



NEWS BRIEFS

Rebecca Bays, Dale Merrill running for state House

Former Citrus County Commissioner Rebecca Bays and local attorney Dale Merrill have filed papers to run for the Florida House of Representatives' District 34.



BAYS

The seat became vacant when current state representative Ralph Massullo filed to run for the State Senate seat District 10.

Bays is a Republican who served as county commissioner from 2010 to 2014. Merrill, also a Republican, runs the Law Office of Dale M. Merrill in Homosassa. Merrill said she sent in filing papers last weekend but her name does not show up yet on the state's candidate tracker.

Bays and Merrill join two others who filed to run for state representative in the 2022 general election: Republican Paul Reinhardt and Democrat Nancy Pierson.

Citrus County Democrats to host ACA enrollment event

The Citrus County Democratic Executive Committee, in partnership with the Florida Care Assurance Group, the Citrus County Department of Health and Citrus County hospitals, will host an Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the DEC office at 1645 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, in the Tree-Tops Plaza in Lecanto.

Individuals interested in learning more about the ACA plans and if they qualify can meet directly with representatives from Florida Care. Activities for children, snacks and beverages will be provided. Vaccinations will also be available.

For information, contact Joe Adams at community@citrusdemocrats.org or call 352-513-3001.

Commissioners to hold annual planning retreat

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) annual planning retreat will be held at 9 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Lecanto Government Building, room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path.

The public is invited to attend, though there will be no "open to the public" speaking opportunities during this event. Citizens are welcome to speak during the BOCC meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. Jan 18 at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness.

This full day event provides an opportunity for commissioners to discuss, plan and prioritize programs, projects and issues facing Citrus County and the BOCC while looking to the future. For more information, call public information officer Veronica Kampschroer at 352-527-5484.

From staff reports

Lockdown mistakenly initiated at CRHS

Increases worry around national TikTok threat

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

Tension is running high in Citrus County schools since the district has been made aware of a national threat circulating on TikTok, warning of gun violence in

schools on Friday, Dec. 17.

They were heightened the morning of Thursday, Dec. 16, when a total lockdown was mistakenly initiated at Crystal River High School in response to a school medical emergency.



VINCENT

School District Police Chief Dave Vincent said the new crisis alert system, which was implemented this year, has two functions. The first function alerts school administration of a medical emergency, physical altercation, etc. The second function initiates a schoolwide lockdown.

Depending on which function is needed at the time, staff members can press a

button on their district issued badge a certain number of times.

On Thursday, a staff member responded to a student seizure, Vincent said. Rather than using the first function to alert administration an error was made and the staff pressed the button too many times.

"She actually initiated a lockdown," Vincent explained.

Lockdowns activate emergency lights and speaker announcements informing staff and students it's not a drill and to implement ALICE protocols. This, coupled with the circulating national threat, may have created increased panic at CRHS Thursday morning, Vincent said.

Vincent said some

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Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Heath Schaffer encourages 8-year-old Lisa Nelson as she tries out her bicycle she is going to purchase Tuesday evening, Dec. 14. Each child paired with a first responder was given \$150 to spend in store on gifts for themselves, friends or family.

Christmas cheer

Shop with a Cop spreads seasonal joy to Citrus County children

By BUSTER THOMPSON
Chronicle Reporter

Jaxon Tilton let out a gentle smile when the 10-year-old spotted Citrus County Sheriff's Office Deputy Andy McEwen waiting for him with a shopping cart at the Inverness Walmart.

Joyful faces like Jaxon's make the sheriff's office's annual Shop with a Cop event special for McEwen.

"Just knowing that you're part of that is just a lot of fun," the 18-year CCSO deputy said. "It's just a lot of fun."

Jaxon was one of 61 local children who got to shop for their holiday gifts with a deputy Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 14-16, at the Walmart stores in Inverness, Homosassa and Lecanto.

"He's been talking about it ever since it started," Jaxon's mom, Kelly, said Tuesday before she and McEwen loaded her son's presents into her car.

Donations allowed county deputies since 2001 to buy presents for children who struggle to get them, but CCSO's Shop with a



Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Marine Deputy Jimmy Sudlow helps 7-year-old Hunter Malicoate on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Inverness Walmart during the annual Shop with a Cop event.

Cop became an official charity tradition 19 years ago.

"I probably could sit here and give you a million reasons why Shop with a Cop is important for our community," Sheriff Mike Prendergast said. "Simply put, let's think about the sole purpose of Shop with a Cop, which is to share some Christmas magic with the children in our

community by helping out those families who have had a difficult year." Along with spreading cheer to those in need, Shop with a Cop helps reinforce positive connections between youth and law enforcement.

"Investing in kids - it's the best investment there is," said Sgt. Mike Barry, who

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County moves forward with Fort Island Trail path

By MICHAEL D. BATES
Chronicle Reporter

Anyone who's walked or bicycled the 9-mile stretch from Fort Island Beach to U.S. 19 knows how dangerous it can be.

Fort Island Trail is separated by a striped 5-foot bike lane. But wide vehicles, such as RVs or those towing boats, sometimes veer into that lane on tight curves.

County commissioners Tuesday took steps to alleviate the problem by voting 4-1 to send out requests for proposals (RFPs) for a design-build multi-use path on the road.

County Administrator Randy Oliver said the RFP makes it clear the county is budgeting \$1 million and no more.

"(It) essentially says build what you can and tell us how much you can build for \$1 million - if it's 10 feet, a 1,000 feet or two miles," Oliver said.

The design-build contract stipulates the winning bidder will be 100 percent responsible for the design, permitting and construction of the trail. The proposals will come back to the commissioners who will then discuss a staff recommended-contractor.

Commissioner Scott Car-

nahan told the Chronicle he voted against the motion because he believes there are more important projects right now that need to be addressed, such as fixing up the roads that were flooded this summer and will likely need repairs.

Carnahan said he doesn't want to tap into county coffers to pay for the path. If state money was available, that would be another story, he said.

Finally, Carnahan said a design-build contract will discourage bidders because it puts so much responsibility (such as permitting) on them.

"We won't get enough bids to get an accurate cost," he said.

Since 2017, County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard has led the charge on getting the path built because of safety reasons. When done, the path will get bikers off the shoulder of the road where they are jockeying for space with cars and trucks.

It's also believed the path will contribute to the overall economy of the county by attracting more tourists here who will spend dollars.

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Bond revoked for alleged drug dealer

By BUSTER THOMPSON
Chronicle Reporter

A Dunnellon man who resigned as a Citrus County teacher after his arrest on drug-dealing charges won't be allowed out of jail while his growing number of felony cases proceed in court.

Citrus County Circuit Judge Richard "Ric" Howard

revoked Jeffrey Scott Brake's bond Thursday, Dec. 16, after prosecutors told the judge authorities apprehended Brake committing a new crime in Lake County while he was out on bond.

Brake's lawyer, Charles Vaughn, objected to Howard having the hearing because his 52-year-old was still in Lake County custody and unable to be present.

"I feel this is a critical stage in these proceedings," he said.

Finding otherwise, Howard overruled Vaughn's

objection, and waived Brake's need to appear in court, telling Vaughn he can readress the matter with a motion for bond.

Feb. 10 was scheduled as Brake's next hearing at the Citrus County courthouse.

Brake was first arrested in August after Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies raided his Citrus Springs homestead, seizing fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, digital scale and hypodermic needles.

Prosecutors charged Brake with trafficking in fentanyl, possessing heroin with intent to sell, possessing meth with intent to sell, possessing a residence with intent to traffic in narcotics, and possessing drug paraphernalia.

If convicted as charged, Brake would face a prison sentence of up to 75 years.

Howard reduced Brake's initial \$41,000 bond to \$13,500, which Brake posted bail on.

At the time of his arrest, Brake worked as a Citrus County School District educator since August 2001, teaching at seven schools

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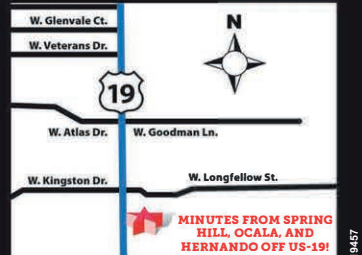
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Car runs stop sign, collides with semi

A motorist ran a stop sign at a Homosassa intersection, causing a collision with a semitruck on a highway.

According to Florida Highway Patrol, first responders airlifted a 64-year-old Hernando man for treatment after he drove a red Toyota Camry into the path of a gray Peterbilt semitruck at around 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at U.S. 19 and South Stonebrook Drive.

Other motorists traveling on U.S. 19 told the investigating FHP trooper the Toyota didn't brake at Stonebrook Drive's stop sign before it traveled into the highway and in front of the northbound semitruck.

According to FHP, the semitruck struck the Toyota at an estimated speed of 55 mph, forcing the Camry to spin counterclockwise toward the northeast and overturn onto its right side off of the highway.

Emergency medical crews flew the Toyota's driver, who suffered incapacitating injuries, to Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point, according to FHP, and the 35-year-old Homosassa man driving the semitruck suffered possible injuries but wasn't taken to hospital.

FHP cited the Toyota's driver for running a stop sign.

Parks & Rec to show 'The Polar Express'

Join the city of Inverness Parks & Recreation for a movie night in the park, featuring "The Polar Express," at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at Liberty Park, 268 N. Apopka Ave.

This Academy Award-winning movie will bring the holiday season to life.

Attend for free admission, hot cocoa, treats and memories that will last a lifetime. Call 352-726-3913 or visit inverness.gov.

Knights announce next blood drive

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

The life-giving gift of blood is a great holiday gift to family, friends and neighbors in their time of need. As a Christmas treat, an enhanced complimentary breakfast is planned, along with tokens of appreciation for all donors.

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

From staff reports

Woman competent to face murder charge

By **BUSTER THOMPSON**
Chronicle Reporter

Victrina Crites-Worley can comprehend facing allegations she murdered her husband.

Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard made the ruling Thursday, Dec. 16, during a hearing to determine the Crystal River 51-year-old's competency.

"She's competent and continues to be competent," the judge said.

Howard's finding was based on the reports of three

separate psychologists who evaluated Crites-Worley's mental health dating back to just after her April 2020 arrest.

Assistant State Attorney Pete Magrino, who submitted the reports to Howard as evidence, said Crites-Worley sole documentation of incompetency was soon after the alleged murder.

"Initially," the prosecutor told Howard, "she may not have had complete control of things because, subsequent to the homicide, she attempted suicide and had to go to hospital for a number of days."

After COVID-19 delayed proceedings, a Citrus County grand jury in November 2020 indicted Crites-Worley for the March 29, 2020, pre-

meditated first-degree murder of her 77-year-old husband, Lawrence Worley Sr.

It's alleged Crites-Worley stabbed Worley Sr. at least 10 times with fillet knives in the couple's backyard on the 5100 block of North Andri Drive.

After discovering Worley Sr.'s body, Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies found Crites-Worley with cuts on her arms. She told authorities during her hospitalization she couldn't remember what happened.

Prosecutors with the State Attorney's Office gave notice in May 2020 they'll seek the death penalty if Crites-Worley is convicted.

If a guilty verdict is announced, a unanimous panel of 12 jurors would still

have to find Crites-Worley's offense warrants the ultimate punishment.

Magrino told Howard on Thursday he and Vaughn have had preliminary discussions about other ways to resolve Crites-Worley's case.

Howard asked attorneys if they'd know by Crites-Worley's next court hearing Jan. 12 on when a trial could be set.

Charles Vaughn, who represents Crites-Worley alongside Debra Tuomey, told Howard he's ready for trial, but said Tuomey needs more time preparing to mitigate Crites-Worley's sentence if there's a conviction at trial.

"The nuts and bolts of a death case is the mitigation," he said.

Vaughn told Howard the additional mitigation could also help in plea-deal discussions with Magrino.

Tuomey said it could take a year for the defense team's mitigation specialist to interview witnesses and review the roughly 5,000 pages of Crites-Worley's medical records. Tuomey said Crites-Worley is also due to undergo additional brain scans.

"That's too long," Howard said about the timeframe before giving attorneys until January to give him another status. "I'm going to keep it on a short leash."

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916, bthompson@chronicleonline.com or visit tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso to see more of his stories.



CRITES-WORLEY



Addison DiMartino, left, presents Chris Nast with a Paul Harris award for financial contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County man awarded for contributions to Rotary Foundation

Special to the Chronicle

Chris Nast was recently presented with his Paul Harris plus six by Homosassa Rotary president Addison DiMartino. A Paul Harris award is given based on a financial contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary

contributions. For more information about the Rotary Club of Homosassa Springs, visit homosassaspringsrotary.org or [facebook.com/HSRotaryClub](https://www.facebook.com/HSRotaryClub). Join the club for breakfast at 7 a.m. every Thursday at Luigi's Pizza, 4538 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

Man accused of stalking, burglary

By **HANNAH SACHEWICZ**
Chronicle Reporter

A Dunnellon man was arrested after he was caught entering a woman's home through the dog door and stealing her clothes, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

Jeffrey Gipe, 54, was charged with simple stalking, burglary – residence – unoccupied and burglary – residence – occupied. Bond was set at \$26,000.

On Dec. 6, deputies began investigating alleged burglaries, stalking and petit theft at a Dunnellon residence.

According to the report, a woman told deputies that Gipe had been repeatedly harassing her via calls, texts and in person a total of approximately 15 times since Oct. 31.

On Dec. 4, the woman picked up her Ralph Lauren jacket before leaving the house, but changed her mind and tossed it back on the bed.

According to the report, the woman then heard the dog door, followed by the deadbolt unlocking from the side door of the home. She then witnessed Gipe enter and confronted him about why he was there and how he got in.

Gipe alleged he knew how to break into the home because he used to live there. He was previously served an injunction for protection from the woman.

In addition, Gipe alleged he was there to hang up Christmas lights and said he thought the woman was at her mother's house. She re-locked the door and told Gipe to leave.

According to the woman's account, Gipe followed her

around the home and asked about the plans she had and with who. She did not provide any information.

After being told to leave once more, Gipe got on his bike, which he hid behind a privacy fence, and left. Later, the woman called Gipe and told him to never come back to her residence and to leave her alone.

According to the report, Gipe later texted her a message that said, "Lube." He later texted her two emojis: a broken heart and an eggplant, along with the words, "just saying."

Gipe also reportedly texted the woman a picture of a card with a phrase she recognized.

The woman later noticed her Ralph Lauren jacket was missing from her bed. She alleged she never lost sight of Gipe when he entered the house and was positive he did not have an opportunity to take it. He also did not have time to take a photo of the aforementioned card.

The woman told deputies she felt like Gipe entered the house to stalk her and obtain personal information. She said Gipe would have had to return to the home after she left to take the jacket and photograph the card.

Deputies reportedly verified the text messages and photo, along with the injunction for protection, which was granted earlier this month.

On Dec. 8, deputies made contact with Gipe, who reportedly admitted post Miranda to entering the home using the dog door to unlock the deadbolt.

He also admitted to going to the residence on both occasions and stealing the jacket and a sweater. He was placed under arrest.



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HOROSCOPES

By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Airtight plans are encouraged if you want to make your way through the upcoming year without a hitch. A little too much or too little will throw you off course. Balance, fair play and sheer determination will enhance your chance to outmaneuver anyone who tries to stand in your way. Keep the momentum flowing and shoot for the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Remember the past and how others treated you before you trust certain people again. Scrutinize situations thoroughly and determine what's best before you proceed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Energy, passion and determination will help you flourish. If you do something uplifting or help a cause, you will gain significant satisfaction and knowledge. Follow your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Spend more time at home and prepare for upcoming events. Don't let a last-minute change of plans ruin your day. Do what you can, and you'll be happy with the results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll misread what someone is trying to convey. Don't overreact or start a feud when keeping the peace is in your best interest. Use intelligence to combat any negativity you encounter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pay more attention to what's ahead of you and less to what's behind. Letting go of what's no longer working for you will liberate you from routine and boredom. A proposal looks inviting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Uncertainty will leave you feeling restless. Rethink your long-term plans and make adjustments to suit trends. A heartfelt discussion with someone you respect will put your mind at ease.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The changes happening around you will lead to a learning experience. Be receptive, and everything will fall into place. An interesting connection will prove fruitful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A learning curve is apparent. Be open to suggestions and willing to do the legwork, and you will achieve your goal. A promise or commitment will bring you closer to someone special.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Surround yourself with reliable people who helped you in the past. How you present what you want to pursue will lead to valuable support. Make sure your research is foolproof.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep your facts straight, and you'll avoid trouble. Use your imagination when trying to please a loved one. Plan a special event that will put you in the spotlight. You will accomplish plenty if you are direct.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Embrace life, and you'll rise to the top. The way you treat others and what you bring to the table will put you in a leadership position. Kindness and generosity will help you get your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take an innovative approach to life, and you'll discover something about who you are and what makes you happy. Personal growth and a healthy attitude are favored. Take a moment to reflect and reappraise.

