decisive in the Revolutionary War.

Me, I wondered if Rep. Massie thinks laws requiring him to wear pants

constitute government tyranny?

Indeed, no less an authority than Donald J. Trump — irritated by a move in March 2020 in which Massie demanded an in-person floor vote, delaying a COVID relief bill that had passed 96-0 in the Senate — called him "a third-rate grandstander" who should be drummed out of the Republican Party. Former Sen. John Kerry commented that Massie had "tested positive for being an ***hole."

And yet, the five-term congressman endures, an experienced vaudeville performer and firm fixture in the GOP Clown Caucus, along with such worthies as Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., and noted cartoon assassin Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Colo. Me, I'm just glad he's not from Arkansas, where I live, although we have a

couple of districts where his slack-jawed comedy stylings — filing bills to abolish the U.S. Department of Education and the Environmental Protection Agency, for example — would definitely play.

He'd have to make up with Trump, however, although abject flattery is all that's really necessary to win the great man's favor.

You'd like to think Massie's grotesque parody of a Christmas card would finish him politically.

But then, you'd like to think a lot of things.

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Wreath's for Our Fallen Heroes

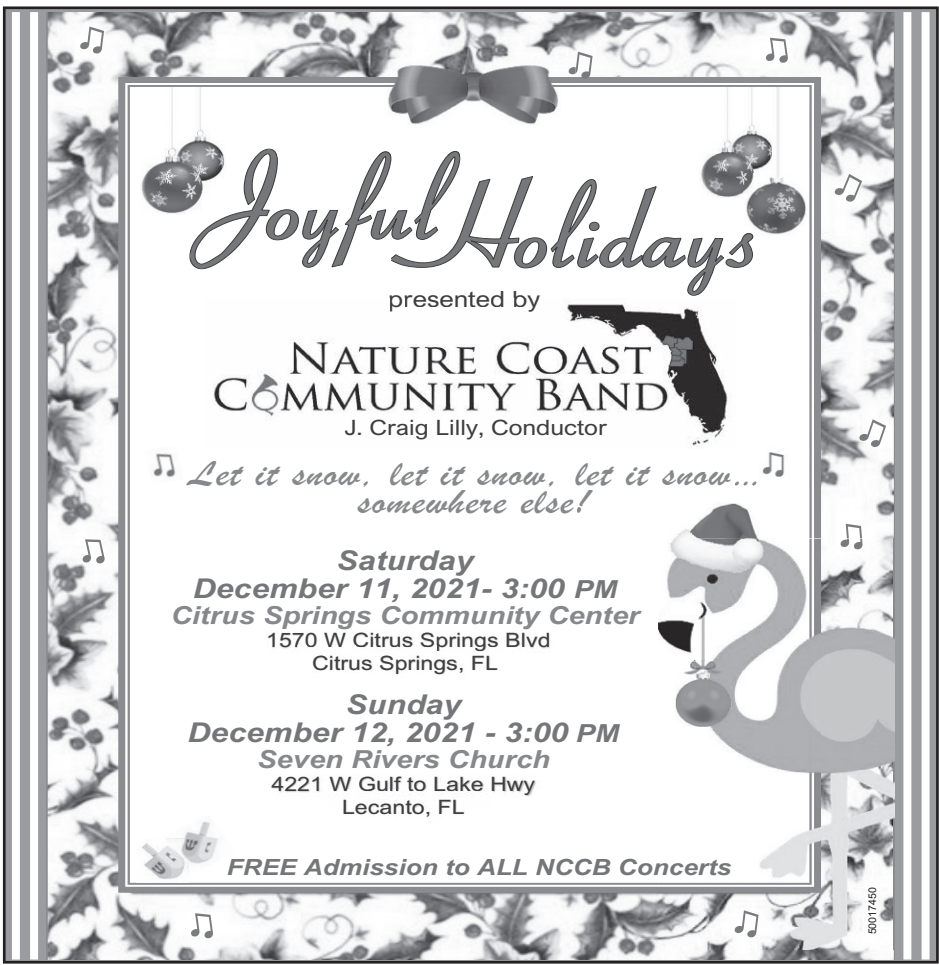


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Sunday, December 19, 2021

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December 17, 2021

First tour will start at 7:00 pm

Reservations will be required

The Archaeological Park Museum is located at 3400 N. Museum Point, Crystal River, FL 34428. A \$10.00 donation is requested from each visitor so that the Friends may continue to provide this, and additional, programs. It is suggested that guests bring a flashlight and bug repellent. Donation includes Park Entrance fee.

December Registration Open

<https://friendsofcrystalriverstateparks.eventbrite.com>



2021 Holiday Appeal

WOW! This year has flown by like none before. Whether we were busy fighting Corona Virus or making sure our kids had the best Club experience possible; it's hard to believe the end of 2021 is upon us. The good news is that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County have weathered each storm with grace and hopefully made our youth, parents, and community feel less stress knowing that their child is safe and well taken care of inside our blue doors.

This year has been tough, but helping kids shouldn't be. When you support the Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County, you turn everyday moments into great futures for kids who need us most.

- \$10 can give a kid an hour with a mentor.
- \$35 can feed 10 kids a nutritious snack they can count on.
- \$50 can provide books, supplies and learning activities to help seven children improve their reading skills and stay on track in school.

Now through Dec. 31, your donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County will ensure kids and families can continue accessing food, everyday necessities, learning support and positive adult influences who will help them overcome the toughest times in the year ahead. Together, let's give kids the moments they need now to make great futures possible.

Will you join us and invest in a child this giving season and help keep the Club affordable so no child who seeks our help is ever turned away. Please go to www.bgccitrus.org and make a one time or monthly donation, become a 2022 Corporate Sponsor, by mail at 2021 S Suncoast Blvd. Homosassa Fl. 34448, or by texting BGCCITRUS to number 41444.

Travis Anderson
Chief Executive Officer

We wish you a joyous and festive holiday season.

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Tech and Christmas cards

That sounds like an oxymoron, doesn't it? Actually, they are not. I'll explain why.

A few years ago, with postage seemingly going up by the minute, I decided to do something about our Christmas postage expenditure.

Many of our friends had email, so why not email our "card" to them? I created an email with a Christmas-themed animated graphic (which I found free online). I added a few words and attached our annual Christmas newsletter.

Voila! I just saved 58 cents per "card." You can use a regular graphic, not animated and you don't have to attach a newsletter.

Of course, there are still friends to whom I wish to send a real card and I do. Going the tech route for Christmas cards, not only saves money, but it also allows me to expand my list. I can send to neighbors or local friends, whom I ordinarily would not send a card. Thus, I can really spread the joy!

Additionally, it also works for those who celebrate Hanukkah or any other holiday this time of year.

On the holiday gift side, do you have younger relatives or friends who are techies? Maybe you would like to send them something tech but have no ideas.

Here are a few suggestions. Amazon has a pretty good track record with shipping, and you should be able to get a gift to your relatives before Christmas. If you have Prime, then you would be able to have the gift delivered in a day or two.

Nope, I'm not paid by Amazon, I'm just a huge fan. All items below are Prime, unless otherwise noted.

■ **HIGHEVER Bluetooth Hat** — Rechargeable Wireless Unisex Beanie, available in blue or gray, \$19.99 (4-1/2 stars).

■ **Cutier 6-in-1 Multi Tool Tech Pen**, \$10.99 (4-1/2 stars). Each tool pen features a ruler, touch screen stylus pen, level and both flat head and Phillip's screwdrivers.

■ For your IT person, a T-shirt that says, "IT — I'm just in it for the CACHE." The joke is cache (an internet term) and is pronounced cash. \$19.99 (5 stars). Not Prime.

■ **Amysen set of four Smart Plugs** — certified compatible with Alexa, Echo and Google Home. \$19.97 (4 stars). These are terrific and I have them (another brand) all over my home.

They operate through an app and schedules for individual lamps can be set up. With the app, checking to see if lamps are on is easy even when you're out of town.

When you have no idea what to get, an Amazon gift card is the perfect solution!

■ **Amazon.com Print at Home Gift Card \$1.00 — \$2,000.** The gift card will be ready for you to print from Your Orders after purchase. Or you can send an eGift card or an actual Amazon Gift Card to the recipient.

If you don't like any of these suggestions, do a search on Amazon for tech gifts, tech gifts for men, tech gifts for women and tech gifts for kids. I'm sure you'll find an item that you like.

Any questions? I'm always available for you, just email me your questions at chronicle-tech@yahoo.com.

Happy holidays, everyone!

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Show resistance



Stuffed toys are on sale at a Woow Store in the American Dream shopping mall in East Rutherford, N.J., Dec. 4, 2021. It's easy to go overboard on gifts for your kids for the holidays, but the result could be a drained bank account and an overstuffed toy bin come January. Money and child development experts point out that setting a holiday spending budget keeps your finances in check and could help avoid an overwhelmed child.

Associated Press file

Avoid going overboard and over budget when shopping for gifts

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It's hard to resist the holiday messaging to buy gifts — and lots of them — to make the season brighter and more fulfilling.

However, supply chain disruptions may make this year's shopping stressful, especially for parents looking to buy toys in short supply. Shortages aside, going overboard on gifts for your kids could create budget stress and unintentionally set unrealistic expectations for years to come.

This year's added pressures could offer parents a chance to rethink their holiday shopping and budget strategies. These tips from budgeting and parenting experts can help you cut through the noise and find what works for your family.

SET YOUR HOLIDAY BUDGET

A budget is crucial to keeping spending in check. If you're struggling to figure out a realistic holiday budget, review previous years' spending.

"You can literally pull up your credit card statements from last November and December if you want to get a general sense of where your money went," says Andrea Woroch, a money-saving expert focusing on advice for mothers. Contemplate whether you want to repeat that spending pattern or if it left you stressed when January rolled around.

Budgets change from year to year. "Things can change in a year dramatically," Woroch says. "Did you have another kid? Did you get divorced or married, bought a house, get a new job, lost your job? Whatever it is, you have to reassess based on your current situation."

TAKE INVENTORY AND GET ORGANIZED

Things get lost in overflowing toy boxes. Taking inventory of what you already have is a great way to figure out what your kids need and an opportunity to set aside items they've outgrown.

Items in good condition can be donated or sold in online marketplaces to other parents looking to catch a deal.

KEEP TRACK OF EARLY PURCHASES

Gifts bought weeks or even months ago may have fallen off your radar — especially if you've hidden them well. Before hitting the stores, make a list of previous purchases.

"If you're not writing down what you bought, you're going to forget what you had," says Woroch, who suggests using an app called Santa's Bag — although a note on your phone or old-fashioned pen and paper can work just as well. Tracking purchases throughout the season can help prevent overspending.

FIND A GIFTING STRATEGY THAT WORKS EVERY YEAR

"Something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read" is a popular phrase, and for good reason: It sets parameters on gift-giving and works no matter how old the child.

Another strategy is buying fewer toys and focusing on what supports your child's development, which is especially important for younger children. Kathryn Humphreys, an assistant professor in Vanderbilt University's Department of Psychology and Human Development, suggests finding toys that allow collaboration and open-ended play.

"Fewer well-selected toys is likely better than a large number of toys that would be difficult for the child to keep

track of through a busy day of present opening," she said in an email. "I find with my own kids that anything over two to three presents is quickly forgotten given that Christmas is already quite exciting."

SPEND ON EXPERIENCES THAT LAST ALL YEAR

Woroch suggests purchasing a subscription box for kids for a "gift that keeps on giving" after the holidays are over. There are tons of options for kids that deliver everything from art projects, Montessori toys and diverse books each month. Some of these services might be running holiday promotions, so be on the lookout for a deal.

RESIST THE COMPARISON GAME

It's hard for parents to resist comparing themselves to others, especially when social media feeds are overloaded with holiday photos. Just remember, you don't know what's going on behind the scenes.

"It is so easy to get wrapped up in what other families are spending and moms are doing that you feel bad and you end up spending more," Woroch says.

You're looking at a highlight reel and don't know if that family is spending beyond their means.

MEMORIES ARE FREE

If the holiday gifting frenzy grabs you, just remember that this time of year is about more than things.

"At the end of the day, it's really important to remember that the holidays aren't about the physical gifts," Woroch says. "Creating memories and maybe creating traditions that don't cost a lot of money is such a great way to connect and bond with your kids."

This article was provided to The Associated Press by the personal finance website NerdWallet. Amanda Barroso is a writer at NerdWallet; abarroso@nerdwallet.com.

LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle



Special to the Chronicle

This is Lee Herndon, ERA Suncoast Realtor, is pictured with Meghan Pitzer, United Way CEO. Herndon is a two-year member of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

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Citrus County government offices closed for Christmas

Citrus County government offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 27 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Normal hours of operation and services will resume Dec. 28 with the following exceptions: Citrus County Animal Services will be closed to the public Dec. 24 and 25. Normal hours of operation will resume Dec. 28. For more information, call 352-746-8400.

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The Citrus County Central Landfill will close at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 24 and will be closed on Dec. 25. The administrative office will be closed both days and there will be no hazardous waste drop-off. Normal hours will resume Dec. 27. For more information, call 352-527-7670.

Bicentennial Park Pool will be closed Dec. 24 to 27.

—From staff reports

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Comments from our 2021 Outgoing Chair

It has been such an honor to serve as the 2021 Board chair for the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. This year has been a success! Our goal for 2021 was centered around "Finding Balance". Coming out of 2020, we had great uncertainties facing us. The Chamber staff, members, and the board as well as all the sub-committees such as Leadership Citrus, Business Women's Alliance, Young Professionals, and the Ambassadors worked diligently and with great passion to serve our community,

maintain memberships, address critical business needs, and restore normalcy to the best of their abilities.

We were able to start the year with our two largest festivals and even though the attendance was somewhat less than prior years, it was so encouraging to see that we were back in festival mode!

Last year we began a Diversity Action Committee, and it became a joint effort now known as Prosperity Citrus.



Tabitha
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This year Ardath Prendergast, Josh Wooten & Holly Davis were recognized by the Florida Chamber of Commerce for their efforts! When our little county gets a spotlight at the State level, that is something to be proud of!

I cannot say enough about the Chamber staff. I'm not sure if they sleep. Their work ethic is incredible, and it shows!

I don't want to say much about me, but

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to acknowledge the growth I have felt as a leader. Working with all the amazing "chamber people" and sharing the awesome experiences we have had has fulfilled me greatly!

As the outgoing chair, I am privileged to pass the gavel to Lindsay Platz. Lindsay's experience in banking, meek leadership demeanor, and solid work ethic are unsurpassed. She will be a great blessing to the Chamber as well as Citrus County!

Christmas on the Square



The Chamber was proud to partner with The City of Crystal River and Crystal River Mainstreet to bring the community a new and unique opportunity to celebrate the holiday last weekend. Attendees enjoyed live music and pictures with Santa Friday and Saturday as well as the synthetic "ice" skating rink and "Snowmazing" ice maze all weekend! A BIG Thank you to our sponsors that helped make this happen, Pete's Pier, The Aesthetic House, Drummond Bank, Mike Scott Plumbing, and Seven Rivers Christian School.

Upcoming Events

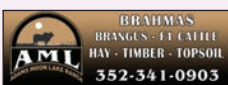
- 12/16 – Chamber Parade Awards Mixer; Re/Max Realty One - Crystal River
- 12/17 – December Chamber Luncheon hosted by BWA; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
- 1/7 – January Chamber Luncheon. Keynote Speaker: Gerry Mulligan, sponsored by Right Rudder Aviation. Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
- 1/15 - 1/16 – 35th Annual Florida Manatee Festival; Downtown Crystal River
- 1/19 - 1/20 – Citrus County 2022 Legislative Days; Tallahassee
- 3/5 - 3/6 – 35th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival; Floral Park (Floral City)



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Chamber on Parade!



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We were thrilled to once again host the Crystal River Christmas Parade last weekend in downtown Crystal River. We want to thank all of our participants for spreading some holiday cheer with our community. Thank you, as well, to our amazing sponsors that helped to make the holiday magic happen!



December Luncheon this Friday!

The Citrus County Chamber Business Women's Alliance will host this month's Chamber Luncheon at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. Speaker, Ifen Chiang Gyselinck, owner of Arc Vitality Health & Wellness Coach will teach us 'How to set your 2022 New Year Resolution with

lasting effects.' Sponsored by Seven Rivers Christian School.

Pre-paid reservations are required. Members - \$25 / Non Members - \$30. Register online no later than Tuesday, December 14th at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com

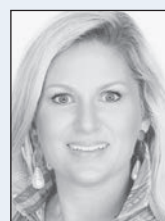


'Chamber Report' on WYKE

Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream (www.livestream.com/watch and search for "WYKE TV 47").

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Amy Meek of Meek Real Estate about the market trends, expectations for the future of the housing market, and their commitment to assisting clients from start to finish in their home journey. Also joining Jade is Jimmy White, owner of Utopia Interior Landscapes about the services they provide, the benefits of having living plants in your home/business, and the vast array of options they have available.

Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!