ENTERTAINMENT

Actor LeVar Burton joins Scripps National Spelling Bee as host

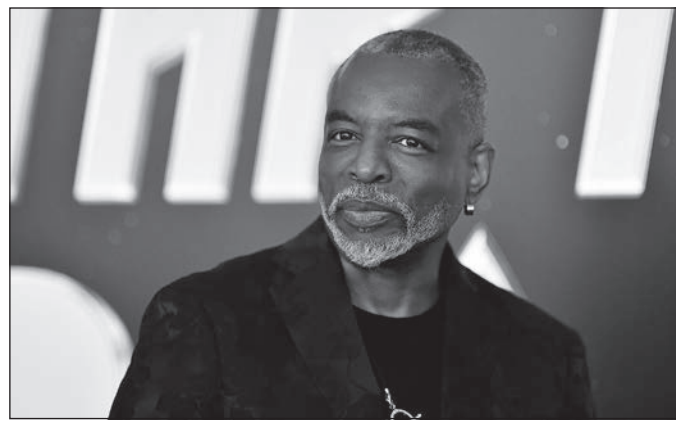
By BEN NUCKOLS Associated Press

LeVar Burton has been hired as host of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, giving the competition a celebrity headliner who's also a longtime literacy advocate as Scripps takes over production of the bee telecast.

Burton, who played Geordi La Forge on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and was the longtime host of the children's educational program "Reading Rainbow," told The Associated Press ahead of Thursday's announcement by Scripps that he said yes immediately when approached about the hosting role. Burton comes from a family of educators and said the bee represents "the inspirational, aspirational ideal of education."

"I want to normalize the pursuit of knowledge in this culture. That wouldn't be a bad thing, would it?" Burton said. "Not just making stuff up and calling it a fact. Achievement through knowledge, scholarship, putting in the work to gain the reward."

Burton described the opportunity as one of many that have come his way since his unsuccessful public campaign to become the permanent host of "Jeopardy!" (He will also serve as grand marshal of the upcoming Rose Parade.) His bid to succeed the late Alex Trebek attracted plenty of goodwill online while the show's producers were roundly criticized for their decision to hire Mike Richards, who stepped down shortly thereafter when his past insensitive comments were revealed.



Richard Shotwell

LeVar Burton arrives at the Star Trek Day celebration on Sept. 8 at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles. Burton has been hired as host of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, giving the competition a celebrity headliner who's also a longtime literacy advocate as Scripps takes over production of the bee telecast.

The 64-year-old Burton described himself as an above-average but hardly distinguished speller who's impressed by the bee winners as any other fan.

He cheered for this year's champion, Zaila Avant-garde — the first African American winner in the bee's history — and said the recent dominance of South Asian spellers should also be celebrated. Until this year, the bee had an Indian-American champion or co-champion every year since 2008.

"Zaila was a surprise, and a bit of an anomaly," Burton said. "I'm big for rooting for the underdog. As an underdog myself, I really identify."

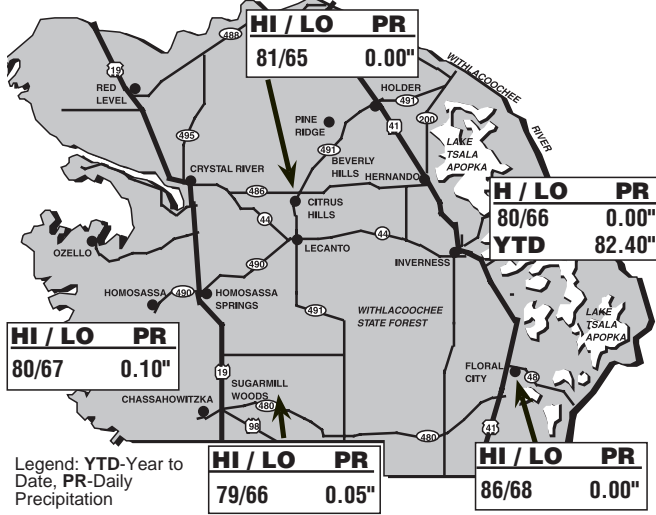
Burton's hire comes at a time of transition for the bee, which has undergone several major changes since executive di-

rector J. Michael Durnil took over early this year. Scripps announced this fall it has ended its 27-year partnership with ESPN, which brought the bee to millions of viewers and promoted it like a major sporting event.

The bee will air next year on the Scripps-owned networks ION and Bounce and will stream online.

Burton's exact duties as host are to be determined. Various ESPN hosts served as lead announcer for the bee over the years but were only heard on the telecast and had no interaction with the spellers during the competition. Watching the bee on TV is different by necessity from watching it in person because the TV hosts can share with the audience the correct spelling of a word before it's spelled onstage and analyze its tricky components.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: YTD-Year to Date, PR-Daily Precipitation. Today's weather: High: 82° Low: 63° Partly cloudy.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING High: 82° Low: 62° Partly sunny.

SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING High: 77° Low: 63° Partly sunny with a shower possible.

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SOLAR TABLES table with columns for DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON).

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK table with columns for SUNSET TONIGHT, SUNRISE TOMORROW, MOONRISE TODAY, MOONSET TODAY.

BURN CONDITIONS Today's Fire Danger Index is: MODERATE. There is no burn ban.

WATERING RULES table with columns for City, High, Low.

TIDES table with columns for City, High, Low.

KEY TO CONDITIONS table with columns for c=cloudy, fg=fog, hz=haze, mc=mostly cloudy, pc=partly cloudy, ra=rain, rs=rain/snow, s=sunny, sh=showers, sm=smokey, sn=snow, ss=snow showers, t-thunderstorms.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table of Florida temperatures with columns for City, H, L, F'cast.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: East winds around 10 knots then becoming northeast around 5 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: East winds 5 to 10 knots increasing to around 15 knots after midnight. Seas 2 feet.

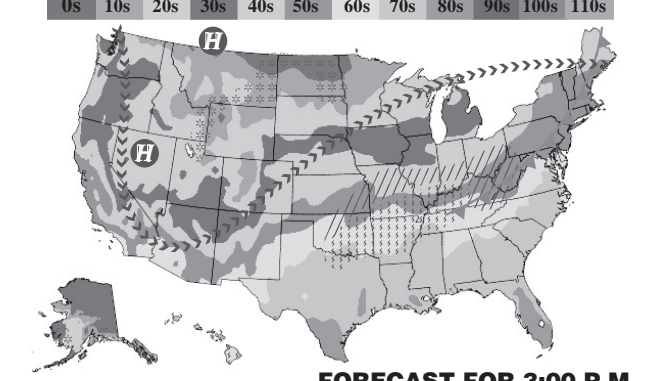
Gulf water temperature 72° Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Table of lake levels with columns for Location, THU, WED, Full.

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.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Friday

Table of national weather forecasts with columns for City, THU, FRI, THU, FRI.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 90, Zapata, Texas. LOW -15, Wolf Point, Mont.

WORLD CITIES

Table of world cities with columns for CITY, H/L/US, Lisbon, Mexico City, Madrid, Montreal, Moscow, Paris, Rio, Rome, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Warsaw.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 2021. There are 14 days left in the year.

Highlight in history: On Dec. 17, 1944, the U.S. War Department announced it was ending its policy of excluding people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

On this date: In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in separate ceremonies. (After President Donald Trump demanded a new deal, the three countries signed a replacement agreement in 2018.)

Ten years ago: North Korean leader Kim Jong Il died after more than a decade of iron rule; he was 69, according to official records, but some reports indicated he was 70.

Five years ago: Dr. Henry Heimlich, the surgeon who created the life-saving Heimlich maneuver for choking victims, died in Cincinnati at age 96.

One year ago: A government advisory panel endorsed a second COVID-19 vaccine, paving the way for the shot from Moderna and the National Institutes of Health to be added to the U.S. vaccination campaign. California reported 52,000 new COVID-19 cases in a single day — equal to what the entire country had been averaging two months earlier — as the state emerged as the latest epicenter of the U.S. outbreak.

Today's Birthdays: Pope Francis is 85. Actor Ernie Hudson is 76. Comedian-actor Eugene Levy is 75. Rock musician Mike Mills (R.E.M.) is 63. Country singer Tracy Byrd is 55. Actor Sarah Paulson is 47. Actor Milla Jovovich is 46.

ALERT CITRUS SIGNUP

- To register for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office's Alert Citrus weather program, visit www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the links to register. Create a profile, list how you want to be contacted in case of a weather emergency (text, mobile phone, home phone, email), then include the address(es) you want alerts for. Those without computer access may call 352-249-2705.

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Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests from Dec. 14

- Clemente Nathaniel Di Muro, 66, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 14 for criminal mischief (\$200 or less) and aggravated stalking – credible threat with intent. Bond \$11,000.
- Tina Kost Gretter, 55, Lecanto, arrested Dec. 14 for drug paraphernalia and possession of controlled substance. Bond \$3,000.
- Christopher Adrian Maldonado, 20, Clearwater, arrested Dec. 14 for grand theft (\$5,000 or more but less than \$10,000). Bond \$2,000.
- Larry Alan Ebel, 45, Bushnell, arrested Dec. 14 for violation of probation. No bond.
- David Perry Mickel, 64, Dunnellon, arrested Dec. 14 failure to appear. Bond \$4,500.
- Keshia Ann Staten, 33, Wildwood, arrested Dec. 14 for retail petit theft. Bond \$500.
- Joshua Lee Fitzwater, 37, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 14 for failure to appear. Bond \$2,000.
- Tony Lee Hicks, 57, Crystal River, arrested Dec. 14 for trespass on property other than structure or conveyance. Bond \$1,000.

Arrests from Dec. 15

- Vincent James Mugnolo, 23, Beverly Hills, arrested

LOCAL BRIEF

Police-escorted ride will honor veterans

Join the American Legion Riders Chapter 237 and veterans for “Wreaths for Our Fallen Heroes,” a police-escorted ride to Bushnell National Cemetery 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.

BOND

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– most recently at Citrus Springs Middle School.

School board members voted to suspend Brake without pay, pending termination, but Brake resigned in lieu of being dismissed.

While Brake was out of custody, the Eustis Police Department arrested him after allegedly finding Brake late Nov. 17 at a traffic stop with a glass pipe and vial containing crack cocaine.

Assistant State Attorney Patricia Diaz, who filed a motion for Brake’s bond revocation, called the arresting officer, Cody Schneider, to testify Thursday to Howard about his encounter with Brake.

After revoking Brake’s bond, Howard asked Diaz about the status of the warrant for Brake’s arrest on 13 counts of possessing child pornography.

Diaz said the prosecution’s office is working to get Brake transported to Citrus County’s jail so he can begin to face those charges.

CCSO went to search Brake’s home in August on suspicions he was involved with child pornography the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported to the sheriff’s office earlier in 2021.

Brake told investigators he viewed child pornography, but detectives couldn’t immediately locate any illicit materials.

Further investigations revealed multiple images of child pornography in digital storage devices belonging to Brake, prompting his arrest warrant to be issued.

According to Lake County inmate records, Brake’s bond for his child-pornography charges totaled \$195,000.

Contact Chronicle reporter *Buster Thompson* at 352-564-2916, *bthompson@chronicleonline.com* or visit *tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso* to see more of his stories.

FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 15 for grand theft (\$100 or more but less than \$750 from dwelling), grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000), two counts of burglary – residence – unoccupied, battery and traffic or endeavor to traffic in stolen property. No bond.

■ Austin Dakota Ebbert, 28, Inverness, arrested Dec. 15 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ Nichole Marie Borger, 41, Orlando, arrested Dec. 15 for failure to appear. No bond.

■ Charles Ty McGhee, 43, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 15 for failure to appear. Bond \$2,000.

■ Kimberly Louise Larsen, 54, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 15 for possession of controlled substance. Bond \$2,000.

■ Michael Allen Bolick, 36, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 15 for grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000). No bond.

■ Aron P. Derby, 43, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 15 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

■ Tyler Benjamin McKee, 27, Dunnellon, arrested Dec. 15 for domestic battery. No bond.

Burglaries, thefts and vandalism

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalism (criminal mischiefs) released Wednesday, Dec. 15, by the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office:

■ Vehicle burglary, 5:25 a.m. Dec. 14, off of High Acres Street, Lecanto;

■ Criminal mischief, 10:01 a.m. Dec. 14, off of Castania Drive, Dunnellon;

■ Criminal mischief, 10:51 a.m. Dec. 14, off of Kings Bay Drive, Crystal River;

■ Residential burglary, 7:40 p.m. Dec. 14, off of Arkansas Terrace, Hernando;

■ Criminal mischief, 8:46 p.m. Dec. 14, off of Canyon Terrace, Hernando;

■ Theft, 11:11 a.m. Dec. 15, off of Michaelmas Terrace, Crystal River.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tipsters remain anonymous.

Tips can also be reported to the sheriff’s office by calling the agency’s non-emergency line, 352-249-2790.

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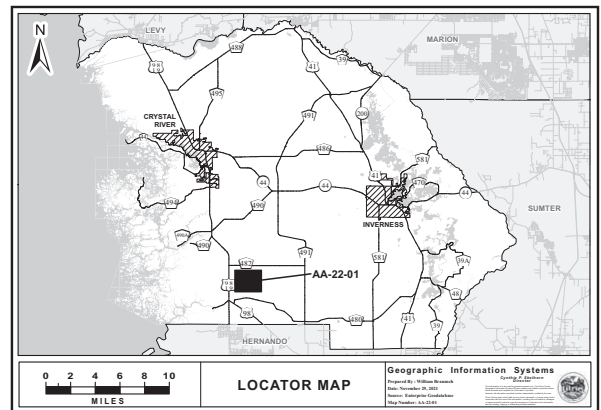
The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY LAND USE ATLAS MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 1.45 ACRES FROM THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL (MULTI-FAMILY DESIGNATION) TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL (SINGLE-FAMILY DESIGNATION). PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, AND SCRIVENER’S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

AA-22-01 John Kujan - Request to amend the Land Development Code (LDC) Atlas Map and the Master Plan of Sugarmill Woods Cypress Village from Planned Development Residential (PDR) Multi-Family to Planned Development Residential (PDR) Single-Family

LOCATION: Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 18 East; more specifically, Lot 2, Block B-M, of the Sugarmill Woods Cypress Village subdivision, Plat Book 9, Page 137; also known as Alternate Key Number 1528976, which address is known as 97 Athenia Dr., Homosassa, FL. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division.

The Citrus County Planning and Development Commission (PDC) will conduct a **Public Hearing on January 20, 2022, at 9:00 AM in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida. Please note that the PDC meeting begins at 9:00 AM. The actual time that a particular item is discussed will vary depending on how fast the PDC moves through the agenda.** Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed application.



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

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

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

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

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PAID ADVERTISEMENT

World Renowned Anti-Aging MD Blows Whistle on Massive Fish Oil Fraud

Instead he recommends an alternative, natural neuron-booster that “lights up” the brain’s memory centers for all patients over 45

A world-renowned expert on memory loss and regenerative medicine is going public with a “fish-oil fraud alert.”

Al Sears, MD, founder of the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine, is advising all people over age 45 to stop taking fish oil.

“Patients come to my practice when they’re suffering from too many senior moments, despite taking a fish oil supplement,” said Dr. Sears. “I tell them that fish oil lacks the one nutrient they need to keep their brains sharp and active.”

Dr. Sears has helped tens of thousands of patients worldwide maintain their memories by testing for a major nutrient deficiency.

That vital nutrient is the long-chain form of omega 3 called DHA.

DHA accounts for 97% of ALL omega 3 fatty acids found in the brain. Researchers say it’s vital to brain cells’ structural integrity.

And that has led Dr. Sears to recommend that all patients over 45 supplement with DHA instead of fish oil.

“Most of the fish oil supplements available today are severely lacking in this unique omega-3 fatty acid,” he reports.

Dr. Sears’ patients credit DHA with enabling them to finish crossword puzzles, beat their bridge partners, and even remember old phone numbers.