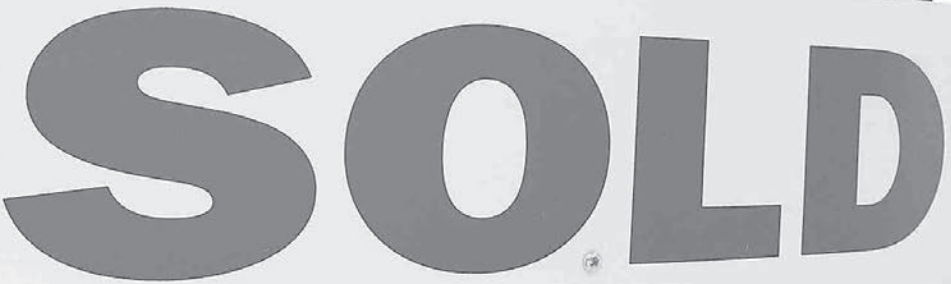
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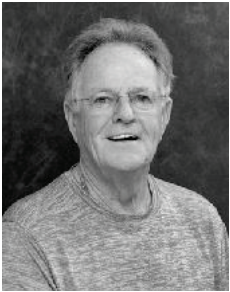
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Genuine Porcelain Doll
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Collectible Memories
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1710-1212 SUCRN
Citrus County Hospital Board

NOTICE

This notice informs and notifies the public that the Trustee member(s) of the Citrus County Hospital Board will be in attendance together at the Citrus Campus College of Central Florida for the ceremony of the Citrus County Hospital Board Endowment event and naming of the C4 Building (CF Citrus Campus) after Senator Charlie Dean on **Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:00am.**, located at 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, Florida. The Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees will not vote or conduct business, but will participate in the event and may speak.

Copies of the Agenda are available by calling the Citrus County Hospital Board at 352-341-2250. Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by this Board, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities should contact the Citrus County Hospital Board Office, 123 S. Pine Ave., Inverness, Florida, 34452 (352) 341-2250.

MISCELLANEOUS

1705-1212 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ACTION: ORDERS TO VACATE AND DEMOLISH - VIOLATION OF CITRUS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 20 ARTICLE V UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND/OR CONDITIONS

CASE NUMBER: 258121

Description of Property: Altkey: 3286894; HOMOSASSA CO SUBD 29-19-17 PB 1 PG 5: E 310 FT OF BLK 61 LESS S 345 FT OF W 110 FT ----&---- E3/4 OF BLK 52 - LESS: COM AT NE COR OF LT 52 HOMOSASSA CO SUB OF SEC 29, TH N 88 DEG 53M 40S W AL N BDRY OF LT 52 267.9 FT TH S 17 DEG 55M E 412.62 FT TO POB TH S 72 DEG 5M W 100 FT TH S 17 DEG 55M E 50 FT TH N 72 DEG 5M E 100 FT TH N 17 DEG 55M W 50 FT TO POB --&-- ALSO LESS R/W OF FISHBOWL DR ----&---- PCL 2: COM AT THE NW CORN OF E 310 FT OF BLK 61 TH S 82D 52M 39S E 38.30 FT TO THE POB TH N 70D 55M 40S E 47 FT TH S 19D 4M 20S E 29.02 FT TH S 70D 55M 40S W 47 FT TH N 19D 4M 20S W 29.02 FT TO THE POB --- TITLE IN OR BK 2265 PG 105 & QCD IN OR BK 2599 PG 85; Parcel ID: 17E19S290010 00610 0060

Trustee(s) of Renzi Trust
10391 W. Fishbowl Dr.
Homosassa, FL 34448

On **December 3, 2021**, orders were issued by the Citrus County Code Compliance Director to vacate and demolish the structure(s) on the property located at: **10391 W. Fishbowl Dr. Homosassa, FL 34448**. If the property owner(s) fail to comply with this order, the Code Compliance Division will issue a work order to abate the nuisance condition.

Any person(s) having a legal interest in this property may contact the Code Compliance Office within 30 days of this publication. Board of County Commissioners, Dept. of Growth Management, Code Compliance Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL. 352-527-5350. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 341-6580.

Si necesita un traductor de espanol por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos dias de la notificacion de la publicacion 352-527-5370.
English Translation: (If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370).

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1708-1212 SUCRN (12/24)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: GS AUTO TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at **61 NE US HWY 19, Crystal River, FL 34429**, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **GS Auto Towing** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Date & Time of Sale - December 24, 2021 at 9:00 AM

VIN #	Year / Model Vehicle
3GNDA23P86S563812	2006 CHEV
KNDMB233X76173917	2007 KIA
YV1NK53D42J030749	2002 VOLV

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1706-1212 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **CITRUS COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at **2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021** in Room 166 of the Lecanto Government Center, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Any person desiring further information regarding this meeting may contact the Engineering Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 241, Lecanto, FL 34461, or call (352) 527-5446.

SCOTT CARNAHAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Engineering Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 241, Lecanto, FL 34461, or call (352) 527-5446, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 527-5312.

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MEETINGS

1706-1212 SUCRN
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1709-1212 SUCRN
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the following, at last known address:
Robert R Gattrell **Diane L Hill** **Eric W Sloane**
2388 S Summerwood Pt **6200 E Quincy St** **410 S Camelia Ave**
Inverness, FL **Inverness, FL** **Crystal River, FL**

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections in Crystal River, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. If further assistance is needed, contact the Supervisor of Elections at the below listed address or call 352-564-7120.

Maureen "Mo" Baird
Citrus County Supervisor of Elections
Physical Address:1500 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429 Mailing Address: PO Box 1870, Lecanto, FL 34460
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1690-1212 SUCRN

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

The Town of Inglis, Florida (the "Town") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the incorporated area of the Town, for the cost of providing fire protection services, facilities and programs commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2022 and continuing until discontinued by the Town. The Town will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 14, 2021 in the Town Commission Meeting Room, Inglis Town Hall, 135 Highway 40 West, Inglis, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, located at 135 Highway 40 West, Inglis, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Town with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Town Clerk at (352) 447-2203, ext. 101, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

DATED this 12th day of November, 2021.

By Order of: Cery Logeman
TOWN OF INFLIS, FLORIDA

Published November 21 & 28 and December 5 & 12, 2021

MISCELLANEOUS

1711-1212 SUCRN

CITRUS COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CONSTRUCTION OF HELICOPTER HANGAR

The Citrus County Mosquito Control District, "District", requests that interested parties submit formal sealed proposals for the above referenced project.

The District is seeking qualified contractors to submit proposals for "Construction of Helicopter Hangar" at the District's Headquarters on North Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida. The District reserves the right to withdraw and cancel this Request for Proposal, at any time without liability to any bidders or prospective bidders. The District reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. The specifications and requirements package can be obtained from the District Headquarters at 968 N. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL. 34461 or by visiting www.citrusmosquito.org.

The District will accept sealed proposals beginning December 12, 2021. Sealed proposals must be received at the District office on or before 4:00PM EST. February 4, 2022. All questions should be directed to George Deskins, Director at gdeskins@citrusmosquito.org

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any and all formalities.

George Deskins
Director
Citrus County Mosquito Control District

MISCELLANEOUS

1707-1212 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Bid
ITB 22-033
FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS TESTING
AND REPAIR SERVICES

Solicitation Overview
Citrus County Board of County Commissioners invites interested parties to submit a Bid to provide annual testing and/or inspections of Fire Protection Systems countywide, and to provide repair services, system upgrades and install new systems as needed.

SEALED Bids are to be submitted **on or before January 11, 2022, at 2:00 pm.** It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that their Bid response is submitted through VendorLink no later than the time and date specified in the Solicitation or subsequent addenda.

Visit <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx> to register with Vendor Link. VendorLink is an online Bidder registration system that provides a free at no cost to Bidders, a secure, user-friendly Internet portal and one-stop service center to register with County. This system also allows you to receive automatic email notifications regarding County's upcoming competitive solicitations as opportunities become available.

Electronic Bids shall be opened and read aloud publicly on **January 11, 2022, at 2:15 PM. via Microsoft Teams, information is listed in the Solicitation Document found on VendorLink.**

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, (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

English Translation: (If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370)

To obtain a copy of the Solicitation Document for this announcement, please visit the Citrus County Website at www.citrusbocc.com and select "Departments-drop down," "Management & Budget," "Purchasing & Bids," and under Solicitations/Vendors select <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx> to register or Demandstar. Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RONALD E. KITCHEN, JR., CHAIRMAN

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Projects

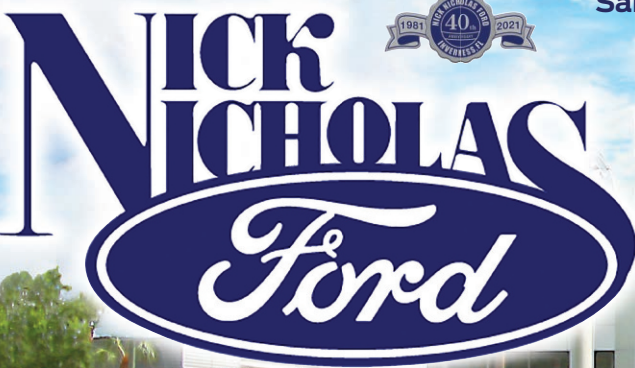
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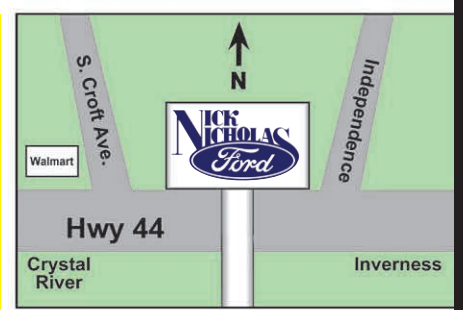


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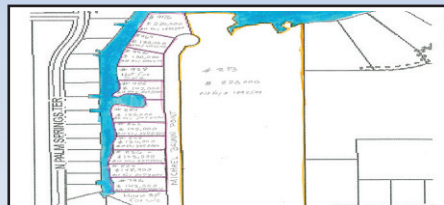
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"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WHEN ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING, NOT EVEN A MOUSE"

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LYNN HARRIS
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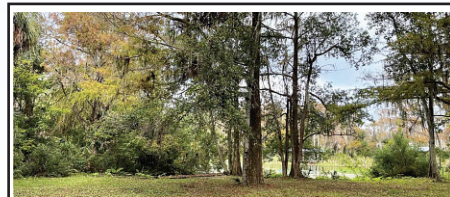
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Two herbs that thrive on winter windowsills

LEE REICH
Associated Press

Windowsill herb plants would seem a perfect antidote to winter's visual and culinary blandness, except that such plants rarely do as well as billed.