He provides a message of hope to his patients by telling them that with the proper nutrients and other healthy habits, DHA users can stay mentally sharper almost indefinitely.

And this patient’s experience proves it....

“It Was Like I Dropped 10 Years Off My Age”

Researchers have long known about DHA’s extraordinary power to help the brain.

Breast milk is rich in DHA. Studies show babies’ brains can’t develop properly without it. And adults with serious memory concerns are almost always DHA deficient.

Yet, most cheap fish oils have three times more EPA than DHA. Dr. Sears calls that imbalance “completely out of whack.”

In other words, fish-oil supplements give the brain a lot of what it doesn’t need (EPA), while starving it of what it absolutely MUST have... which is DHA.

“The majority of fish oil products simply don’t provide enough DHA to feed the brain,” said Dr. Sears.

But, at the Sears Institute patients report “extraordinary” and “stunning” results after switching to DHA.

They’re using an all-natural DHA blend Dr. Sears developed called Omega Rejuvenol. His patients are learning faster, thinking clearer, and holding onto their cherished memories.

One example is Edward J. from Arizona, who has a background in nutritional science.

“I’m not one to buy into the fads of the day,” he wrote.

“I noticed a surge of everything the first day I took Omega Rejuvenol,” stated Edward. “It was like I dropped 10 years off my age.”

Dr. Sears says that’s the power of Omega Rejuvenol.

“It was wonderful! Like the flood-gates opened up. Wonderful!”

Instead of having just a fraction of DHA, Omega Rejuvenol boasts a stunning 8-to-1, DHA-to-EPA ratio. That explains why a growing number of people from across the country are giving it rave reviews.

Like Lauren T. of Los Angeles, Ventura County, California.

Lauren feared her husband was fading fast. He became “very quiet” and seemed increasingly “unaware” of what was going on around him.

All that changed, Lauren said, just 30 days after she put him on Omega Rejuvenol. She says it was like someone flicked on a light in his brain’s memory center.

“Yesterday he began remembering his past and talking a mile a minute,” Lauren wrote to Dr. Sears. “It was like the flood-gates opened up. Wonderful!”

Stories like Lauren’s explain why Dr. Sears calls DHA “the miracle nutrient that feeds your brain precisely what it needs.”

Now researchers at the highest levels of medical science are demanding to know how it works.

Omega Rejuvenol’s Huge Advantage

When Tufts University researchers compared DHA to fish-oil EPA, they found EPA improved just three of eight biomarkers associated with cellular inflammation.

But when they tested DHA, they were stunned. DHA improved ALL EIGHT inflammatory biomarkers tested. That makes DHA a unique and powerful nutrient that “may work to reduce chronic inflamma-



Developed by top anti-aging doctor, new formula lights up ‘memory centers’ with rare and potent source of DHA.

tion,” according to researchers. And experts note that inflammation is the enemy of your brain.

But there’s another very important reason Dr. Sears is advising patients to toss out their fish oil and switch to DHA.

It stems from the special source his unique Omega Rejuvenol comes from.

Omega Rejuvenol’s Key to Unlocking a Better Brain

Achieving Omega Rejuvenol’s extraordinary 8-to-1 DHA-to-EPA ratio took a unique marine source that is only found in the pure ocean depths ... deep-sea squid.

Squid, or calamari, has one of the highest concentrations of DHA of any food.

Dr. Sears reports that he sources his oil from squid (*Illex argentinus*) that were only discovered in the 1960s. They live off the coast of South America in the pure waters of the South Pacific.

After the oil is distilled, it’s more than 65% DHA, the highest concentration of DHA available.

The squid DHA oil is then combined with a krill oil. Krill is packed with astaxanthin, the world’s most powerful antioxidant. It’s what gives krill such a rich red color.

Astaxanthin has been found in studies to benefit patients with cognitive aging. But more importantly, it helps DHA from squid oil permeate tissue to get where it’s needed. This includes crossing the blood-brain barrier.

It’s this squid-krill blend that makes Omega Rejuvenol the world’s premiere source of brain-reviving DHA.

Omega Rejuvenol Uses Only Pure, Unpolluted Marine Sources

Unlike fish oil, Omega Rejuvenol doesn’t come from fish that spend their whole lives in polluted waters. Krill and calamari are harvested from pure ocean waters close to polar regions.

“These krill and calamari are the purest, most potent source of DHA in the entire ocean,” says Dr. Sears. “Krill are shrimp-like animals that don’t live long enough to absorb large amounts of toxins, so they don’t get contaminated. And squid come from only the deepest, cleanest waters in the ocean.”

In Omega Rejuvenol, the world finally has a source of omega 3s with the correct, brain-restoring ratio of DHA.

That could explain why Dr. Sears’ patients are reporting many additional benefits, including:

- Support for healthy blood-pressure within the normal range
- Maintenance of healthy sugar and triglyceride levels
- Improved joint comfort and flexibility
- Smoother skin.

How to Get Omega Rejuvenol Today!

Over 27,000 bottles of Omega Rejuvenol have already been sold ... but you won’t find it yet in stores.

To secure a supply of Omega Rejuvenol, buyers should contact the TOLL FREE Sears Health Hotline at **1-800-719-8242** within the next 48 hours ... and supplies are limited.

“The hotline allows us to ship the product directly to customers who need and want it the most.”

He feels so strongly about Omega Rejuvenol that he’s offering a 100%, money-back guarantee on every order.

Anyone who would like to try this Omega Rejuvenol memory enhancement formula is encouraged to contact Dr. Sears’s clinic directly.

“Send back any used or unused bottles within 90 days and I’ll rush you a refund,” he says.

The Hotline is only taking orders for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will shut off to allow for inventory restocking.

To secure bottles of Omega Rejuvenol, readers should call TOLL FREE **1-800-719-8242** right now. Readers of this newspaper automatically qualify for a discount ... but only if they call in the first 24 hours. Use the exclusive discount promo code **NP1221OM30** when you call. Dr. Sears has directed that all calls must be answered. Call today!

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OBITUARY

Basilio 'Buzz' Ucci

Sept. 16, 1944 - Dec. 6, 2021

A Memorial Service for Mr. Basilio "Buzz" Ucci, age 77, of Homosassa, Florida, will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 18, 2021 at the First Christian Church of Inverness with Pastor Tom Thomas officiating. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.



He was born September 16, 1944 in Elizabeth, NJ, son of Basilio and Matilda (Miller) Ucci but was raised by Charles and Julie Loveland. He died December 6, 2021 in Crystal River, FL. He worked as a Salesman selling homes. Buzz enjoyed golf and playing poker especially Texas Hold'em and was a member of the First Christian Church of Inverness. He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife Judy Ucci of Crystal River, FL, children Brian Ucci and his wife Robin of Marion, IL, Dawn Cruz and her husband Vinnie of Inverness, FL, Victoria Kenney of Homosassa, FL, Diane Wilson and her husband Ken of Apollo Beach, FL, James Dunphy and his wife Molly of Lutz, FL, John Dunphy and his wife Stacie of Clearwater, FL, William Dunphy and his wife Denise of VA, Thomas Dunphy and his wife Debbie of Port Richey, FL, brother, Ralph Ucci and his wife Anna Xu, sister, Maryann Erickson and her husband Lou, and numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Feminist thinker Bell Hooks dies

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Bell Hooks, the groundbreaking author, educator and activist whose explorations of how race, gender, economics and politics intertwined helped shape academic and popular debates over the past 40 years, has died. She was 69. In a statement issued through William Morrow Publishers, Hooks' family announced that she died Wednesday in Berea, Kentucky, home to the Bell Hooks Center at Berea College. Additional details were not immediately available, although her close friend Dr. Linda Strong-Leek said she had been ill for a long time.

"She was a giant, no nonsense person who lived by her own rules, and spoke her own truth in a time when Black people, and women especially, did not feel empowered to do that," Dr. Strong-Leek, a former provost of Berea College, wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "It was a privilege to know her, and the world is a lesser place today because she is gone. There will never be another Bell Hooks."

Starting in the 1970s, Hooks was a profound presence in the classroom and on the page. She drew upon professional scholarship and personal history as she completed dozens of books that influenced countless peers and helped provide a framework for current debates about race, class and feminism. Her notable works included "Ain't I a Woman? Black Women and Feminism," "Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center" and "All About Love: New Visions." She also wrote poetry and children's stories and appeared in such documentaries as "Black Is ... Black Ain't" and "Hillbilly."

Rejecting the isolation of feminism, civil rights and economics into separate fields, she was a believer in community and connectivity and how racism, sexism and economic disparity reinforced each other. Among her most famous expres-

sions was her definition of feminism, which she called "a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation and oppression."

Ibram X. Kendi, Roxane Gay, Tressie McMillan Cottom and others mourned Hooks. Author Saeed Jones noted that her death came just a week after the loss of the celebrated Black author and critic Greg Tate. "It all feels so pointed," he tweeted Wednesday.

Hooks' honors included an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation, which champions diversity in literature. She taught at numerous schools, including Yale University, Oberlin College and City College of New York. She joined the Berea College faculty in 2004 and a decade later founded the center named for her, where "many and varied expressions of difference can thrive."

Hooks was born Gloria Jean Watkins in 1952 in the segregated town of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and later gave herself the pen name Bell Hooks in honor of her maternal great-grandmother, while also spelling the words in lower case to establish her own identity and way of thinking. She loved reading from an early age, remembering how books gave her "visions of new worlds" that forced her out of her "comfort zones."

Her early influences ranged from James Baldwin and fellow Kentucky author Wendell Berry to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Martin Luther King was my teacher for understanding the importance of beloved community. He had a profound awareness that the people involved in oppressive institutions will not change from the logics and practices of domination without engagement with those who are striving for a better way," she said in an interview that ran in Appalachian Heritage in 2012.

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ELKS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Special to the Chronicle
On Dec. 6, the West Citrus Elks Lodge welcomed four new members into the order. New members from left are: Jeff Rose, Bruce Luckenbach, Dale Defoor and Harold Bowman. For more information on the Elks or to join, visit elks.org or call 352-628-1221.

Feud ends over school mask mandates

By RYAN DAILEY
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A standoff between Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration and federal education officials about student mask requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic has ended after school districts nixed mask mandates.

The U.S. Department of Education confirmed this week that a cease-and-desist complaint against Florida's education department has been dropped.

The complaint, filed Oct. 28 in the federal education department's Division of Administrative Law Judges, involved a dispute about the state withholding money from districts that required students to wear masks.

The State Board of Education approved penalizing districts financially, relying on a Sept. 22 rule from the Florida Department of Health that said the choice to require masks should be at the "sole discretion" of parents. The state withheld amounts equal to the salaries of county school-board members.

In response, the Biden administration launched a grant program dubbed Project SAFE, or Project to Support America's Families and Educators, to make up for the lost state funds. But the state responded by withholding money from districts equal to the federal grants.

That led to the U.S. Department of Education filing the cease-and-desist complaint focused on Alachua and Broward counties. But after those and other districts ended mask mandates, the state returned withheld money — leading federal officials to drop the complaint.

"Following the state of Florida returning the withheld funds to local education agencies, the department withdrew the current cease-and-desist complaint. The department will continue to assist any state or local education agency to sustain safe in-person learning for all students," Luke Jackson, a spokesman for the federal agency, said in an email Wednesday.

The state primarily battled this fall with eight districts — Alachua, Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Leon, Orange, Duval, and Brevard — that required students to wear masks.

But in early November, citing steep drops in local coronavirus cases, the last of the eight districts came into compliance with the health department's rule aimed at preventing mask requirements. The state education department on Nov. 29, returned nearly \$878,000 to districts.

"The purpose of withholding funds from school districts was to ensure that all school districts comply with the law. Our position has al-

ways been that we would release withheld funds once districts demonstrated compliance." Jared Ochs, a spokesman for the state education department, said in a statement Tuesday.

Florida Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran during a Nov. 16 state board meeting warned districts not to reimpose mask mandates. DeSantis has long argued that parents should be able to decide whether children wear masks during the pandemic.

"It's my hope that districts will continue to comply with Florida's laws, including the Department of Health's emergency rule. But should that change, we must vigorously defend the state's authority to

control its educational system," Corcoran said.

Florida's ban on school mask mandates was cemented in state law during a special legislative session in November. DeSantis signed a measure (HB 1B) that included a prohibition on vaccination and mask requirements in schools.

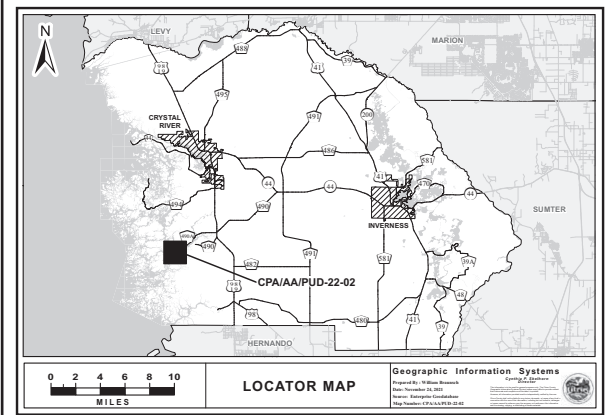
Ochs, in his statement Tuesday, reiterated that the state education department will continue to ensure school districts don't reimpose mask requirements.

"We are glad that these districts have finally recognized that parents have the right to make personal and private health care and educational decisions for their children. The department will continue to make sure those rights are protected," Ochs wrote.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OR CHANGE REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE USE OF LAND
The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 7.8 ACRES FROM LOW INTENSITY COASTAL AND LAKES DISTRICT TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK DISTRICT ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND LOW INTENSITY COASTAL AND LAKES DISTRICT TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK DISTRICT ON THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ATLAS MAP FOR AN ESTABLISHED RV PARK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CPA/AA/PUD-22-02 Law Office of Clark A. Stillwell for Camp N Water Campground Association Inc.
Section 31, Township 19 South, Range 17 East, Alternate Key Number 3220048, which addresses are 11465 W Priest Lane and 5680 S Sea Otter Path, Homosassa, FL. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division.

The Citrus County Planning and Development Commission (PDC) will conduct a Public Hearing on the following application on **January 20, 2022**, at 9:00 AM in the **Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida**. Please note that the PDC meeting begins at 9:00 AM. The actual time that a particular item is discussed will vary depending on how fast the PDC moves through the agenda. **Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed application.**



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

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

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

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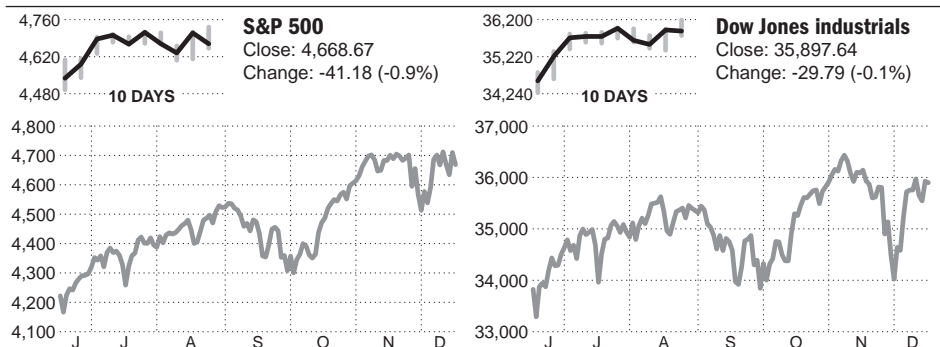
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StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,406	4,510						
Pvs. Volume	4,454	4,837						
Advanced	1143	1151						
Declined	1331	2369						
New Highs	98	66						
New Lows	58	155						

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	33.88	23.71	+1.54	+6.9	▲	▲	▲	-17.6	-20.2	cc	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	144.49	143.85	-.43	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	+18.9	+22.1	36	0.80
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	79.67	59.40	+1.44	+2.5	▲	▲	▲	-15.0	-16.5	21	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	28.14	48.69	45.00	+1.06	+2.4	▲	▲	▲	+48.5	+59.1	13	0.84
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	29.00	26.85	-.24	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	+9.2	+6.2	13	0.64f
Citigroup	C	57.40	80.29	61.07	+.83	+1.4	▲	▲	▲	-1.0	+6.7	6	2.04
Disney	DIS	142.04	203.02	148.75	-1.65	-1.1	▼	▼	▼	-17.9	-11.9
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	108.38	104.54	+.72	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	+14.2	+17.1	59	3.94f
EPR Properties	EPR	29.79	56.07	44.76	-.68	-1.5	▼	▼	▼	+37.7	+50.6	...	3.00
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.03	29.29	25.67	-.09	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	-5.9	-4.2	...	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.53	66.38	61.37	+.10	+0.2	▼	▼	▼	+48.9	+54.0	...	3.52f
Ford Motor	F	8.43	21.49	20.35	+.16	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+131.5	+126.2	24	0.40
Gen Electric	GE	82.88	116.17	92.53	+.45	+0.5	▼	▼	▼	+7.3	+6.7	...	0.32
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	156.43	263.92	253.98	+.15	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	+54.4	+53.6	23	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59	420.61	399.53	-8.28	-2.0	▼	▼	▼	+50.4	+53.9	28	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	68.49	50.83	+.16	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	+2.0	+1.2	10	1.39
IBM	IBM	114.56	152.84	125.93	+2.82	+2.3	▲	▲	▲	...	+10.4	21	6.56
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	60.05	56.69	-.16	-0.3	▼	▼	▼	+60.9	+54.6	18	...
Lowes Cos	LOW	150.84	263.31	253.24	-4.30	-1.7	▼	▼	▼	+57.8	+59.5	26	3.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66	16.60	12.33	+.37	+3.1	▲	▲	▲	+26.5	+22.9	...	1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	265.86	265.55	+1.03	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	+23.8	+26.4	29	5.16
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	349.67	324.90	-9.75	-2.9	▼	▼	▼	+46.1	+54.4	36	2.48f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	163.16	265.63	261.76	-.87	-0.3	▼	▼	▼	+53.9	+58.2	46	2.84
NestEra Energy	NEE	68.33	92.12	92.23	+.23	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	+19.5	+24.5	58	1.54
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	20.35	18.01	+.15	+0.8	▼	▼	▼	+11.0	+15.5	44	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	15.07	24.89	21.96	+.09	+0.4	▼	▼	▼	+36.2	+48.4	9	0.68
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	140.65	138.91	+.418	+3.1	▲	▲	▲	+20.2	+22.7	18	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	159.56	202.26	188.24	-5.20	-2.7	▼	▼	▼	+14.7	+21.5	24	4.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	258.86	205.01	-3.18	-1.5	▲	▲	▲	-3.2	+2.2	26	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.69	61.06	52.75	+2.20	+4.4	▲	▲	▲	-10.2	-11.4	10	2.56f
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	20.36	15.06	+.16	+1.1	▼	▼	▼	-8.6	-3.5	cc	1.06e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	152.57	143.34	-2.43	-1.7	▲	▲	▲	-0.6	+1.0	40	2.20
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.03	57.05	49.26	-.40	-0.8	▼	▼	▼	+23.5	+23.5	19	1.91

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

Interest Rates



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

TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.05	.06	-0.01	.09
6-month T-bill	.13	.1309
52-wk T-bill	.25	.27	-0.02	.09
2-year T-note	.64	.69	-0.05	.13
5-year T-note	1.19	1.26	-0.07	.37
7-year T-note	1.36	1.42	-0.06	.64
10-year T-note	1.42	1.46	-0.04	.90
30-year T-bond	1.86	1.85	+0.01	1.66

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L	WK	6MO	1YR
	AVG	AGO	AGO	AGO
48 month new car loan	3.57	▼ 3.59	3.58	4.01
Money market account	0.07	▼ 0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28	▼ 0.28	0.29	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	▼ 6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.24	▼ 3.25	3.20	3.17
15 year fixed mortgage	2.52	▼ 2.53	2.51	2.43

Commodities

Energy prices rose. U.S. crude oil climbed 2.1% and wholesale gasoline rose 2.4%. Heating oil rose 2.1%, but natural gas prices lost 0.9%. Gold and silver prices also rose.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	72.38	70.87	+2.13	+49.2
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14	...	+49.1
Heating Oil (gal)	2.27	2.22	+2.07	+52.8
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.77	3.80	-0.95	+48.3
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.18	2.13	+2.36	+53.0

METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1796.60	1762.60	+1.93	-5.1
Silver (oz)	22.46	21.51	+4.40	-14.7
Platinum (oz)	928.90	894.20	+3.88	-13.6
Copper (lb)	4.30	4.18	+2.90	+22.4
Palladium (oz)	1720.60	1549.40	+11.05	-29.7

AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.35	1.35	+0.20	+19.8
Coffee (lb)	2.37	2.37	-0.19	+84.8
Corn (bu)	5.91	5.86	+0.94	+22.2
Cotton (lb)	1.10	1.06	+3.68	+40.4
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1119.10	1109.50	+0.87	+27.9
Orange Juice (lb)	1.37	1.35	+2.12	+11.5
Soybeans (bu)	12.77	12.63	+1.17	-2.9
Wheat (bu)	7.71	7.56	+1.92	+20.3

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	32.98	-.04	+14.1	+15.2	+14.0	+11.1
	CptWldGrIncA m	62.16	-.17	+12.1	+13.9	+16.8	+12.6
	CptInclBldrA m	69.77	+.25	+12.7	+13.4	+10.4	+7.8
	FdmInvsA m	79.64	-.51	+19.2	+20.6	+19.3	+14.8
	GrAmrcA m	77.93	-1.51	+15.4	+18.0	+25.5	+19.8
	IncAmrcA m	25.43	+.13	+15.5	+16.3	+23.3	+9.2
	InvCAMrcA m	50.64	-.32	+22.2	+23.7	+19.0	+14.1
	NwPrspctvA x	64.27	-5.43	+13.9	+16.8	+24.6	+19.0
	WAMInvsA m	60.64	-.01	+25.9	+27.8	+18.3	+14.6
	Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.22	+.02	-0.9	-0.5	+6.1
	Stk	246.52	+1.62	+30.0	+31.1	+18.7	+13.6
Fidelity	500IxdInPrm	161.87	-1.42	+26.0	+27.9	+38.7	+17.8
	BCGrowth	179.90	-5.80	+18.5	+20.6	+36.4	+28.4
	Contrafund	18.46	-.33	+22.4	+24.0	+27.0	+22.0
	GroCo	39.39	-1.14	+19.8	+20.9	+38.7	+29.2
	TIMktIxdInPrm	130.61	-1.39	+22.7	+24.5	+23.2	+17.2
	USBldIxdInPrm	12.01	+.02	-1.6	-1.3	+5.1	+3.8
	SP500Ixd	72.05	...	+27.1	+29.3	+24.0	+17.9
	BCGr	173.84	-4.39	+15.1	+16.2	+24.9	+22.6
	500IxdAdmrl	432.22	-3.80	+26.0	+27.9	+23.7	+17.8
	DivGrIn	40.28	+.18	+22.7	+24.7	+20.3	+16.4
Schwab	GrIxdAdmrl	160.56	-.375	+23.5	+25.7	+31.8	+24.0
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.72	...	+1.1	+1.3	+4.6	+4.0
	IntlGrAdmrl	136.04	-1.36	-3.1	-0.8	+25.6	+20.7
	MdCpldxAdmrl	306.75	-2.85	+20.6	+21.9	+21.5	+14.9
	PmrCpAdmrl	182.58	-1.79	+18.7	+19.7	+20.0	+17.6
	STInvmGrAdmrl	110.81	+.02	-0.4	-0.2	+3.7	+2.8
	SmCpldxAdmrl	104.63	-1.52	+1.1	+1.4	+8.0	+12.5
	TiBldIxdAdmrl	11.23	+.02	-1.5	-1.2	+5.2	+3.8
	TiInSlxdAdmrl	34.08	+.02	+6.6	+8.1	+12.5	+9.6
	TiInSlxdIn	20.37	+.01	+6.6	+8.1	+12.4	+9.5
T. Rowe Price	TiSMldxIn	115.16	-1.23	+22.7	+24.6	+23.3	+17.2
	TiSMldxIn	115.11	-1.23	+22.6	+24.5	+23.1	+17.1
	WIngntAdmrl	88.92	-1.10	+17.8	+19.1	+16.3	+12.1
	WsltyInAdmrl	72.88	+.34	+8.2	+8.9	+10.7	+8.1

* - Annualized; d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. x - fund paid a distribution during the week.

Big Tech sinks; Nasdaq composite down 2.5%

By DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writers

Technology companies led stocks lower on Wall Street Thursday as investors weighed the implications of higher interest rates on the market. The declines came a day after the Federal Reserve said it's preparing to begin raising rates next year to fight inflation.

The S&P 500 fell 0.9 percent, erasing about half of its gains from the day before. The Nasdaq slid 2.5 percent, its biggest drop since September, as Big Tech heavyweights like Apple and Microsoft fell. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 0.1 percent.

The sell-off, which gained momentum as the day went on, was a reversal from a day before, when technology sector stocks led a market rally following the Fed's latest interest rate and economic policy update.

The central bank signaled plans to speed up its reduction in monthly bond purchases that have helped maintain interest rates low. The shift in policy sets the stage for the Fed to begin raising rates sometime next year.

Large technology companies often have lofty valuations based on assumptions about their profitability going far into the future. Investors tend to accept those higher valuations more easily when interest rates are extremely low, giving them fewer alternatives for returns. With interest rates poised to rise, investors are rethinking the high valuations they put on tech giants.

The S&P 500 fell 41.18 points to 4,668.67. The benchmark index is within 1 percent of the all-time high it set last Friday, The Dow slipped 29.79 points to 35,897.64. The Nasdaq's losses wiped out

its gains from a day before. It ended down 385.15 points to 15,180.43.

Small company stocks also took heavy losses. The Russell 2000 index gave up 42.75 points, or 2 percent, to 2,152.46. All the major indexes are on pace for a weekly loss.

Bond yields fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.43 percent from 1.46 percent late Wednesday. Stocks have been choppy in recent weeks as investors waited for more guidance from the Federal Reserve amid signs of growing inflation in the economy and worries over the rise of the omicron variant of COVID-19.

OPINION

► *“Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans.”*
John Lennon

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EDITORIAL

Board must set the tone for future

There is an old proverb that states, a “vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare.” As is currently stands, we have no vision for the future.

The challenges before us – both our elected leaders and citizens – are numerous and will only continue to grow if we do not address them now.

With increasing population and the challenges of growth occurring amid long neglected issues, our community is at the crossroads of improving.

Our infrastructure, especially our roads, needs to be addressed. We will need to add personnel within the ranks of the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office and Citrus County Fire Rescue. We will need additional schools, teachers, administrators and buses.

If both our leaders and citizens don’t begin to realize growth comes with a cost, the quality of life in Citrus County will deteriorate. And that is the biggest draw in Citrus County: the quality of life, from our natural resources to emergency services to educational opportunities for youths.

There is a difference between privileges versus

THE ISSUE:
Progress comes with a cost.

OUR OPINION:
Leaders must lead the way.

rights. We are privileged to live in a giving, caring community with wonderful resources, but it is our right as citizens to see that the high standard of quality of life remains intact.

To do so, it comes with a cost. We have to pay for our roads, emergency services and better schools. Those lead to a diverse economy, with better paying jobs.

Progress comes with a cost, and for a number of years, and the county’s current model of governing on the cheap will not work. Citrus County leaders and taxpayers must realize it’s time to change the formula for the better.

Citizens, especially the vocal minority, will balk at the thought of tax increases. But the county will need a well-thought vision with properly executed vision, it is likely the silent majority will support it.

But only until we have a county commission that is willing to lead, can we accomplish what needs to be done.

Citrus is all by itself in litter

I just traveled from Marion County to Sumter County, then to Citrus County and it seems like Citrus County is all by itself with the litter problem. It’s either our county commissioners, Citrus County Public Works or the people that live in Citrus County – one of the three or all of the above. It’s a much dirtier county than all of our surrounding counties. What are we going to do about it?

Feed your kids or leave them home

This is about eating out in a restaurant. If you’re going to take your kid there, give him something to eat to keep him quiet. Yesterday afternoon, I tried to enjoy my lunch. This lady kept feeding her face and the kid was screaming his head off for food. Give the kid some food or leave him home.

Power line right-of-way an incentive

Looks like Red Level may eventually become the terminus of the Florida Turnpike, as well as the

Suncoast Parkway. The right-of-way of the Duke power lines have created an incentive. Stay tuned.

Columnist’s article was ‘hogwash’

Gene Lyon: Your article in Sunday’s paper about the firearms family was you trying to brand him as a nut or whatever your objective was (Dec. 12’s Page C4 “Other Voices” column). Your article and yourself is hogwash. People like you are the reason why we have guns.

Turnpike will be great

I’m responding to “Turnpike meeting attracts hundreds” (Sunday, Dec. 12’s front-page story). I think it’s wonderful that the turnpike or the Suncoast Parkway will go to I-75. I think that’s great a shortcut going through Inverness and going all the way around. I think it will be great. As far as these people saying, “I don’t want to hear thousands of cars going by,” or “right through our backyard,” they’re making a mountain out of a molehill. It’s not going to be right in your backyard, so quit complaining.

Help the United Way

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City, county should pair up and buy property

The Crystal Square monstrosity has reared its ugly head again. Not that it ever went away. It should not need a high-school education for the Crystal River Council to understand the owners never intended to fix the code violations; never intended to improve, renovate or demolish the building; never intended to pay any of the fines. Nothing has changed and nothing will change.

The city has no power or authority over this private property. Foreclosure is a possibility but that could take months, with more court costs. It is also a fact that the owners would be able to cancel the foreclosure simply by paying the accrued debts. That might be costly for them but it would be much less than allowing the property to be foreclosed.

So there are no options. The city can sue these owners as often as they like; increase the fines as much as they choose; try to negotiate with the owners; try to foreclose; keep complaining about the problem. It will not make a bit of difference I wrote almost the same words in a letter to the editor six months ago.

The attorney for the owner’s claims they have been working with the city to resolve the code violations. In my opinion, there is nothing to resolve. It is not difficult – just get it done. And I wonder why the city is sending guidance to the owners on how to redevelop the property; sending development partners; and trying to find someone capable of handling redevelopment. These owners are perfectly capable of doing whatever is required if they wish to do so, which they do not.

So why is the city wasting time and money for no purpose?

I repeat the suggestion I made six months ago. The owners of the property are trying to sell it. So I have proposed the city should buy it, perhaps with the cooperation of the county. The county tried to purchase Rock Crusher Canyon some time ago, so the idea of buying Crystal Square is not out of line.

I estimate that a good purchase price would be \$2.5 million. It would be easy to get financing, including additional funds to pay for demolition and clean-up. Then the property could be sold to a developer; the cost of the purchase would be recovered; and perhaps a wonderful new development would appear.

Kenneth J. Clark
Homosassa

Proposed development poses many concerns

After reading the recent news article in the Chronicle about the proposed development in Lecanto off Rock Crusher road and it is of great concern to myself and many citizens living in Citrus County.

Bix Construction – representing the owners of the land – is proposing to build 957 homes on 354 acres and that equates to approximately .37 acres per home. Recently the board of commissioners instituted a storm water tax to “solve” the storm water problem in the county.

The possible approval of this housing development will just add to the current storm water

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plus seniors, many of whom are handicapped, the usage of a Mobi-mat (or similar product) would be frequent.

I applaud Bruce Titus for bringing this to the public and I urge our commissioners to consider the benefits.

Ellen B. Miller
Homosassa

Ordinary people can do great things

I often wear T-shirts with staying on them that are significant to me. The one I wore yesterday read: “Jack Bauer for President 2024.”

Frustrated by so much emphasis placed on superheroes these days, I wear this T-shirt to show what an ordinary human being can do with the help of his friends. While Jack Bauer is not a “real man,” he demonstrated over and over again in the television series “24” that ordinary people can do great things if they only try!

Please, all of you ordinary people out there, try doing great things!

Sue Kelder Norman
Homosassa

Tell us the route, bring closure to residents

The process outlined in the FDOT webinar on Dec. 7 and at the meeting in Lecanto on Dec. 9 holds more people hostage than necessary. I believe there is already a preferred route and FDOT will simply take an undue amount of time to justify eliminating the other three, thus leaving more people concerned about their property values and where, if directly in the path, they will need to relocate.

Our county commissioners, as are others not directly impacted, are for the roadway through Citrus County touting it will bring growth and prosperity to the area. It will also bring congestion. Imagine Beverly Hills, Citrus Springs and Lecanto as another navigable nightmare similar to State Road 200 through Ocala.