The ideal windowsill herb thrives despite dry air and relatively low light conditions to offer intense aroma and flavor. And it should be a pretty plant in winter.

Those criteria rule out mint, which is too gangly; basil, which wanes in anything less than summer's heat and light; and chives, which are too mild, with just one picking decimating the plant.

Two mediterranean herbs

Two herbs do fit the bill for intense aroma and flavor, and beauty. They are... (drum roll)... rosemary (*Salvia rosmarinus*) and bay laurel (*Laurus nobilis*).

Both are Mediterranean plants that thrive where winters are cool but never frigid. A sunny window in a cool room is ideal, but both will do fine under less than ideal conditions.

For rosemary, keeping the plant happy and alive means, above all, maintaining a moist soil. Check the soil regularly, because rosemary's stiff leaves don't wilt to show their thirst. Of course, you don't want to drown the plant either, a condition best avoided with a potting mix containing a quarter or more, by volume, of perlite, vermiculite or sand.

The white, mealy



LEE REICH/Associated Press

A rosemary plant, left, and a Bay Laurel, right, in New Paltz, N.Y. Rosemary is an herb ideal for growing on a windowsill in winter, provides aroma, flavoring and beauty.

coating on rosemary's leaves gives the plant a grayish cast, as if it's covered with dew. Perhaps this dewy look and the wild plants' proximity to the sea is what prompted the ancient Romans to call the plant *Ros Marinus* ("dew of the sea"), the origin of rosemary's older generic name, *Rosemarinus*.

Even if rosemary were a homely plant, it would be worth growing for its scent, which it's eager to release from resin glands on its stems and young leaves. Set a potted plant near a doorway or a rocking chair, where, with the pass of your hand, you can conveniently stir up a cloud of balsamic aroma into the air.

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Long-term mortgage rates holding firm

Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — The average interest rate on a long-term mortgage in the U.S. held firm again this week.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average rate on the benchmark 30-year, fixed rate home loan ticked down this week to 3.10% from 3.11% last week. A year ago, the rate

stood at 2.71%.

The average rate on a 15-year mortgage also dipped slightly, to 2.38% from 2.39% last week. One year ago, that rate was 2.26%.

Many economists expect U.S. interest rates to rise in coming months as the Fed pivots from the easy money policies it adopted after the

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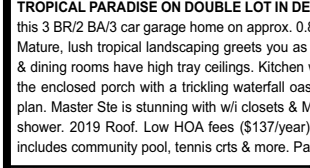
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Christmas tree sticker shock

I'm one of those people who insist on purchasing a real Christmas tree every year. I suppose as a forester and arborist, it is only natural that I do so. I was expecting a price increase this year based on some recent trends, but I was shocked when I got to the tree lot where I have purchased my tree for the past six or seven years. My seven-foot tree that

was \$75 last year was \$100 this year! But I wanted the tree, so I sucked it up and paid for it. Other trees on the lot that were \$110 or so last year were selling for \$135 to \$145.

So, what's going on to drive the cost up so much? A number of factors are in play. We'll start with the

economic downturn in 2007-08. At that time, there was a surplus of trees and prices were considerably lower. However, due to the poor economy, demand plummeted and many tree farmers went out of business. It takes 8 to 12 years (depending upon the part of the country) to grow a tree to marketable size, so supply is still lagging. The number of

Christmas tree farms declined from 22,000 in 200 to about 15,000 in 2017. As a result, supply declined by 5.7 million trees.

Extreme weather has also created supply shortages. The severe heat wave and drought in the Pacific Northwest this past summer killed many

trees outright and suppressed the growth of others. This region supplies 25% of the nation's Christmas trees. What's worse, the young trees suffered the most; therefore, this setback could have a long-term effect on supply.

On the demand side of the equation, more people are buying trees than ever before. Due to COVID-related travel restrictions, more people stayed home and purchased a tree. A concerted effort by the Christmas Tree Promotion Board (yes, there really is such an organization) may also have led to an increase in demand for live trees from 2016 to 2019.

Pay increases have also led to higher prices. Many states have passed increases in the minimum wage and growers are having to pay more in

salaries as a result. The federal government also raised wages for H-2A foreign workers, and these workers make up a significant percentage of tree farm workers.

The rise in fuel has added to increased transportation costs. Therefore, trucking trees from North Carolina or New England costs more to ship to the Southeast. However, another factor which has not gotten much publicity is the sharp increase in trucking insurance. One timber buyer with whom I work regularly told me that, last year, his truck insurance increased from \$11,000 to \$30,000. And, to make things even worse, there is a shortage of truckers throughout the United States.

For you artificial tree aficionados, you are not spared either. Most

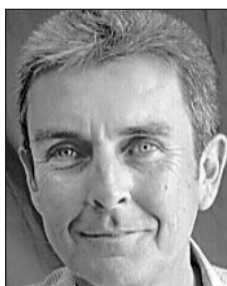
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Eric Hoyer
ARBOR
CULTURE

Racquet from the 1930s was designed by a famous pro

Dear John: I have used it a few times but had the tennis racquet in the photo- never really mastered it and preferred my big Prince.



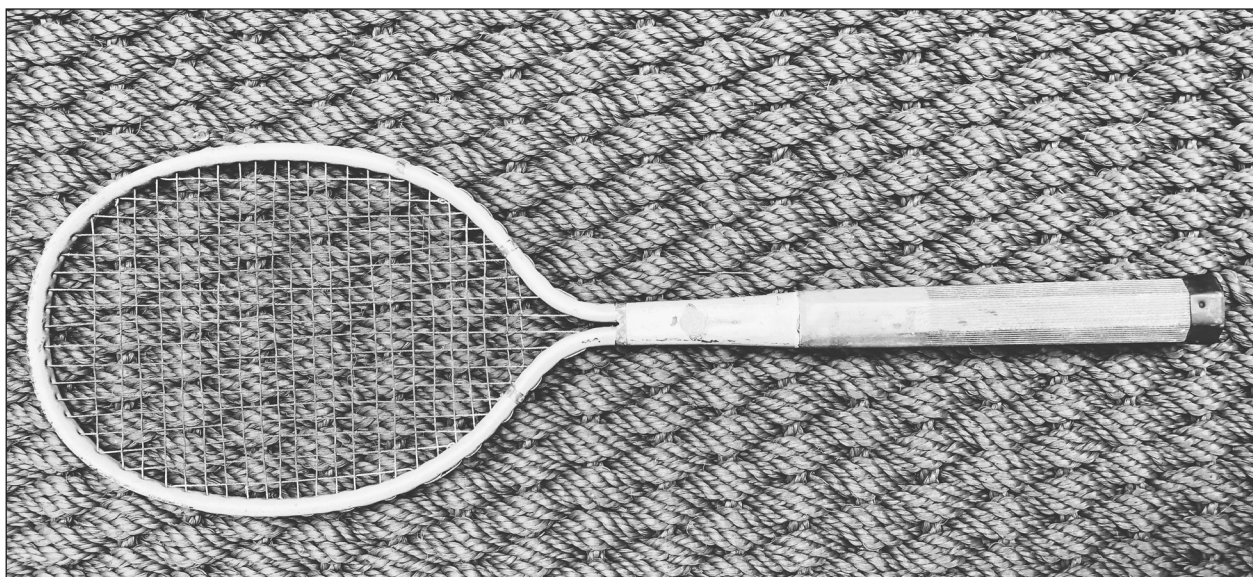
John Sikorski
SIKORSKI'S
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graphs hanging on a wall for over 40 years and I know it was old when I got it. It is 27 inches long and has a label with "Dayton" on one side and "Cadet" on the other side. The interesting part about it are the steel strings. It also does not have the leather wrapping usually found on earlier racquet handles but has vertical grooves all around the bare wood handle. I

Can you give me some idea of its age and value, if any? Any information you can give me will be appreciated. — C.W., internet

Dear C.W.: Antique and vintage tennis memorabilia is a large popular category of collecting. All the decorative arts surrounding the sport are sought after

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This metal-framed tennis racquet features a design pioneered by tennis legend Bill Larned. It likely dates from the 1930s.