The “No Build Option” is a pacifier for the protesters. The road will proceed as it is a political venture benefitting a few of the wealthy political contributors having a stake in property development at and along the way of its terminus. The idea of destroying the last few strongholds of our Nature Coast is of no consequence.

Since all of this is inevitable, I suggest FDOT move up the timetable. Present the actual path of the roadway along their preferred route and bring some form of closure to the citizens impacted by this travesty much sooner than the project timeline indicates.

David Schraml
Citrus Springs

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SHOP

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with a Cop coordinator. “Relationships are everything in life so if we can start young, provide and be a positive experience for them, they build on that and understand we’re here to help in all capacities.”

Private donations, grants and contributions from CCSO personnel fund Shop with a Cop. Want to donate? Call the sheriff’s office at 352-726-4488 and ask for Sgt. Mike Barry. School resource deputies and guidance counselors choose the young shoppers, who are paired with deputies to go on a \$150 shopping spree in Walmart.

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“This is our favorite event,” said Barry, who’s sergeant of CCSO’s Schools Resource Deputy Unit. “Our deputies and SRDs are probably more excited than the kids.”

McEwen wanted to shop with Jaxon, one of the students he protects and mentors as a school resource deputy.

Along with giving them each \$150 to spend, CCSO also gave every child their own gift basket filled with \$150 in goodies matching their hobbies and interests.

McEwen showed Jaxon a shopping cart with a Hot Wheels racing set and fishing gear – gifts Jaxon’s school resource deputy thought he’d like for Christmas.

“I can add onto the track I have at home,” Jaxon said, looking back excited at his mom, who took the presents to her car, leaving her son and McEwen to shop.

Jaxon showed McEwen a list of what he wanted to get. A lot of the items were for his relatives.

“Is there anything on there for Jaxon?” the deputy said before Jaxon reassured him. “Then let’s rock it!”

McEwen, who’s been to many Shop with a Cop

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functions, said every child is different in how they shop, whether it’s for themselves or for their family.

“Some of them are very selfless and want to buy for their family, and some of them ask for certain things,” he said, “They’re so unique.”

McEwen was surprised over Jaxon’s detailed Christmas list, which provided the price and aisle number for each gift.

Jaxon told McEwen he was concerned because his pre-shopping planning didn’t account for sales tax, but the deputy told him not to worry.

Darting from aisle to aisle, amid other deputies and their shoppers, it didn’t take long for Jaxon to find his presents, including a rubber football to toss with his dad, and a small camera similar to a GoPro.

“I’m going to put it on my bike so I can make videos,” he said.

Jaxon and McEwen had some trouble finding a sparking tumbler cup Jaxon wanted to gift a family member who “lost their baby,” but the duo was eventually successful.

Jaxon also got himself a gift card for Fortnite tokens, prompting McEwen to ask his opinion on the online game’s latest multiplayer season.

After checking out, Jaxon and McEwen made their way to the wrapping



Citrus County Sheriff’s Office deputy Jannette Spencer helps 10-year-old Joshua King select a model Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, at the Inverness Walmart during the Shop with a Cop event.

Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

station, where CCSO employees packaged and labeled Jaxon’s presents with care under his twinkling eyes.

“Experiencing the joy and seeing the smiles on all the children’s faces,” Prendergast said, “is proof enough on how important this program is for our community.”

“We never had this when I was a kid,” Kelly Tilton said. “It’s something that makes kids be aware of things this time of year; that it’s not just about San-

ta; it’s about others too.” With help from Sheriff’s Office Explorer volunteers, members of the Kiwanis Club of Inverness gave out 40 turkey dinners with the fixings to Jaxon and the other children shopping at the Inverness and Lecanto Walmarts.

M&B Dairy in Lecanto provided meals at the Walmart in Homosassa.

“This is one of our favorite things to do, pairing up with the police and giving to the kids in need,” Kiwanis Club board member

Curtis Lewis said Tuesday. “We raised a lot of money throughout the year from our events.”

Interested in joining the Inverness Kiwanis Club? Newcomers are welcome to attend club meetings at 6 p.m. on the first, second and third Tuesday of the month at Stumpknockers, 110 W. Main St., Inverness.

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916, bthompson@chronicleonline.com or visit tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso to see more of his stories.

CRHS

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students and staff ran off campus, evacuating to their designated rally points.

“The students and staff responded how we’ve been training them to respond,” he added.

The school district uses the first function of the alert system many times throughout the year – more than you’d think – Vincent told the Chronicle. This time, however, “it was a higher alert than what was needed.”

School district spokeswoman Lindsay Blair issued a statement Thursday morning, which said the district has seen an increase in rumors of the viral TikTok threat on social media.

“It seems students, along with parents, are either sharing a post or manipulating the original post to reflect a new threat at a specific school,” Blair wrote. This is reportedly causing a distraction at many of the district schools.

According to the district’s statement, schools are being flooded with calls, asking about the validity of the latest threats. “As of Thursday morning, we have not received any indication of a credible threat to any of our schools,” Blair wrote.

The district reminded students and parents not to repost any threats on social media, but to report any information of a specific threat to law enforcement immediately.

The viral threat made its way to Inverness Middle School earlier this week, when a student reportedly reposted the viral TikTok, adding IMS to the threat. Two students reported the threat to IMS administration on Tuesday, Dec. 14, which was brought to the attention of the district and Citrus County Sheriff’s Office.

According to the district, all schools will be in session on Dec. 17. Winter break begins after classes end Tuesday, Dec. 21.

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CDC recommends Pfizer, Moderna shots over J&J's

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

Most Americans should be given the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines instead of the Johnson & Johnson shot that can cause rare but serious blood clots, U.S. health officials said Thursday.

The strange clotting problem has caused nine confirmed deaths after J&J vaccinations — while the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines don't come with that risk and also appear more effective, said advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The panel recommended the unusual move of giving preference to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, and late Thursday the CDC's director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, accepted the panel's advice.

Until now the U.S. has treated all three COVID-19 vaccines available to Americans as an equal choice, since large studies found they all offered strong protection and early supplies were limited. J&J's vaccine initially was welcomed as a single-dose option that could be especially important for hard-to-reach groups like homeless people who might not get the needed second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna options.

But the CDC's advisers said during a meeting Thursday that it was time to



Matt Rourke / AP

A member of the Philadelphia Fire Department prepares a dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at a vaccination site setup in Philadelphia, on March 26.

recognize a lot has changed since vaccines began rolling out a year ago. More than 200 million Americans are considered fully vaccinated, including about 16 million who got the J&J shot.

New data from unprecedented safety tracking of all those vaccinations persuaded the panel that while the blood clots linked to J&J's vaccine remain very rare, they're still occurring and not just in younger women as originally thought.

In a unanimous vote, the advisers decided the safer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferred. But they said the shot made by J&J's Janssen division still should be available if someone really wants it — or has a severe allergy to the other options.

"I would not recommend the Janssen vaccine to my

family members" but some patients may — and should be able to — choose that shot, said CDC adviser Dr. Beth Bell of the University of Washington.

The clotting problems first came up last spring, with the J&J shot in the U.S. and with a similar vaccine made by AstraZeneca that is used in other countries. Eventually U.S. regulators decided the benefits of J&J's one-and-done vaccine outweighed what was considered a very rare risk — as long as recipients were warned.

European regulators likewise continued to recommend AstraZeneca's two-dose vaccine although, because early reports were mostly in younger women, some countries issued age restrictions.

EU leaders urge booster shots, seek coordinated travel rules

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European Union leaders agreed Thursday that administering booster shots is "urgent" and "crucial" to tackle the surge of coronavirus infections across the continent and the emergence of the new omicron variant.

With the festive season looming, the bloc's leaders also stressed the importance of coordinated action to avoid a confusing cacophony of rules in the 27 member states, and ensure that COVID-19 certificates continue to guarantee unrestricted travel.

In their summit's conclusions, leaders gathered in Brussels insisted on the need for a harmonized approach to avoid limitations to free movement between member countries or hamper travel into the region.

But alarming rises in infections have already prompted many European governments to implement public health measures and new restrictions in recent weeks.

France will restrict arrivals from Britain because of fast-spreading omicron cases, putting limits on reasons for traveling and requiring 48-hour isolation upon arrival. The new measures will take effect first thing Saturday.

Italy this week required negative tests from vaccinated visitors, raising concerns that similar moves elsewhere will limit the ability of EU citizens to travel to see friends and relatives over the holidays.

Portugal adopted a similar measure on Dec. 1, requiring a mandatory negative test for all passengers on arriving flights, regardless of their vaccination status,

point of origin or nationality. Greece announced Wednesday that all arriving travelers must display a negative test starting Sunday unless they have spent less than 48 hours abroad.

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said additional restrictive measures, like extra testing for visitors, should only apply during the Christmas period "in order for us to gain additional time to boost as many people as possible. It's a battle against time."

He said that booster doses are key to counter the spread of the new variant.

"The one answer to the omicron right now is the acceleration of our vaccination program, with a particular emphasis to the booster shots," Mitsotakis said. "In Greece, we are one of the first European countries to open booster shots to the entire population."

Biden acknowledges \$2T bill stalled, but vows it will pass

By ALAN FRAM AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Thursday all but acknowledged negotiations over his sweeping domestic policy package will likely push into the new year, as he does not yet have the votes in the Senate to lift the roughly \$2 trillion bill to passage.

Biden issued a statement in the evening as it became increasingly apparent the Democratic senators would not meet their Christmas deadline, in large part because of unyielding opposition from one holdout: Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia.

The president said that in their recent discussions, the West Virginia senator has reiterated his support for the framework he, the president and other Democrats had agreed to on the flagship bill. Biden said he also briefed House Speaker Nan-

cy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer earlier Thursday about the most recent round of talks with Manchin.

"I believe that we will bridge our differences and advance the Build Back Better plan, even in the face of fierce Republican opposition," Biden said in the statement.

Biden said he and his team will continue to have discussions with Manchin next week. The White House and the congressional leaders plan to work "over the days and weeks ahead" to finish up the details, he said. Both he and Schumer are determined, he said, to bring the package to the Senate floor for votes as early as possible.

"We will — we must — get Build Back Better passed," Biden said.

Biden's statement was a much-needed intervention, allowing Senate Democrats an off-ramp to what has been months of tangled

negotiations that appear nowhere near resolved as time runs out ahead of the Christmas holiday.

At the same time, Democrats were rushing to show progress on another jammed-up priority: voting rights legislation that, Biden acknowledged, also faces hurdles. "We must also press forward on voting rights legislation, and make progress on this as quickly as possible," Biden said.

Schumer, D-N.Y., had set Senate passage before Christmas as his goal, but disputes with Manchin and other Democrats remain.

The sudden end-of-year shift comes as Democrats suffered another blow to their agenda late Thursday when the Senate parliamentarian decided that hard-fought efforts to include immigration law changes should be stripped from the package because they don't comply with the chamber's rules.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Judge rejects Purdue Pharma's sweeping opioid settlement

A judge has rejected OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy settlement of thousands of lawsuits over the opioid epidemic because of a provision that would protect members of the Sackler family from facing litigation of their own.

In a ruling Thursday, U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon in New York found that federal bankruptcy law does not give the bankruptcy judge who had accepted the plan the authority to grant that kind of release for people who are not declaring bankruptcy themselves.

The ruling is likely to be appealed by the company, family members and the thousands of government entities that support the plan.

A Purdue spokesperson said Thursday evening that the company was preparing a statement. Representatives of the two branches of the family who own the company did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Officials: Astroworld victims died from compression asphyxia

HOUSTON (AP) — The 10 people killed at the Astroworld music festival in Houston all died from compression asphyxia during a massive crowd surge in which attendees were packed so tightly that many could not breathe or move their arms, officials announced Thursday.

According to a medical expert, what likely happened was the pressure from the large crowd at the event was so great that it quickly squeezed all the air from the lungs of the 10 victims, causing them to pass out within a minute or so and die because critical organs, such as the heart and brain, were depleted of oxygen.

Dr. George W. Williams, a critical care anesthesiologist with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, said the hundreds and possibly thousands of pounds of pressure the victims likely felt on their chests was "like being crushed by a car."

Hurricane-force winds leave at least 5 people dead across Midwest

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — At least five people died as a powerful and extremely unusual storm system swept across the Great Plains and Midwest amid unseasonably warm temperatures, spawning hurricane-force winds and possible tornadoes in Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota.

In southeastern Minnesota, Olmsted County Sheriff's Lt. Lee Rossman said a 65-year-old man was killed Wednesday night when a 40-foot tree blew onto him outside his home. In southwestern Kansas, blinding dust kicked up by the storms Wednesday led to two separate crashes that killed three people, Kansas Highway Patrol trooper Mike Racy said. And in eastern Iowa, a semitrailer was struck by high winds and rolled onto its side

Wednesday evening, killing the driver, the Iowa State Patrol confirmed.

All from US missionary group freed in Haiti, police say

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The remaining members of a U.S. missionary group who were kidnapped two months ago in Haiti have been freed, Haitian police and the church group said Thursday.

The spokesman for Haiti's National Police, Gary Desrosiers, confirmed to The Associated Press that the hostages had been released, but did not immediately provide additional details.

"We glorify God for answered prayer — the remaining 12 hostages are FREE!" Christian Aid Ministries said in a statement. "All 17 of our loved ones are now safe."

5 children die in bouncy castle accident in Australia

SYDNEY (AP) — Five children died and four others were in critical condition on Thursday after falling from a bouncy castle that was lifted 33 feet into the air by a gust of wind at a school on Australia's island state of Tasmania.

The school was holding a celebration to mark the end of the school year.

The children who died included two boys and two girls in year 6, which would make them 10 or 11 years old, said Tasmania police Commissioner Darren Hine. Police later Thursday confirmed a fifth child died in the hospital.

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MATT PFIFFNER / Sports editor

Darla Edwards of Citrus lifts 100 pounds during the clean and jerk competition at the Citrus County girls weightlifting championships Thursday at Lecanto High School. Edwards won the 110 pound weight class.

Jaguars quickly moving on from Meyer dismissal

By MARK LONG
AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars moved quickly to rid themselves of some of Urban Meyer's non-traditional methods Thursday.

There was no longer a motivational team huddle on the practice field. There was no longer an emcee with a microphone barking out directions for drills. There was no longer any use for catch phrases like "plus-two mentality" and "own it."



MEYER

The Jaguars embraced the not-so-subtle changes that followed owner Shad Khan firing Meyer after a 2-11 start that included countless embarrassments on and off the field.



BEVELL

"It brings a little bit of clarity to the guys in the locker room," rookie quarterback Trevor Lawrence said. "I wouldn't say relief, but I would say just bring some clarity and some direction moving forward."

"We really want to go and finish the season strong, and to be honest, it's been hard to last the last week with everything going on. There's a lot of things being stirred up by the outside, too, that didn't help. Made things a lot worse. It's hard to be focused and have all your attention and efforts going towards winning the game when there's so many things going on."

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Powerful performance

Citrus crowns five champs on way to girls weightlifting county title

By MATT PFIFFNER
Sports editor

LECANTO — Many of the strongest girls in Citrus County reside at Citrus High School.

The Hurricanes won half the weight classes at Thursday's girls weightlifting county championships and rolled to the team title with 50 points.

Crystal River had a trio of champs and finished second with 21 points, while Lecanto crowned two champs and was right behind the Pirates with 19 points.

One of the happiest champs of the day was first-year Citrus lifter Darla Edwards at 110. The Hurricane benched a personal-best 110 pounds and also put that weight up in the clean and jerk, for a 220 total.

"I think I did amazing today. My total went up five pounds because I hit a new PR with my bench," she said. "I never know when I'm having that kind of day. When I come to meets I get really nervous, but then I think I need to get into my zone and focus. Once I hit it I feel so good. Today I feel like I'm on top of the world. I'm so happy right now."



MATT PFIFFNER / Sports editor

Lecanto's Ali Wilson benches 170 pounds Thursday at the county championships at Lecanto. Wilson easily won the 139 pound weight class with a total lift of 355 pounds.

The junior has big goals for the rest of the season.

"I want to continue to increase my bench and clean and jerk. Hopefully qualify for regional and state, but I'm not sure if I can this year, because this is my first year," Edwards said. "I'm going to work all season for it."

Other champions for Citrus were Keirsten Perkins with a

245 total at 119, Destiny Hamerle with a 200 total at 129, Rebecca Tatum at 154 and Olivia Hudson with a 275 total in the unlimited weight class.