Special to the Chronicle

TREES

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artificial trees come from China, and we are all too familiar with the shipping delays plaguing our nation right now. Prices for artificial trees are up as well. Retail prices for artificial trees are estimated to be up approximately

25% this year. The average nationwide price for an artificial tree last year was \$104, so another 25% would push that average to \$130.

Thus, as is often the case, multiple factors are in play which affect the price of Christmas trees. Less supply and more demand compounded by higher labor and fuel costs and shipping

delays. These factors create a "perfect storm" for higher costs and more financial pain for consumers.

Eric H. Hoyer is a certified arborist, a certified forester, a registered consulting arborist and a qualified tree risk assessor with Natural Resource Planning Services Inc. He can be contacted at erich@nrpsforesters.com.

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— autographs, posters, bronzes, advertising and more. Tennis rackets are a specific category of collector interest within the big picture.

The steel frame tennis racket you have with the metal strings made by Dayton has a lot of history behind it. Wood frame breakage, warping problems, and string breakage were problems that were thought could be solved by metal frames and strings. Tennis champion and Hall of Famer Bill Larned

invented and patented a new design for an improved metal frame with metal strings for the Dayton Steel Racket Company in the 1920s. Although successful, the restrictions on metal during World War II ended mass appeal potential.

The Dayton-Cadet metal racket you have was likely produced in the 1930s. Potential dollar value is below \$100. There is a full description of the Larned patents online at Google patent library.

Dear John: I have a set of four Lionel Barrymore etchings. They are of San Pedro fishing village. They are quite interesting and

beautiful, with a sheen to the images. I believe they are called foil etchings. I am interested in knowing if they have any value. Thank you for any information you can give me. — T.P., internet

Dear T.P.: The famous actor Lionel Barrymore, 1878-1954, is not a widely recognized name in the collector's art market anymore. Potential dollar value is below \$100 for the set.

John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.

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Birds and Florida gardening books

Migratory birds arrive in Florida in autumn from colder northern regions to enjoy food sources and warmth during winter. The American Birding Association (ABA) lists 914 species in the U.S. and Canada. The Florida Ornithological Society reports 531 living species on their Official Florida Bird List — including 17 established exotics. While Cornell Lab of Ornithology has documented 2,059 avian species in the North American continent, their list includes Mexico, the U.S. and Canada. Most people enjoy watching birds.



Jane Weber
**JANE'S
GARDEN**



Special to the Chronicle

Identifying confusing fall and winter warblers is tricky for novice birdwatchers because their colors are drab. This one at the Ocala wetlands, a waste-water recharge park, has a streaked breast, yellow under the tail, no strong wingbar color, a broken eye ring and pale eyebrow. It was foraging along an elevated boardwalk and eating spiders. Jane is satisfied with snapping a photo and could look up the identification later on the internet, Merlin app or in field guide books.

Some birds use their thick bills to crack open seeds while others with slim bills dine mainly on insects. Birds of prey have hooked bills to tear apart meat they grasp in their strong talons. Cool autumn temperatures mean there are few flying insects like butterflies, but grubs, larvae, beetles and little creatures abound in the soil, are hidden in dormant grasses and stay warm under leaf litter. Birds prey on these insects, lizards, frogs and other critters.

In the fall, flocks of small warblers forage on the ground and frequent bird feeders especially for suet. There are 35 species of warblers in Florida; it is difficult to tell them apart. Birds have different songs and calls. Take pictures whenever you sight an unknown species. You can identify it later with the Cornell Lab's free bird identification app "Merlin" that also can play the bird's song.

With the continuing clear-cutting of wooded building lots for home construction, wildlife is losing its natural habitats,

understory vegetation, burrow and nest sites, food sources and cover from predators. Every developer and homeowner can help conserve some natural habitat before construction and replant and restore a small part of the environment around homes afterward.

It takes decades to grow trees. Leaving existing trees that do not hinder construction makes economic sense and dramatically increases home value. Trees shade homes and neighborhoods; reduce temperatures; clean the air of dust, pollution and odors; help block noise; sequester carbon; provide life support to birds, butterflies and other wildlife; and emit oxygen we and animals need to breathe.

Because so much of Florida has been deliberately and unnecessarily deforested, environmental change and loss of pollinators and wildlife has

resulted. People want and need trees, shrubs, birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife — not merely for aesthetic, recreational and psychological reasons, but for flower pollination that produces human food. Tomatoes, beans, fruit, grains, nuts, etc., need pollinators to develop fruits and seeds. I thank bees for my jar of honey.

According to the University of South Florida, there are 3,314 native plant species in Florida and 1,550 introduced nonnatives. Online florida.plantatlas.usf.edu has easy-to-use species pages on every plant with range maps and photos. This useful and accurate site has a total of 18,797 photos to help homeowners confirm a plant's identity.

There are excellent books for homeowners to learn how to help restore nature's balance, explain what plants are suitable

and how and where to plant them in home landscapes. Some are available at local libraries. Books are easy to buy online.

"Nature's Best Hope" by Doug Tallamy, a New York Times best seller, outlines things homeowners can do to help preserve and restore habitats.

"Native Plant Gardening for Birds, Bees & Butterflies," by Jaret C. Daniels, explains why birds and pollinators are important. His excellent book details 100 readily available native plants organized by sunlight needs and plant type.

"Native Plants for Florida" by Stacy Matrazzo and Nancy Bissett is available from the Florida Association of Native Nurseries (FANN) and online. With excellent photographs, this useful book profiles 100 Florida native wildflowers, shrubs, vines and trees that

help restore Florida's homesites and landscapes into biodiverse habitats.

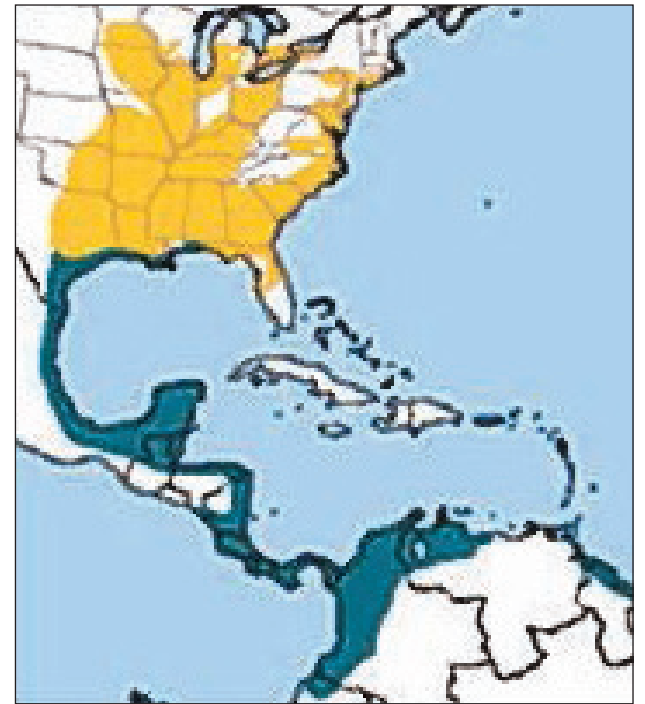
Gift-giving time of the year is at hand. Homeowners appreciate books that provide expert knowledge on restoring gardens to help wildlife and our shared planet. Any homeowner can create a low-maintenance garden that can tolerate Florida's unique climate and soil conditions, support biodiversity and bring wildlife into gardens to watch and enjoy.

One garden at a time, we can help restore and preserve plant and wildlife biodiversity for future generations. Do something good for your garden habitat and Earth's environment.

Jane Weber is a professional gardener and consultant. Semi-retired, she grows thousands of native plants. Contact her at jweber12385@gmail.com or phone 352-249-6899.



Endemic Garberia is a small perennial, evergreen native shrub that grows only in Florida and no other place in the world. It flowers in the autumn and attracts butterflies and pollinators when few other native plants are in flower. Jane grows Garberia in pots and transplants them without disturbing their root system. This planting flanks a mulched driveway. In the background, logs alongside the driveway deter vehicles and photographers from damaging the native plantings.



The American Bird Conservancy has detailed information on specific bird species online. For example, Jane typed in abcbirds.org/bird/prothonotary-warbler to find accurate science-based information, photos, and a range map. Type in any bird name to hear its song and learn about its life and habits. Map from the American Bird Conservancy, www.abcbirds.org.



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I'm about to share with you some stories that should inspire you and your contractor to keep working. Don't let him tell you the weather's going to cause this or that delay. It's pure poppycock.

My first lesson in how to get around weather delays happened almost half my lifetime ago. Thirty-three years ago, I subscribed to every home building and remodeling magazine I could find. The World Wide Web — what we now depend on as a repository of images, videos and all sorts of technical information — was merely a glint in the eye of the tech industry. I consumed tips and tricks from publications and books like you might pop peanut M&Ms in your mouth.