Tatum, a three-time state qualifier and two-time medalist, felt good about her 325 total, which included 155 on the bench and 170 in the clean and jerk.

"This is my first time hitting

155 since state, so I was pretty proud about that," she said. "My goals are just to follow my program, follow my heart and follow my coaches and take their advice. Coming back from the (winter) break, I'm coming in hard. I'm upping my training a bit, but not too much."

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Vasilevskiy sets wins record, Lightning beat Senators

By MARK DITLER
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Andrei Vasilevskiy set an NHL record for wins in a calendar year, Steven Stamkos picked up his 900th career point and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Ottawa Senators 2-1 on Thursday night.

Vasilevskiy made 25 saves to get his 63rd win in 2021 regular-season and playoff games. He broke the record of 62, established by Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury in 2009.

"Vasy had to make some big saves when they had their chances," Stamkos said.

Stamkos and Martin St. Louis (953) are the only Tampa Bay players to reach 900 points. The star center is also the 118th NHL player to accomplish the feat.

"It's something I'm very proud of," Stamkos said. "Anytime you can do anything like that at home in a win in front of your fans, friends and family, it's that much more special."

Victor Hedman had a goal and an assist, and Alex Killorn also scored for the Lightning, who lost 4-0 at Ottawa last Saturday.

Tampa Bay, playing without injured top forwards Nikita Kucherov and Brayden Point and defenseman Erik Cernak, is 7-1-1 over the last nine games.



Chris O'Meara / AP

Tampa Bay Lightning left wing Alex Killorn (17) scores past Ottawa Senators goaltender Anton Forsberg (31) during the second period of Thursday's game in Tampa, Fla.

"We kind of joked, we're the Tampa Bay find-a-ways," Stamkos said. "We just find a way to win, find a way to get points."

Ottawa's Anton Forsberg made a number of strong stops among his 25 saves. He recorded his first career shutout in Saturday's win over Tampa Bay.

The Senators, who had won five of six, got a goal from Thomas Chabot.

"Obviously it stings; we want to win," Chabot said. "We feel good about our game right now. This is

a team that has won back-to-back Stanley Cups and you see why. I think we battled to the end and had our chances all the way."

Stamkos reached the milestone at 15:05 of the second period when he assisted on Hedman's power-play goal that put Tampa Bay ahead 2-1. Killorn tied it at 1 early in the second.

Chabot picked up the puck in the neutral zone, came in from the left wing and lifted a shot over Vasilevskiy 15:43 into the game. The defenseman ended his 27-

game goal drought.

Ottawa defenseman Nikita Zaitsev left in the first period with a lower-body injury.

"You're playing five D in their building against all the players that they have. Makes it real tough, but in saying that the D did a really nice job," Senators coach D.J. Smith said.

Chabot played a total of 30:05 over 35 shifts.

Getting closer

Kucherov (lower body), who has missed 26 games, is increasing his skating level at practice and could be back in a few weeks. Point (upper body) is also practicing and might return by the end of December.

Numbers

Chabot has a career-high six-game point streak (nine points). ... Senators right wing Drake Batherson had his six-game point streak (two goals, 10 assists) snapped, and center Josh Norris saw his run of a goal in three straight games end. ... Tampa Bay, which had allowed five power-play goals over the previous three games, held Ottawa scoreless on two man-advantage chances. ... The Lightning went 1 for 5 on the power play.

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Meyer learns bullies run out of rope fast in NFL

There's a dozen good reasons why college coaches rarely make a successful jump to the NFL. Leave it to Urban Meyer to trip over the dumbest one.

After 13 games packed with more missteps than a Master P appearance on "Dancing With the Stars," Meyer

was still treating grown men like kids, still behaving like he was the king on a campus somewhere. Still sloganeering, blustering at some and blaming everybody else at the drop of a pass. But there's a reason bullies run out of rope a lot faster in the pros. It's because the guys holding onto the other end have contracts, too.

In that sense, Meyer's firing hardly qualifies as a surprise. And it hardly matters whether the final straw was the report in a Florida newspaper about Meyer kicking a former kicker in disgust back in training camp last August. Jaguars owner Shad Khan had so many gaffes to choose from that the statement he released Thursday — "an immediate change is imperative for everyone" — could have been written shortly after his coach got caught grinding in a bar in late September.

Or anytime last month, when Meyer's offense was wheezing out an average of less than 10 points a game en route to losing five in a row. Or just this past Monday, for that matter, when a reporter asked Meyer whether safety Andre Cisco would get more playing time.

"Cisco is playing a little bit more, I believe," he said. "I don't have his numbers in front of me."

Jim Litke



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

Cincinnati makes history as first team outside Power Five in playoffs

PARTY CRASHERS

By RALPH RUSSO
The Associated Press

Cincinnati has broken college football's glass ceiling.

The Bearcats will play Alabama in the Cotton Bowl and Michigan will face Georgia in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Eve after being selected to the College Football Playoff as a historic field of four was set Sunday. The winners will play for the national championship on Jan. 10 in Indianapolis.

Fourth-seeded Cincinnati is the first team to reach the CFP from a non-Power Five conference. The Bearcats (13-0) won the American Athletic Conference and head into the postseason as the only unbeaten team in the country.

Previously, no team from a so-called Group of Five conference had ever even come close to making the playoff in the final CFP rankings. Not two UCF teams that went unbeaten in the 2017 and '18 regular seasons nor Cincinnati last year, when undefeated was only good enough for a Peach Bowl bid against Georgia.

"We don't want to carry the flag for non-big schools, so to speak. We just want to be us,"

Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell said.

The Bearcats made history with little debate. Playoff selection committee chairman Gary Barta said there was strong consensus for Cincinnati at No. 4 ahead of No. 5 Notre Dame, which had only one loss — at home against the Bearcats in early October. Ohio State, which has two losses including to Big Ten rival Michigan in its regular season finale, finished sixth.

Others next up on the list were Big 12 champion Baylor at No. 7, the SEC's Mississippi at No. 8, Big 12 runner-up Oklahoma State, No. 9, and the Big Ten's Michigan State at No. 10. All have two losses.

The Bearcats might not have been so comfortably in the field had things gone differently at the Big 12 championship game Saturday. Oklahoma State, which was No. 5 in the CFP rankings going into the game, came up inches short of scoring a go-ahead touchdown in the final minute against Baylor. The Bears made the goal-line stand to win the Big 12 and, after Cincinnati took care of Houston in the AAC title game, the Bearcats were in the clear.

With Alabama and Georgia both in the playoffs, it is the third time two teams from the same conference are in the CFP and second time it has happened with the SEC. In the 2017 playoff, Alabama beat Georgia in overtime to win the national title.

As conference leaders consider expanding the playoff bracket from four to 12 teams as soon as 2024, only two Power Five leagues will be represented this season: the SEC and Big Ten. The Atlantic Coast Conference missed out for the first time. The Big 12 was shut out for the second straight season and the Pac-12 for the sixth time will not have a team in the playoff.

Cincinnati's reward for making history is a matchup with the defending national champions in the Cotton Bowl at the home of the Dallas Cowboys.

"We certainly think Cincinnati belongs in the playoff," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

The Crimson Tide is in the playoff for the seventh time in the postseason format's eight-year history after handing Georgia its first loss of the season in the Southeastern Conference title game Saturday.

Alabama (12-1) seemed to be a loss away from being eliminated from playoff contention heading into its game with Georgia, after barely beating

in-state rival Auburn the week before after four overtime periods. Instead, Bryce Young and the Tide lit up the Bulldogs' vaunted defense to earn the top seed.

Saban's Alabama dynasty has won three playoff championships to go along with three BCS titles since 2009.

Georgia (12-1) managed to stay in the field as the third seed, becoming the second team to lose its conference title game and still make the playoff. Notre Dame did the same last season, when it lost a rematch with Clemson in its lone season playing in the Atlantic Coast Conference, a move prompted by pandemic-altered schedules.

The Bulldogs will be making their second CFP appearance when they meet second-seeded Michigan (12-1) in the Orange Bowl. Coach Jim Harbaugh and the Wolverines are in the playoff for the first time after winning the Big Ten for the first time since 2004. Michigan, which went 2-4 last season, is also the first team to make the playoff after being unranked in the preseason AP Top 25.

This will be the first matchup of the two historic programs — no team in college football history has won more games than Michigan — since 1965. The Bulldogs beat the Wolverines 15-7 in the Big House that year.

INSIDE THE CFP SEMIFINALS

ORANGE BOWL

Georgia (12-1, SEC, No. 3 CFP) vs. Michigan (12-1, Big Ten, No. 2 CFP), Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. ET, Miami Gardens, Florida

Top Players

Georgia: TE Brock Bowers, 47 catches, 791 yards, 11 TDs.

Michigan: DE Aidan Hutchinson, 14 sacks, 15.5 TFL, 58 tackles, 12 QB hurries.

Notable

Georgia: The Bulldogs are in the playoff for the second time, and first since 2017-18. They are also making their 25th consecutive bowl appearance, the longest active streak in the country.

Michigan: The Wolverines won their first Big Ten championship since 2004 and are the first team unranked in the preseason AP Top 25 to make the playoff.

Last Time ...

Georgia 15, Michigan 7 (Oct. 2, 1965)

Bowl History

Georgia: Fourth Orange Bowl appearance, first since 1960 (14-0 win over Missouri), and 58th bowl appearance overall.

Michigan: The Wolverines won their first Big Ten championship since 2004 and are the first team unranked in the preseason AP Top 25 to make the playoff.

COTTON BOWL

No. 1 Alabama (12-1, SEC) vs. No. 4 Cincinnati (13-0, American), Dec. 31, 3:30 p.m. ET, Arlington, Texas

Top players

Cincinnati: Senior QB Desmond Ridder, 3,190 yards passing, 30 TDs; 361 yards rushing, six TDs. His 44 wins are the third-most ever by an FBS quarterback, behind Kellen Moore's 50 and Colt McCoy's 45. Ridder is the school and American Athletic Conference career leader with 12,281 total yards.

Alabama: QB Bryce Young, 4,322 yards passing with 43 TDs and only four interceptions on 462 attempts. The sophomore is a Heisman Trophy finalist, with a chance to become the first Crimson Tide quarterback to win college football's highest individual award.

Notable

Cincinnati: The Bearcats, the only remaining undefeated team, are the first program from outside the Power Five to make the playoff. Their only loss over the past two seasons was in last year's Peach Bowl, when Georgia kicked a 53-yard field goal with three seconds left for a 24-21 win. Cincinnati won the AAC title over Houston, which had won 11 games in a row.

Alabama: This is defending national champion Alabama's record seventh CFP appearance in the eight seasons of the four-team format. This is the second time the Crimson Tide have played in the Cotton Bowl for a CFP semifinal, having beaten Michigan State 38-0 six years ago on its way to a national title. But they also played at the home of NFL's Dallas Cowboys in another semifinal last year, beating Notre Dame in a Rose Bowl game relocated from California because of the pandemic. Alabama is 8-3 in CFP games. The Tide won the SEC title game over Georgia, which had been the only other remaining team besides Cincinnati without a loss.

Last Time ...

Alabama 45, Cincinnati 7 (Nov. 17, 1990).

Bowl History

Cincinnati: First appearance in Cotton Bowl, 20th bowl overall.

Alabama: Ninth appearance in Cotton Bowl (4-4), extending its overall record to 74 bowl games. That is 17 more than Georgia, the next closest team.

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Cincinnati quarterback Desmond Ridder (9) celebrates with teammates after his 13-yard touchdown run against South Florida during the first half of an NCAA college football game Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, in Tampa, Fla.

GOING BOWLING | COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL SCHEDULE

All Times EST

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

Bahamas Bowl

Toledo (7-5) vs. Middle Tennessee (6-6), Noon (ESPN)

Cure Bowl

N. Illinois (9-4) vs. Coastal Carolina (10-2), 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

Boca Raton Bowl

W. Kentucky (8-5) vs. Appalachian St. (10-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Celebration Bowl

SC State (6-5) vs. Jackson St. (11-1), Noon (ABC)

New Mexico Bowl

Fresno St. (9-3) vs. UTEP (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl

No. 12 BYU (10-2) vs. UAB (8-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

LendingTree Bowl

E. Michigan (7-5) vs. Liberty (7-5), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

LA Bowl

Oregon St. (7-5) vs. Utah St. (10-3), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

New Orleans Bowl

No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette (12-2) vs. Marshall (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

MONDAY, DEC. 20

Myrtle Beach Bowl

Old Dominion (6-6) vs. Tulsa (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl

Kent State (7-6) vs. Wyoming (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Frisco Bowl

No. 24 UTSA (12-1) vs. San Diego St. (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

Armed Forces Bowl

Missouri (6-6) vs. Army (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Frisco Football Classic

Miami (7-5) vs. North Texas (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Gasparilla Bowl

UCF (8-4) vs. Florida (6-6), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

Hawaii Bowl

Memphis (6-6) vs. Hawaii (6-7), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

Camellia Bowl

Ball St. (6-6) vs. Georgia St. (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 27

Quick Lane Bowl

Nevada (8-4) vs. W. Michigan (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Military Bowl

Boston College (6-6) vs. East Carolina (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

Birmingham Bowl

No. 21 Houston (11-2) vs. Auburn (6-6), Noon (ESPN)

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl

Air Force (9-3) vs. Louisville (6-6),

3:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Liberty Bowl

Mississippi St. (7-5) vs. Texas Tech (6-6), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl

UCLA (8-4) vs. NC State (9-3), 8 p.m. (FOX)

Guaranteed Rate Bowl

Minnesota (8-4) vs. West Virginia (6-6), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

Fenway Bowl

Virginia (6-6) vs. SMU (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Pinstripe Bowl

Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Cheeze-It Bowl

No. 19 Clemson (9-3) vs. Iowa St. (7-5), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl

No. 14 Oklahoma (10-2) vs. No. 15 Oregon (10-3), 9:15 a.m. (ESPN)

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

Duke's Mayo Bowl

South Carolina (6-6) vs. North Carolina (6-6), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl

Purdue (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Peach Bowl

No. 11 Michigan St. (10-2) vs. No. 13 Pittsburgh (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Las Vegas Bowl

Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Arizona St. (8-4), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN)

FRIDAY, DEC. 31

College Football Playoff Semifinal (Orange Bowl)

No. 2 Michigan (12-1) vs. No. 3 Georgia (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

College Football Playoff Semifinal (Cotton Bowl Classic)

No. 1 Alabama (12-1) vs. No. 4 Cincinnati (13-0), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl

No. 20 Wake Forest (10-3) vs. No. 23 Texas A&M (8-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl

Washington St. (7-5) vs. Miami (7-5), Noon (CBS)

Arizona Bowl

Cent. Michigan (8-4) vs. Boise St. (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (TBD)

SATURDAY, JAN. 1

Outback Bowl

No. 22 Arkansas (8-4) vs. Penn St. (7-5), Noon (ESPN2)

Citrus Bowl

No. 17 Iowa (10-3) vs. No. 25 Kentucky (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl

No. 5 Notre Dame (11-1) vs. No. 9 Oklahoma St. (11-2), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Rose Bowl

No. 7 Ohio St. (10-2) vs. No. 10 Utah (10-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl

No. 6 Baylor (11-2) vs. No. 8 Mississippi (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

Texas Bowl

LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas St. (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

MONDAY, JAN. 8

College Football Championship Semifinal winners, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

JAGUARS

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Meyer's final week included: an accusation Wednesday that he kicked former player Josh Lambo on the practice field in August; confirmation that he got into a heated argument with receiver Marvin Jones after criticizing wideouts for not winning enough one-on-one matchups a few weeks ago; and a report that Meyer called assistant coaches losers while questioning their resumes.

With his fate seemingly sealed, Meyer bolted the facility hours early Wednesday and left assistants to handle the game plan.

He didn't check out and never checked back in with any of them.

The Jaguars and Meyer's representatives then spent hours working out details of the coach's termination agreement, eventually leading to the late-night news drop. Lawrence and many of his teammates woke up to learn Meyer had been fired.

"There's been some drama. There's been some distractions," Lawrence said. "You can't ever go back, though. You just have to move forward."

Offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell was made interim coach and handled a team meeting Thursday. He also instituted several tweaks aimed at maintaining

a normal routine for players while putting his own spin on leading them through the final four games, beginning Sunday against Houston (2-11).

"All I can do is be me," Bevell said. "Fortunately, I've been around a lot of great coaches. The thing I learned from them is to take the things from them and put them into my personality, my way, and then say, 'OK, I just can't pull that off.' So I'm only going to be me, and I'm going to try to be that same person each and every day."