One of my favorite magazines was Fine Homebuilding. I started subscribing around issue 23 or so. I'd read each issue cover to cover, and it helped that I had a photographic memory. I'd store snapshots of the photos in the magazine in my tiny gray cells that I'd use to help me do things each day on my job sites.

I'll never forget when I turned over to the rear cover of Issue 51 of the magazine. There were four photographs showing how a new house was being built in the Hamptons on Long Island in the



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This sheltering structure, made of 2x4 framing and plastic sheeting, allows workmen to lay concrete blocks in cold and rainy New Hampshire weather to keep a job moving forward.

middle of winter under a giant inflatable structure. Mind you, this was 1988!

Can you imagine that? The builder was no fool. He knew that at least 30% of each day's worth of productivity for each craftsman could be gobbled up dealing with Mother Nature. It was to his benefit, and that of the owner, to get the house built as fast as possible. Fortunately, the builder had access to an inflatable structure that used to cover a tennis court. It was a win-win all the way around. The house stayed dry during construction; the workers weren't miserable and were safer; and the owner got a much better-built house. I share this to show you it's possible to do what seems impossible!

Twelve years ago a special painting crew was sent to my house to satisfy a warranty claim on my windows. They had to do extensive work to remove the window sashes and then paint parts of the remaining frames with a very special automotive fade-resistant paint.

The three painters had

a huge trailer that was a traveling workshop with all the special spray-painting equipment. It was also filled with every imaginable tool they might need for any situation. One day rain was in the forecast. The painters, in a matter of minutes, fabricated a moveable lean-to out of a sheet of heavy translucent plastic and lumber that was in the trailer.

They constructed the lean-to so it tucked up perfectly under the roof overhang and extended far to the left and right of their work area so no rain would get inside my house or fall on the window frames they needed to paint. It took them less than 30 minutes to construct the lean-to. Clever indeed, and it allowed them to get the job done a day early.

Two months ago, a Seattle entrepreneur scheduled two phone consultation calls with me. He was about to start building a wood foundation for a stunning cedar shed kit he purchased online. It just so happens this time of year, the fall can be very wet in

the Northwest.

He asked me how he could keep the project moving and not allow the days and days of rain to put the project behind or get the cedar wet. I told him how he could build a very simple pup-tent design using a giant fiberglass tarp, some rope, and a few 4x4 posts. He built an inverted V shelter in less than two hours that was both wind- and rain-proof. He sent me photos of the finished shed under the tarp. It brought a smile to my face, to say the least.

Lastly, here in my town in rural New Hampshire, work has been going on for months on a foundation for a giant new garage and service center for the town public works trucks.

Two weeks ago, I saw workmen building an ingenious triangle-shaped structure around the poured foundation. It was done to create a warm environment for laying concrete blocks. The project is months behind schedule because of a pier-drilling mistake, so not a day can be lost to the weather.

The laborers did a fantastic job building this simple structure from sheets of plastic and some 2x4s. It turned out to be windproof, and the concrete block thought it was being laid in June it was so balmy under the plastic with the heaters on.

Should you decide to build shelters as I just described, keep the wind in mind. You must be sure your structure doesn't blow over or get ripped to shreds. There are plenty of online videos out there that give you tips on how to prevent this. Good luck and get 'er done!

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HERBS

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The taste of rosemary is potent, so only a small amount is needed for flavoring. When I need some, I just snip off a few sprigs, which also keeps my plant tidy and shapely.

Bay laurel, for its part, sports broad, dark, evergreen leaves, and a freshly picked leaf needs more coaxing than rosemary to give up its scent. But what a wonderful scent it is — much richer than what you'll sniff from dried leaves out of a jar.

Cooked, its flavor readily infuses soups, tomato sauce, stews and other dishes. Freshly plucked, you'll need to really crush a leaf to release its aroma.

Rosemary or bay laurel are attractive whether grown as informal shrubs or trained to the form of small trees. Pruning off all growth except for a single, vertical stem, then repeatedly pinching off the tip of that stem and any branches that

develop creates a small tree out of either plant.

Such "standards," as miniature trees are called, can be anywhere from 2 feet high on up, depending on the height at which you pinch out the initial, vertical stem. Over time, that stem will thicken to become a woody trunk. (Unpruned, bay laurel can grow to become a 50-foot-tall tree!)

With care and regular pruning, a potted bay laurel or rosemary plant can live for decades. Refresh the soil every couple of years by repotting the plant to a larger pot or slicing the root ball to reduce its size, then putting it back in the same pot with new potting soil in the space opened up.

For a treat (for your rosemary or bay laurel plant), move it outdoors in spring to bask in sunlight and fresh air for the summer. Your plants will appreciate it, and you'll appreciate the plants for their beauty and the flavoring and aroma they offer, especially when you move them back indoors in late fall.



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THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE

December 12, 2021

COMICS

PEANUTS

featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"

by SCHULZ

TOMORROW IS BEETHOVEN'S BIRTHDAY... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BUY ME?

I'M NOT GOING TO BUY YOU ANYTHING!

YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE YOU DON'T CARE ANYTHING ABOUT BEETHOVEN! YOU NEVER HAVE!!

YOU DON'T CARE THAT HE SUFFERED! YOU DON'T CARE THAT HIS STOMACH HURT AND THAT HE COULDN'T HEAR!

YOU NEVER CARED THAT THE COUNTESS TURNED HIM DOWN, OR THAT THERESE MARRIED THE BARON INSTEAD OF HIM OR THAT LOBKOWITZ STOPPED HIS ANNUITY!!

IF THE COUNTESS HADN'T TURNED HIM DOWN, WOULD YOU BUY ME SOMETHING?

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DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS
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WE WON A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT TO BUILD A CO2 CAPTURE MACHINE, AND WE NEED SOME IDEAS.

WE'RE ONLY BRAINSTORMING HERE, SO REMEMBER, THERE ARE NO "BAD IDEAS."

WE COULD CAPTURE THE CO2 WITH A NET.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO WRITE THAT ONE DOWN?

NO, I'M FAIRLY CONFIDENT I'LL REMEMBER THAT SUGGESTION FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

WE COULD ATTRACT THE CO2 WITH SOME SORT OF FOOD.

FORGET IT! YOU'RE ALL IDIOTS! I'LL JUST DESIGN THE STUPID MACHINE MYSELF!

THAT WAS FUN.

I LOVE BRAINSTORMING.

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MARVIN

by Tom Armstrong

I NEED TO DO SOME GOOD DEEDS TO IMPRESS SANTA

I KNOW! I'LL GO GET THE MAIL FOR DAD!

THIS SHOULD WIN ME SOME SANTA POINTS

MAYBE YOU SHOULD ASK SANTA FOR A STEP-LADDER

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Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Rachel Rabbit's basement flooded after an overnight rainfall. While Slylock Fox consoled Rachel, her next-door neighbor, Shady Shrew, offered to sell her an expensive water pump. What evidence did Slylock see that suggests Shady actually caused the flooding?

Solution -- Slylock observed a hose coming through one of the windows that led back to Shady's house next door.

HOW TO DRAW Max Mouse

Bob WEBER JR and SR 12-12

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Parth, age 11

Submit your drawing to www.kidcartoonists.com

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The following are breeds of cats. How many can you unscramble?

- 1) NMXA
- 2) ENSRAPI
- 3) YHSPXN
- 4) EMISAES

Answer -- 1) Manx
2) Persian (Sphinx)
3) Siamese
4) Siamese

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Bird, fang, tree, window, sun and rabbit's eyes.

For more Spot Six Differences, Slylock Fox and other puzzles and comics go to www.slylockfox.com

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Sunday Puzzle Fun

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

TASEYW

UNNLAA

SANSOE

ZORICE

PAURTB

GREEED

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

THE FLUFFY FEATHERS HAD ARRIVED, SO THE PILLOW MAKER COULD NOW ---

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephams Group

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

Level

1

2

3

4

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

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

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

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ANDY CAPP

by Smythe

CHALKIE, I WANT YOU TO PLAY THE INVERTED FULLBACK ROLE SO THIS WILL ALLOW OUR MIDFIELDERS TO PRESS BETWEEN THE LINES

DID YOU UNDERSTAND ALL THAT?

HE LOST ME AFTER 'CHALKIE'

CRIPES! YOU WENT IN A BIT HARD THERE, ANDY

I WAS JUST LETTING HIM KNOW I'M HERE, GAFFER

YOU NORMALLY WAIT TILL YOU'RE ON THE PITCH

CRUMP!

HAL FOSTER'S

Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

TWO LONG DAYS' RIDE, SOUTH AND WEST FROM THE COAST, AND VAL SEES THAT THE STOIC MORGAN NEEDS REST. THE COLUMN OF DARK SMOKE AHEAD HERALDS A VILLAGE.

THEY RIDE INTO THE NARROW STREETS AND ARE GREETED BY THE SUSPICIOUS STARES OF THE TOWNSFOLK. MORGAN SUDDENLY REINS IN HER STEED. "YOU WILL RIDE AHEAD OF ME, VALIANT," SHE COMMANDS.

VAL DOES NOT QUESTION. THE AIR HERE IS HEAVY WITH FEAR, AS WELL AS WITH THE SMOKE THEY HAD SEEN ON APPROACH. THEN THEY ARE IN THE CENTRAL SQUARE AND SEE THE SMOLDERING REMAINS OF A PUBLIC BURNING. MANACLES DANGLING FROM A CHARRED POST TELL THE TALE.

VAL HAS WITNESSED THIS SORT OF TORTURE AND EXECUTION BEFORE, AND IT HAS ALWAYS SICKENED HIM. MORGAN SPEAKS SOFTLY: "WE MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE. IT IS NOT SAFE FOR ME HERE."

AND SO THEY DO. "WHAT..." VAL BEGINS, BEFORE MORGAN CUTS HIM SHORT: "THEY BURNED A WITCH. YOU HAVE SEEN THE LEGACY OF ARTHUR'S AMBITION."

NEXT: The falcon

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JUMBLE

Answer:

ANNUAL SEASON ABRUPT
SWEATY COZIER DEGREE

The fluffy feathers had arrived, so the pillow maker could now ---

GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY WITH

BY JOHN ROSE

D'YA OFFER FREE CHRIS'MIS GIFT WRAPPIN', SILAS ?

I SHORE DO !!

WELL...?

GO GIT ME SOME GIFT WRAP-- TWO BUCKS A ROLL, AISLE SEVEN !!

CAN I GIT TH' FALL CLEARANCE PRICE ON THIS STUFF, SILAS ?

SHORE, SNUFFY-- NEXT FALL !!

HOW 'BOUT TH' BLACK FRIDAY PRICE ?

YO'RE A FEW WEEKS LATE FER THAT'UN !!

COULD I GIT'CHA TO START YORE AFTER-CHRIS'MIS SALE A LI'L EARLY ?

NOPE !!

HMPF !! LOOKS LIKE I MAY HAFTA TAKE MY BIZNISS ELSEWHAR !!

SUIT YORESELF, SNUFFY !! YA WANNA BUY SOME SNOWSHOES OR WOULD'JA RATHER GO WIF TH' CROSS-COUNTRY SKIIS ?

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

DID THE GENERAL READ MY REPORT?

I DOUBT IT

DID YOU RECEIVE MY COMMUNIQUE, SIR?

DON'T THINK SO

I SENT YOU A TEXT, TOO...

CLICKETY CLICK

I WROTE YOU AN EMAIL...

CLICK CLICKETY CLICK

LEFT YOU A VOICE MESSAGE...

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO GET YOUR ATTENTION ?!

TRY A FLARE

MATCHES

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By BILL KEANE

It's very hard for Santa to lose weight because of all the cookies and milk he has to put away.

He gave up smoking his pipe so he'll live longer.

While Daddy is Christmas shopping, Billy fills in with this inside look at Santa.

Santa knows if you've been bad or good via Satellite.

He pays his elves with lots of Christmas candies and cookies.

Let's see... that's an A... no, it's an O...

At his North Pole Aeronautics School he teaches reindeer to fly.

Here's where he gets most of his ideas.

One of Santa's greatest skills is being able to read Kids' Writing.

One fine day on the comics page...

by Lincoln Peirce

One day, Nate Wright walked to school.

WHAT KIND OF CAPTION IS THAT?

What's wrong with it?

IT'S BORING, THAT'S WHAT!

GIVE ME AN INTERESTING CAPTION!

What'd you have in mind?

ANYTHING! ANYTHING WOULD BE BETTER THAN "HE WALKED TO SCHOOL"!

Okay, fine. Just give me a second.

Got one. Ready?

READY.

On a chilly morning in December, Nate Wright suddenly and inexplicably found that his clothing had disappeared.

THEN he walked to school.

OH, COME ON!

GUYS! CHECK THIS OUT!

PICKLES

by BRAN CRANE

IT LOOKS LIKE THE MAIL CAME. DO YOU WANT TO GO GET IT?

YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO SHOVEL THE WALK TO GET TO IT.

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IT'S A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM OUR CHIROPRACTOR.

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

MEANWHILE, ON THE ISLAND OF MISFIT TOYS...

I'D KILL TO BE SOMEONE'S PRESENT.

OKAY, SEE, THIS IS WHY WE'RE ON THIS ISLAND.

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?

MAKING OUR OWN MISFIT TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS!

THIS IS A TERMINATOR TEDDY BEAR FROM A POSTAPOCALYPTIC FUTURE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PRESENT DOESN'T MAKE HIS TYPE OF BATTERIES, SO HE CAN ONLY LOOK LONGINGLY AT THINGS HE WANTS TO DESTROY.

THIS REMOTE-CONTROL CAR HAS JUST ENOUGH SENTIENCE TO KNOW IT'S NOT IN CONTROL OF ITSELF. SO I GAVE IT SPEAKERS TO SCREAM WHENEVER IT STARTS MOVING.

THIS IS A MONOPOLY BOARD WITH A VOLCANO IN THE MIDDLE AND HOT MAGMA UNDERNEATH SO IT CAN SPEW LAVA. IT PROVES NATURE WILL ALWAYS RECLAIM THE EARTH IF YOU ROLL DOUBLE SIXES.

THIS IS A HAND PUPPET WITH A BLOODY MANNEQUIN ARM, SO IT LOOKS LIKE THE PUPPET RIPPED IT OFF THE PERSON FOR SWEET FREEDOM. UNFORTUNATELY, NOW IT CAN'T MOVE OR TALK.

I, UH, ACTUALLY FEAR THE CHANGES I MADE TO THIS JACK-IN-THE-BOX. SO I'M GOING TO BURY IT. IN SOMEONE ELSE'S YARD.

PLEASE TELL ME NO ONE WE KNOW IS GETTING THESE AS PRESENTS.

OH, THESE TOYS DON'T REACT WELL TO BEING GIFT-WRAPPED.

THAT'S WHY I'M GIVING THIS TO MY BOSS IN AN OPEN BOX!

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

WE SHARE EPIC TALES DESIGNED TO EVOKE GREAT SUSPENSE AND FEAR.

-PETER

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Hank Ketchum's Dennis the Menace The Santa Clause

IF YOU DON'T GO TO SLEEP RIGHT NOW, I'M SENDING A TEXT TO SANTA CLAUS!

I'LL TELL HIM TO PUT YOU ON THE NAUGHTY LIST!

OKAY, OKAY!

LATER...

SO HOW WAS HE?

WHATEVER YOU DO, MRS. MITCHELL...

...TRY TO KEEP DENNIS BELIEVING IN SANTA CLAUS FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN.

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CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY

WHAT CAN WE GIVE MOM AND DAD FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