Although players and coaches refused to acknowledge Meyer's firing was a much-needed relief near the end of dysfunctional season, they clearly saw it as a

weight lifted as they try to end a five-game skid and find some momentum heading into an uncertain offseason.

"The biggest thing that we need right now is someone that's consistent," Lawrence said.

Meyer's ability to lead had clearly been compromised, likely caused by the pressure and angst that came with losing more games in any one season than he lost in seven years at Ohio State or in his first five years at Florida.

Khan had already started to consider what to do with Meyer at the end of the season when Lambo's accusation dropped. Meyer denied doing anything more than taking a playful poke at Lambo, who could

end up suing Meyer and the Jaguars for workplace harassment.

It was the latest and last misstep for Meyer in 11 months on the job. A three-time national championship-winning coach in college, Meyer failed miserably to make a smooth transition to the NFL.

He didn't know rules and procedures. He struggled to recall what happened in games and on the sidelines. He raised eyebrows when he mistakenly identified Joe Mixon as Houston's running back and couldn't come up with the names of his own players.

At best, Meyer looked like a stretched-thin coach wading into uncharted waters. At worst, he appeared in over his head.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England		9	4	0	.692	350	200
Buffalo		7	6	0	.538	363	229
Miami		6	7	0	.462	254	288
e-N.Y. Jets		3	10	0	.231	226	397
South		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee		9	4	0	.692	324	290
Indianapolis		7	6	0	.538	371	283
e-Houston		2	11	0	.154	177	356
e-Jacksonville		2	11	0	.154	180	340
North		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore		8	5	0	.615	304	284
Cincinnati		7	6	0	.538	354	293
Cleveland		7	6	0	.538	278	289
Pittsburgh		6	6	1	.500	272	322
West		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City		9	4	0	.692	351	268
L.A. Chargers		8	5	0	.615	351	336
Denver		7	6	0	.538	275	228
Las Vegas		6	7	0	.462	283	360

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas		9	4	0	.692	380	287
Philadelphia		6	7	0	.462	337	291
Washington		6	7	0	.462	266	324
N.Y. Giants		4	9	0	.308	232	310
South		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay		10	3	0	.769	410	297
Atlanta		6	7	0	.462	245	353
New Orleans		6	7	0	.462	304	285
Carolina		5	8	0	.385	257	282
North		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay		10	3	0	.769	328	272
Minnesota		6	7	0	.462	344	333
Chicago		4	9	0	.308	231	332
e-Detroit		1	11	1	.115	213	354
West		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona		10	3	0	.769	366	254
L.A. Rams		9	4	0	.692	366	293
San Francisco		7	6	0	.538	329	301
Seattle		5	8	0	.385	272	262

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Thursday's Game

Kansas City at L.A. Chargers

Saturday's Games

Las Vegas at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Washington at Phila., 1 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Minnesota at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 23

San Francisco at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25

Cleveland at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Arizona, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 26

Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Houston, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Phila., 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 27

Miami at New Orleans, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top 25 Schedule Monday's Games

No games scheduled.

Tuesday's Games

No. 2 Duke 103, SC State 62
Memphis 92, No. 6 Alabama 78
No. 13 Auburn 70, North Alabama 44
No. 14 Houston 71, Louisiana 56
No. 17 Texas 63, Ark.-Pine Bluff 31
No. 18 Tennessee 96, SC-Upstate 52
No. 19 LSU 89, Northwestern St. 49
No. 25 Texas Tech 75, Arkansas St. 62

Wednesday's Games

No. 4 UCLA vs. Alabama St., p.pd.
No. 8 Arizona 101, N. Colorado 76
No. 10 Southern Cal 66, UC Irvine 61
No. 22 Xavier 86, Morehead St. 63

Thursday's Game

No. 2 Duke 92, Appalachian St. 67

Friday's Game

No. 9 Villanova at Creighton, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

No. 1 Baylor at Oregon, 9 p.m.
No. 2 Duke vs. Cleveland St., 3 p.m.
No. 3 Purdue vs. Butler, 11 a.m.
No. 4 UCLA vs. North Carolina, T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas, 2 p.m.
No. 5 Gonzaga vs. No. 25 Texas Tech, Foot-print Center, Phoenix, noon
No. 6 Alabama vs. Jacksonville St., 7:30 p.m.
No. 7 Kansas vs. Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m.
No. 8 Arizona vs. Cal Baptist, 5 p.m.
No. 13 Auburn at Saint Louis, 8 p.m.
No. 14 Houston vs. Oklahoma St., Dickies Arena, Fort Worth, Texas, 6 p.m.
No. 15 Ohio St. vs. No. 21 Kentucky, T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas, p.pd.
No. 16 Seton Hall vs. Iona, Madison Square Garden, New York, 2 p.m.
No. 18 Tennessee vs. Memphis, 11 a.m.
No. 19 LSU vs. Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m.
No. 20 UConn vs. Providence, 4 p.m.
No. 22 Xavier vs. Marquette, 3 p.m.
No. 23 Colorado St. vs. Tulsa, Dickies Arena, Fort Worth, Texas, 3:30 p.m.
No. 24 Arkansas vs. Hofstra, Simmons Bank Arena, North Little Rock, Ark., 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games

No. 11 Iowa St. vs. SE Louisiana, noon
No. 17 Texas vs. Stanford, T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas, 2 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	
Brooklyn	21	8	.724
Boston	14	14	.500
Phila.	15	15	.500
Toronto	13	15	.464
New York	13	16	.448

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	
Miami	17	12	.586
Charlotte	16	14	.533
Atlanta	14	14	.500
Washington	15	15	.500
Orlando	5	24	.172

Central Division

W	L	Pct	
Milwaukee	19	11	.633
Chicago	17	10	.630
Cleveland	18	12	.600
Indiana	13	18	.419
Detroit	4	23	.148

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	
Memphis	18	11	.621
Dallas	14	14	.500
San Antonio	10	17	.370
Houston	9	20	.310
New Orleans	9	21	.300

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	
Utah	20	7	.741
Denver	14	14	.500
Minnesota	13	15	.464
Portland	11	18	.379
Oklahoma City	8	19	.296

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	
Golden State	23	5	.821
Phoenix	23	5	.821
L.A. Clippers	16	13	.552
L.A. Lakers	16	13	.552
Sacramento	12	17	.414

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 111, Orlando 89
Cleveland 124, Houston 99
Miami 101, Phila. 96
Milwaukee 114, Indiana 99
L.A. Lakers 107, Dallas 104, OT
New Orleans 113, Oklahoma City 110
Charlotte 131, San Antonio 115
Minnesota 124, Denver 107
Utah 124, L.A. Clippers 103
Sacramento 119, Washington 105
Memphis 113, Portland 103.

Thursday's Games

Indiana 122, Detroit 113
Brooklyn 114, Phila. 105
New York 116, Houston 103
Phoenix 118, Washington 98
Chicago at Toronto, p.pd.

Friday's Games

Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

Cash4Life
12-16-34-45-57, Cash Ball: 1

Mega Millions jackpot
\$160 million

Pick 2 Midday
3-1, Fireball: 0

Pick 3 Midday
0-8-4, Fireball: 0

Pick 4 Midday
2-0-4-7, Fireball: 0

Pick 5 Midday
1-8-3-4-4, Fireball: 0

Powerball jackpot
\$353 million

ON THE AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- 4 p.m. (ESPN2) St. Bonaventure vs Virginia Tech
- 6:30 p.m. (ACCN) Richmond vs NC State
- 7 p.m. (SEC) Furman at Mississippi State
- 8 p.m. (FS1) Villanova at Creighton
- 9 p.m. (ACCN) Wake Forest vs Charlotte

NBA

- 7 p.m. (BSFL) Miami Heat at Orlando Magic
- 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics
- 10:05 p.m. (ESPN) Los Angeles Lakers at Minnesota Timberwolves

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

- 12 p.m. (ESPN) Bahamas Bowl: Middle Tennessee State vs Toledo
- 6 p.m. (ESPN2) Cure Bowl: Northern Illinois vs Coastal Carolina
- 7 p.m. (ESPNU) NCAA Division III Championship: North Central (Ill.) vs Mary Hardin-Baylor
- 9:15 p.m. (ESPN2) FCS Division I: James Madison at North Dakota State
- 12 a.m. (SEC) Florida State at Florida (Taped)

GOLF

12:30 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions PNC Championship, Pro-Am

HOCKEY

8 p.m. (NHL) Women's Rivalry Series: Canada at United States

U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS

8:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Short Track Speed Skating

SOCCER

4:48 a.m. (FS1) 2021 FIFA Arab Cup Third-Place Game: Egypt vs Qatar

TENNIS

6 a.m. (TENNIS) ATP Mubadala 5th Place & Semifinals, Rio De Janeiro-ATP Challenger & Maia 2-ATP Challenger Quarterfinals & Doubles Semifinals

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

WINTER SPORTS

10 p.m. (NBCSPT) IBU Biathlon World Cup: Women's 7.5km Sprint (Taped)

11 p.m. (NBCSPT) IBU Biathlon World Cup: Men's 10km Sprint (Same-day Tape)

PREP CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

WRESTLING

3 p.m. Citrus at Lyman IBT

3:30 p.m. Crystal River, Lecanto at Springstead IBT

GIRLS SOCCER

4:30 p.m. Seven Rivers at Patel

7 p.m. Springstead at Crystal River

7:30 p.m. Nature Coast at Lecanto

BOYS SOCCER

5 p.m. Seven Rivers at Foundation

7:30 p.m. Lecanto at Nature Coast

GIRLS BASKETBALL

6 p.m. Crystal River at Citrus

7:30 p.m. Hernando at Lecanto

BOYS BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. Citrus at Crystal River

7:30 p.m. Lecanto at Hernando

Golden State at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 10 p.m.

Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at Detroit, 12 p.m.

New York at Boston, 7 p.m.

Golden State at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Cleveland at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.

Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at Detroit, 6 p.m.

Portland at Memphis, 6 p.m.

San Antonio at Sacramento, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8 p.m.

New Orleans at Phila., 8 p.m.

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

Dallas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Washington at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Arizona at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Florida at Minnesota, 2 p.m.

Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.

Los Angeles at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Dallas, 8 p.m.

New Jersey at Detroit, 8 p.m.</

Still time to grab some grouper

Capt. William Toney of Homosassa wants to remind everyone that grouper season closes at the end of the month so there is still time to put a few fish in the box. Toney says the best depth to find grouper is in the 18- to 25-foot range and the best baits have been frozen sardines, threadfin or live pinfish. Floating grass will hinder a trolling plug but if you can find clean water this is a great way to put fish in the box as well.

Around near-shore rocks a decent mangrove snapper bite can

Dan Hermes
Outdoors
Writer



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be found. Toney likes using a commercial chum block to draw fish to your location. Tie on a 20-pound leader with a 1/0 longshank Eagle Claw hook. The long shank will help prevent break-offs due to the sharp teeth of the mangrove

Inglis said the grouper bite can be found in the 35 feet range in an area known as the "parking lot." Cut herring has been the bait of choice. Rising water temps have reportedly chased the trout and reds out of the creeks and back out into the gulf. Anglers will have to wait on cooler water temps, according to Captain's Cove.

Bluwater Bait and Tackle in Homosassa reports that the warmer weather slowed down the action but that trout can be found in 3- to 4-feet of water

out on the flats near markers 8 and 10.

"The reds are near the outer islands and can be caught using cut mullet or a gold spoon," Bill Korade reports. "The grouper bite is what's going on right now. They are being found in the 20- to 25-foot range."

Ed's Tackle Shop in Crystal River reports reds have been doing pretty well in and around the mangrove islands. Focus on the rocky points with live shrimp as bait. Then in-shore grouper bite has been producing

for anglers throwing Rapala plugs over rockpiles in the 8- to 10-foot water depths. Trout are in the 4- to 5-foot depths and are being caught using Gulp Shrimp fished under a Cajun Thunder cork.

On the freshwater scene, specks and bass have been biting pretty well, according to Riverland Bait and Tackle in Dunnellon. Minnows and jigs have been the key to success for specks while shiners and artificial baits have been working for bass.



Phelan M. Ebenhack / AP

Tiger Woods, second from left, and his son Charlie, right, walk with Justin Thomas, second from right, and his father Mike Thomas on the third fairway during the first round of the PNC Championship, Dec. 19, 2020, in Orlando, Fla. Woods is returning to competition at the tournament for the first time since he badly injured his right leg in a February car crash. The Thomas family has become close friends.

Woods looks 'crazy good' as he prepares for return

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — The father of Justin Thomas got the first look at Tiger Woods playing a round of golf since his car crash 10 months ago and saw more than he expected.

"It's crazy how good he's hitting — and far he's hitting — for what he's been through," Mike Thomas said Thursday at the PNC Championship. "It's impressive where he's at."

Next up for Woods is playing in front of an audience. It's one thing for the 15-time major champion to play with 12-year-old son Charlie, with Mike Thomas along for the ride, last week near his home in south Florida. It's another to tee it up in front of thousands of spectators and on network TV.

Only 10 months ago, Woods shattered bones in his right leg, ankle and foot when the SUV he was driving along a winding suburban road in Los Angeles crashed through a median and down a hill. Woods was immobilized for three months in a makeshift hospital bed in his house.

He went from crutches to slowly walking. He was hitting balls on the back end of the range at Albany during his Hero World Challenge two weeks ago in the Bahamas.

And while the PNC Championship — 20 teams of parents and children, one

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MIKE THOMAS

of them a major champion or Players Championship winner — is a family affair, the score counts. Woods will be able to ride a cart if he chooses.

"My excitement level is high just for him being out here and being somewhere other than his house and getting to see a lot of familiar faces," said Justin Thomas, one of his closest friends on tour who won the PNC Challenge last year with his father, a longtime club pro. "And I know spending time with Charlie is a huge deal to him."

"In terms of competing, I think his expectations are very low," Thomas said. "But at the same time, he is who is for a reason. So I'm sure he'll be (ticked) off if he didn't play well."

Woods was not expected until the Friday pro-am.

Among the teams is a pair of major champions — Nelly Korda (Women's PGA Championship) and her father, Petr (Australian Open tennis in 1998). Korda said she hardly ever watches golf except when Woods is playing, and now she'll be playing in the group ahead of him at the Ritz Carlton

Golf Club Orlando.

Korda said it would be a chance to create memories with her father, but that's not all.

"Playing right in front of Tiger Woods is pretty cool, too," she said. "I'm not going to lie. I'm being a little selfish here, but that's pretty cool."

Woods and son will be playing in the final group with the Thomas duo, a pair of familiar faces. Thomas was among the players from the next generation who often stopped by his house to encourage Woods when he was recovering from fusion surgery in 2017.

Now it's a family affair. Mike Thomas specialized in working with juniors when he was at Harmony Landing outside Louisville, Kentucky. While technically not his coach, he has been a second set of eyes for Charlie, and the 12-year-old has taken to Justin Thomas.

Thomas, meanwhile, has turned to Woods as a mentor. He said Woods has shared plenty of nuances about golf and competition, which he doesn't plan on sharing because he considers it to be an advantage. And there is a lot that Woods doesn't tell him.

"Because he knows that he still likes golf and wants to beat me when we're playing," Thomas said with a laugh. "But I think just being there as a friend is most important as a mentor, kind of pushing each other along the way."

Kevin Durant, short-handed Nets beat 76ers 114-105

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NEW YORK — Kevin Durant scored 34 points, making a four-point play with the game tied and 1:46 left, and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Philadelphia 76ers 114-105 on Thursday night for another short-handed victory.

The Nets were missing seven players because of coronavirus health and safety protocols but still had Durant, the NBA's leading scorer who added 11 rebounds and eight assists.

Blake Griffin and Nic Claxton both added a season-high 17 points for the Nets, who had just nine players available. Patty Mills scored 14 points in Eastern Conference-leading Brooklyn's fourth straight victory. Joel Embiid had 32 points,

nine rebounds and six assists in the 76ers' third straight loss. Seth Curry scored 29 points.

It was Brooklyn's second straight game without starters James Harden, LaMarcus Aldridge and DeAndre Bembry, along with reserves Bruce Brown, Paul Millsap, Jevon Carter and James Johnson.

Knicks 116, Rockets 103
HOUSTON — Immanuel Quickley hit seven 3-pointers and scored 24 points to help short-handed New York beat Houston.