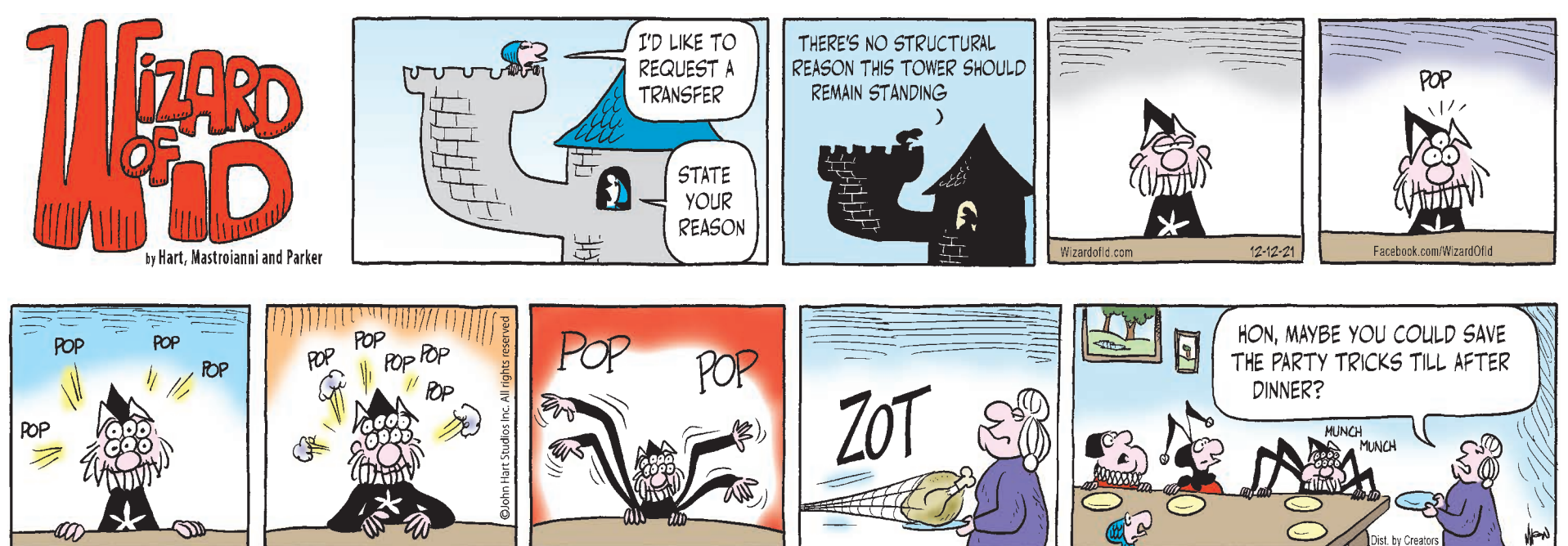
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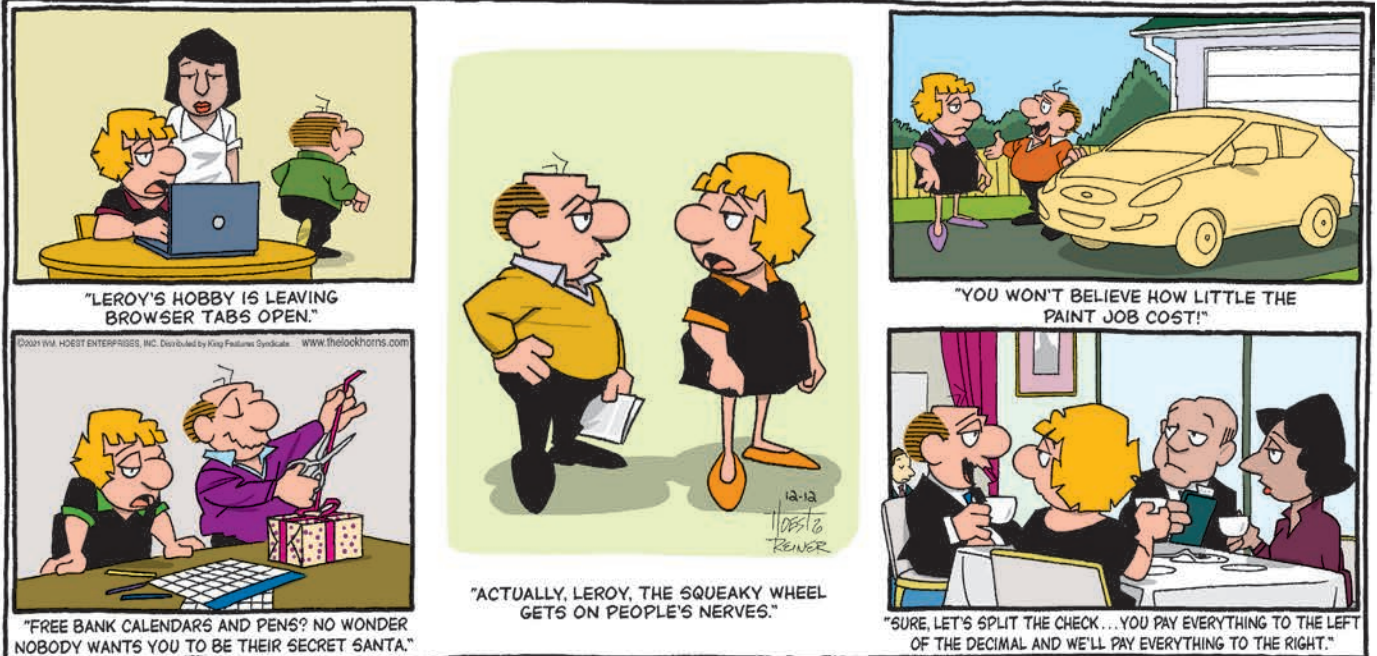
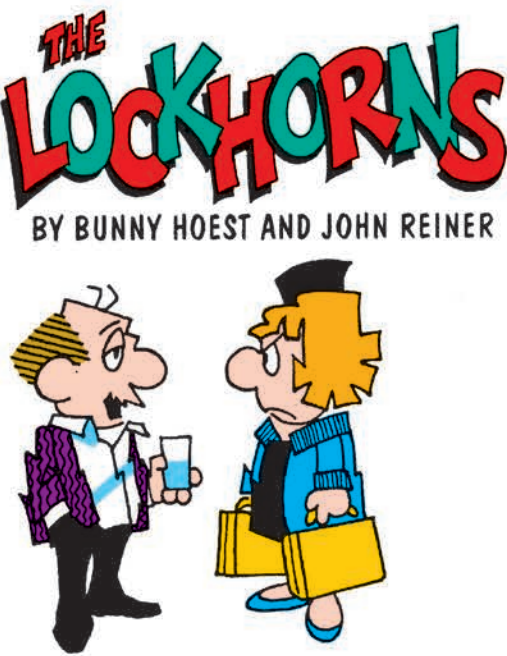
C'MON, THINK, BARRY! WHAT CAN WE GIVE MOM AND DAD WITH NO MONEY?

WE COULD FIND A BRICK AND BUST OUT THE JEWELRY STORE WINDOW!

WE CAN GIVE THEM THE GIFT OF... US!

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KIDS' CORNER

Learn. Play. Be amazed!

10 snow trivia questions



Is winter your favourite season? If so, here are 10 challenging questions about the snowy season to test your knowledge.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

- 1. In polar regions like Antarctica, snow sometimes changes colour because of a specific type of algae. What colour does it turn?
a) Red
b) Green
c) Brown
- 2. How many "arms" or dendrites do snowflakes have?
a) 4
b) 6
c) 8
- 3. What do you call it when someone has an irrational fear of snow?
a) Frigophobia
b) Chionophobia
c) Pagophobia
- 4. What do you call the type of snow that doesn't melt, even in the summer?
a) Permanent snow
b) Unmeltable snow
c) Persistent snow
- 5. Which animals have been seen playing with snowballs?
a) Rabbits
b) Squirrels
c) Macaques

TRUE OR FALSE

- 6. Snow isn't really white, it's translucent.
- 7. When snow accumulates on the ground, it absorbs sound, which creates a quiet atmosphere.
- 8. In Scots, a Scottish dialect, there are more than 400 words to describe snow.
- 9. The largest snowflake ever recorded was 38 centimetres in diameter.
- 10. Snow is an excellent insulator and can help keep you warm.

- 10. True
- 9. True
- 8. True
- 7. True
- 6. True
- 5. c)
- 4. a)
- 3. b)
- 2. b)
- 1. a)

ANSWERS

What do animals do in winter?

In winter, animals have to be able to endure frosty temperatures and a decrease in the amount of available food. Here are seven creatures that have adapted and developed strategies to survive the season.

1. MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

These orange-winged butterflies fly thousands of miles to overwinter in Mexico. Even though monarchs can travel between 50 to 100 miles a day, this journey takes several months to complete.



2. COD

Fish cannot regulate their own body temperature and, consequently, it changes based on the temperature of the water. In order to be able to live in cold water, cod rely on antifreeze proteins. This prevents their blood from freezing.

3. HARES

In the fall, hares grow a thick, white winter coat. This transformation allows them to stay warm in frigid temperatures and remain camouflaged in the snow.

4. BEES

Bees spend the winter in their hive. When the cold weather hits, the worker bees gather around their queen and vibrate their wing muscles to keep her warm.

5. STRIPED CHIPMUNKS

These small mammals are true hibernators. They roll up into a small ball and sleep all winter long without leaving their burrow. They slow down their breathing, body temperature and heart rate during this time. Since they expend almost no energy, chipmunks can survive on their fat reserves.

6. CHICKADEES

Many birds migrate south when the temperature starts to drop. Chickadees, however, overwinter in some of the coldest northern regions. During this time, they change their diet and eat seeds instead of insects. Moreover, they can puff out their feathers to shelter themselves from the cold.

7. BEARS

Most people assume that bears hibernate all winter. However, this isn't strictly true. In actuality, bears simply lower their metabolic rate and go into a light sleep. Consequently, they may occasionally wake up in winter if they hear a loud noise. Furthermore, female bears have their cubs at this time of the year.



Animals have adapted to cold and snowy winters in many different ways. The unique traits they develop allow them to both stay warm and remain nourished throughout the season.



3 Christmas gift ideas for your parents

Do you want to spoil your parents over the holidays? If so, here are a few ideas.

1. HANDMADE GIFT

You can use crafting materials, items from your recycling bin or pinecones and branches you find in nature to make a centerpiece, greeting card or Christmas tree ornament.

2. COUPON BOOK

Write down a few chores you could do, such as emptying the dishwasher or tidying your room, on small pieces of paper. Your parents can then pick one of these coupons whenever they like, and you must do the task — without complaining!

3. STORE-BOUGHT GIFT

If you have some money saved up, you can buy your parents a present you think they'd enjoy. For example,



you could purchase a funny mug if they love coffee, a decorative frame if they take a lot of pictures or chocolates if they have a sweet tooth.

Whatever you decide, your parents are sure to appreciate the thought you put into their gift.

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