New York snapped a four-game losing streak, winning for just the second time in its last nine games. Houston has lost four of five since a seven-game winning streak. The Knicks had four players

out because of the NBA's health and safety protocols — R.J. Barrett, Obi Toppin, Quentin Grimes and Kevin Knox. On top of that, Derrick Rose started the game but left with a sore right ankle after playing just 12 minutes.

Daniel Theis led Houston with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Pacers 122, Pistons 113
INDIANAPOLIS — Caris LeVert scored 20 of his 31 points in the first half and Indiana handed Detroit its 13th straight loss.

LeVert was 12 of 18 from the field. Justin Holiday added 17 points for Indiana, shooting 5 of 15.

Saddiq Bey led the Pistons with 28 points and 10 rebounds. Detroit is an NBA-worst 4-23.

WEIGHTLIFTING

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Another returning state medalist is Lecanto senior Ali Wilson, who powered her way to an easy title at 139 pounds.

Wilson benched 170 and lifted 185 in the clean and jerk for a total of 355, which would have won every weight class in the meet.

"I feel pretty good. My second clean and jerk was a PR and my third was a PR attempt. And my third bench was also a PR attempt, but I missed it," she said.

After taking third place at state a year ago for her first medal in three trips, Wilson has huge goals this season.

"I think I'm in a pretty good place. I know I didn't hit that last clean and jerk, but it was really close and I think it's going to be there when I need it to be," she said. "I'd like to get a 400 total this year, but a state championship is the main thing."

Britta Holloway was the other Panther champion with a 140 total at 101.

Crystal River's champions were Kasey Strom with a 245 total at 169, Gensis Gonzalez with a 240 total at 183 and Alissa Millen with a 240 total at 199.

Strom and Gonzalez are usually in the same weight class, but Gonzalez was bumped up to help the team



MATT PFIFFNER / Sports editor

Gensis Gonzalez of Crystal River strains to bench 110 pounds during the Citrus County girls weightlifting championships Thursday at Lecanto. Gonzalez made this personal-best attempt on her way to the 183 pound title.

earn more points, which worked out well for the Pirates.

"I really didn't know how I would do, because I jumped a weight class," Gonzalez said. "It was for the team, because two of our best lifters are in the same weight class, so coach wanted to bump someone up so we could get more points."

"I think I did pretty well. On bench I finally got 110, which is not that impressive, but I haven't been able to get it up all season. I think I did well. I placed first, so I think I did better


that normal."

Strom wasn't at 100 percent, but was still able to claim the title with a 120 bench and 125 clean and jerk.

"I've been sick the past couple of days, so I was really happy with how I did, because I've been feeling pretty weak lately," she said. "I hit (personal records) in both of my events."


The Pirate and Alyssa Turner of Citrus both had 245 totals, but Strom earned the title based on weighing less than the Hurricane.

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Good Times

THIS WEEKEND, THIS WEEK

Attend the next Moon Over the Mounds tour

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

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

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

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

Journey to Bethlehem with Living Waters UPC

Join Living Waters UPC for "Journey to Bethlehem," a live nativity experience, from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 17 at the church, 1201 S. Bea Ave. in Inverness.

Come and enjoy cookies, hot chocolate, live animals and much more with family and friends. Register on site for a chance to win a gift card giveaway.

For more information, visit tinyurl.com/3cfmdah, email upcofinverness@gmail.com or call 352-400-2323.

Christmas Ball on tap at the Valerie Theatre

Come one and all to the Valerie Theatre for the Inverness Christmas Ball from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec 18, 207 Courthouse Square.

This special engagement features "The Jazz DaddyOs" dance band, specializing in jump swing, hot jazz. Great Gatsby, roaring 20s prohibition era jazz, New Orleans jazz, dance favorites and holiday music selections. Put on your dancing shoes and hit the floor or just relax, sit and enjoy the music.

Admission is \$15 per person. Tickets are available online at tinyurl.com/2svb9zc9 or at the box office beginning at 5 p.m. the day of the show.

Homosassa youths invited to community party

The Homosassa Civic Club holds a Christmas party for the community children every year. This year, the party will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Homosassa Civic Club, 5530 S. Mason Creek Road.

The event is open to all children 12 and under. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be there and all children will have an opportunity to tell the jolly couple what they want for Christmas, have their picture taken and receive a gift. Magic will be performed by the Magic Man and there will be snacks and crafts.

For more information, call 352-628-9333.

Sunday Sampler

Doug Spears and Friends to perform in Dunnellon

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Will McLean Foundation's Sunday Sampler Concert Series will feature Doug Spears and Friends on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. in the historic Dunnellon Depot, 12061 S. Williams St., Dunnellon.

Doug Spears' music, flowing from his fifth generation Florida roots, is, in the words of Virginia music critic, Leanna Mosley, "... Lightfoot meets Taylor with the smooth vocal delivery of Gene Watson."

Spears' music is an authentic acoustic Folk / Americana sound delivering original material that, even if you have not heard Doug before, will seem immediately familiar.

For this performance in the Sunday Sampler, Doug is joined by his longtime friends and coconspirators, Ron and Bari Litschauer.

Ron has been a mainstay of the Florida Folk scene for more than 40 years. Ron is often seen supporting various artists at folk festivals around the state including Frank Thomas, Clyde Walker, Amy Carol Webb, Doug Spears and many more. Backing Doug here on guitar and mandolin, Ron lends his own well-crafted acoustic taste and flair to Doug's

songs. Bari, too, has been a fixture in the Florida Folk world for as many years. Her deft touch on banjo and tenor guitar adds a warm layer of flavor to the music that has to be experienced.

In addition to their work with other artists, Ron and Bari perform frequently as a duo throughout Florida.

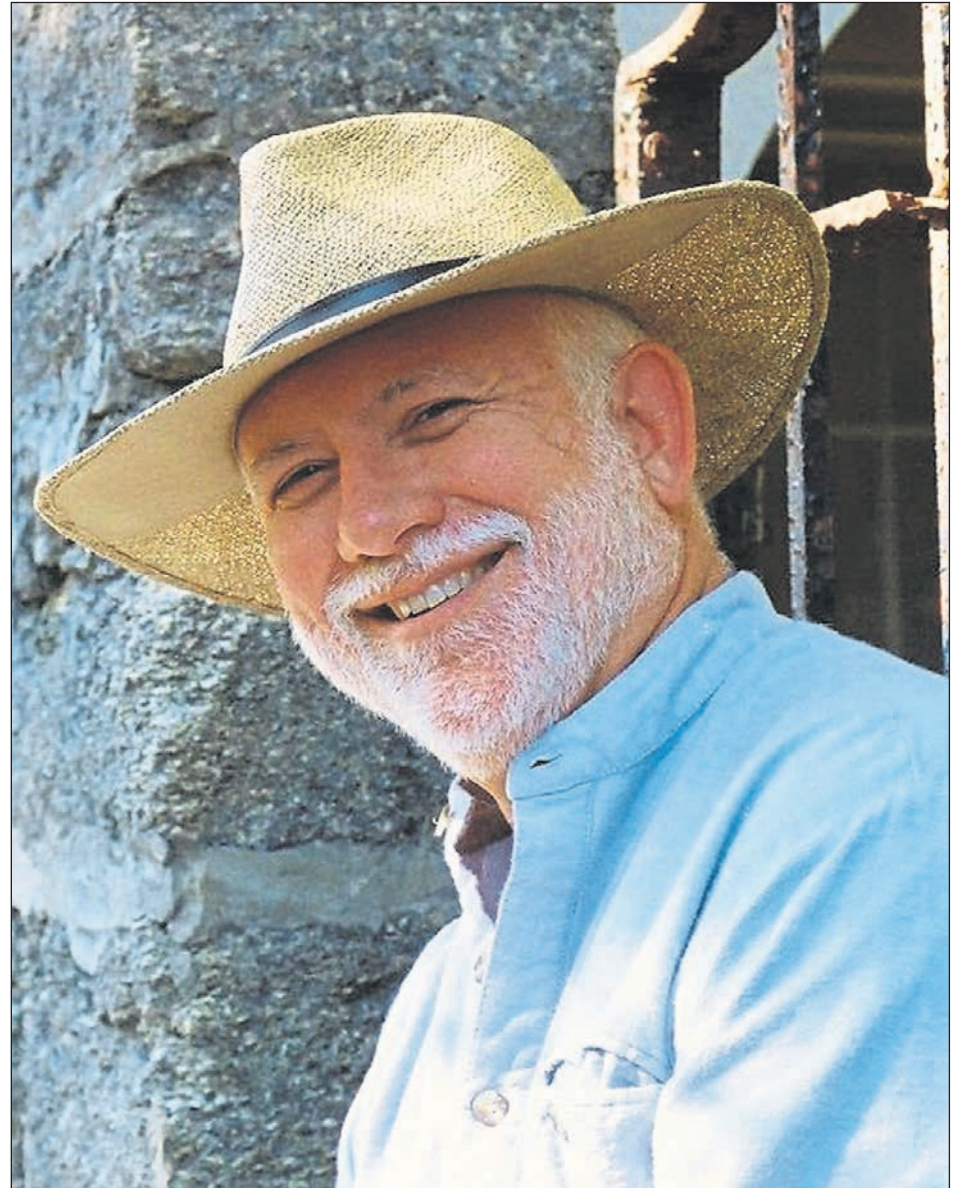
Donation is \$10 at the door, cash preferred.

As the number of new COVID cases in our area continues to drop, masks will be optional. Please make the most appropriate decision for yourself and your health.

The Will McLean Foundation's mission is to support Florida artists and raise awareness of Florida's history and culture, with a motto of "saving Florida through music."

The foundation also offers an annual music festival, the Will McLean Festival, held on the second weekend of March at the Sertoma Youth Ranch in Brooksville.

For more information about the Foundation, its activities, and the annual Will McLean Music Festival, visit www.willmclean.com and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/willmcleanfestival>.



Doug Spears

Daughters of the American Revolution get in touch with their roots



Members of the Fort Cooper Daughters of the American Revolution dressed in colonial attire at their December meeting, where they learned about Christmas customs in the colonies.

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Members of Fort Cooper Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently celebrated "A Colonial Christmas" at their December general meeting.

Members came dressed in colonial attire and learned about Christmas customs in the colonies.

DAR is a non-political volunteer service organization of women with ancestral lineage from those who participated in the cause of American Independence through military, civil, or patriotic service. DAR has resources to help identify ancestors.

For more information, visit dar.org or FortCooperDARwixsite.com.

Pirate family invades Floral City Heritage Museum



From left are: Bill Metcalf, Sarah Metcalf (rear), Clark Metcalf (front), Susie Metcalf, David Metcalf, Reese Metcalf and Quinn Metcalf.

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Pirates recently invaded the Floral City Heritage Museum.

Still savoring the feast of Thanksgiving the day before, museum director Bill Metcalf and wife, Susie, planned a scavenger hunt for their visiting son, David; daughter-in-law, Sarah; and grandchildren, Clark, Reese and Quinn.

The pirates, in full regalia, arrived in Friday afternoon hunting for buried treasure.

They were soon in full possession of the museum and had captured the hearts of the museum docents and visitors.

The Heritage Museum is open free of charge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday and Saturday, 8394 E. Orange Ave. in Floral City.

For more information, visit floralcityhc.org or call 352-419-4257.

Special to the Chronicle

GOOD

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email homosassacivicclub@gmail.com or visit homosassacivicclubinc.org.

North Oak Church to have Christmas musical

Experience the change that can be brought by Jesus Christ, a little girl and a pair of shoes in the heartwarming musical drama, "The Christmas Shoes." Also a beloved movie, this presentation by the creative ministries and music department of North Oak Church, brings the story to life.

Created by Donna VanLiere, Eddie Carswell and arranged by J. Daniel Smith, it blends well-known Christmas carols and comforting music to enhance the drama of a girl who just wants to buy a pair of shoes for her sick mother. Two families are touched by all that happens and a materialistic, uninvolved father discovers what Christmas is all about.

The musical will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18 and 10:45 a.m. Dec. 19 at the church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd in Citrus Springs. All are welcome and no church affiliation is required. For more information, visit northoakbc.org or call 352-489-1688.

Art Center Theatre presents winter musical comedy

The Art Center Theatre presents their winter musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Jan. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at the Art Center of Citrus County, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando. Friday and Saturday night showings are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Travel back to ancient Rome in this classical comedy where Pseudolus, a crafty Roman slave, struggles to win the hand of a beautiful, but slow-witted courtesan named Philia for his young master, Hero, in exchange for freedom. The

plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors, and a few trips around the seven hills of Rome.

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

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

American Italian Club to have dinner dance

The Citrus American Italian Club will host a dinner dance at 5 p.m. Dec. 18 at 4325 S. Little Al Point in Inverness.

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. with music by Roger Carrier. The cost of attendance is \$17. Proceeds help defray the cost of Christmas dinner and gifts for Citrus County families in need.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Debbie at 352-419-5252 or Joanne at 352-637-7181.

Hope Lutheran presents 'Journey to Christmas'

Hope Lutheran Church will host the "Citrus Consort Singers" at 4 p.m. Dec. 19 at the church, 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

The title of the concert is "Journey to Christmas" and this talented group of singers will present many favorite Christmas songs.

All those in neighboring communities are welcome to join. There is no charge for tickets but a free will offering will be accepted to benefit Hope's ministries in the community.

For more information, call 352-489-5511 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

At the movies

Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850

Wednesday, Dec. 22 "Elf" (2003) PG - 3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 27 "Downton Abbey" (2019) PG - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) PG - 3 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 31 "The Polar Express" (2004) G - 3 p.m.

Movies in the Park Friday, Dec. 17

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

Friday, Dec. 17 "The Muppet Christmas Carol" (1992) G - 5:45 p.m. at Homosassa Area Recreation Park.

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COMING SOON

Ladies of the Elks to have charity fashion show

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

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

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

GOING ON

Valerie Players seeking members

A community theater group is planning a series of plays at the Valerie Theater in Inverness.

Artistic Director Patrick Erhardt said the Valerie Players needs performers, directors and people to work behind the scenes.

The season will include: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Feb. 18-20, 2022; "Psychic," April 22-24, 2022; and "On Golden Pond," June 17-19, 2022. The theater also will sponsor a 10-Minute Playwriting Festival, and the winning works will be produced Sept. 16-18, 2022.

For information, contact Erhardt at: patherhardt@gmail.com.

Hernando Ukulele Jam to meet Tuesdays

The weekly Hernando Ukulele Jam meets at 11 a.m. for intermediates and noon for beginners every Tuesday at the Historic Hernando School at the intersection of U.S. 41 and County Road 486. The event is free and open to everyone.

Attendees should bring their favorite ukulele and a music stand if they have one.

For more information, call 352-566-2328.

Acoustic music jam at the library

The Nature Coast Dulcimer Players host an acoustic music jam from 3 to 5 p.m. most Mondays at the Central Ridge Library community room, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills.

A beginner group meets from 2 to 3 p.m. in the same location.

Adults of all levels are welcome to join. For more information, call 352-746-6622.

Test your brain at trivia nights

Continuing in 2021, Citrus County Parks and Recreation will have free virtual trivia nights at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month, excluding holidays.

Test your brain against the brightest minds of Citrus County. Pre-register at least 24 hours prior to the event at apm.activecommunities.com/citruscountyparks to receive the video chat trivia links.

For more information, call 352-527-7540.

Socialize at Café Break!

Among the wellness programs offered by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast at its Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs is Café Break!

At Café Break! Anyone grieving or lonely can find a safe place to socialize with

others, work puzzles, play games or chat over a cup of coffee and snacks for 2-1/2 hours starting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

For more information or to join this program that follows CDC guidelines, call 352-249-1470.

Community center open mic nights

Citrus County Parks and Recreation presents open mic nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. the last Wednesday monthly at the Citrus Springs Community Center at 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd. at Citrus Springs.

Vocalists, musicians, poets and comedians are welcome at this all-ages event. No profanity is allowed.

Social distancing guidelines will be followed. Masks will be required to enter the building, but not by performers during stage time.

For more information, call 352-527-7540.

Join the Women's Mahjongg Club

A Women's Mahjongg Club is forming for residents of Sugarmill Woods. The version that will be played is the Wright-Patterson (not the American version).

They will meet every Wednesday at a resident's home. For information, contact Maria at flowergarden444@gmail.com.

Join the Floral City Crafters

The Floral City Crafters meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays at the Floral City Baptist Church, 8545 Magnolia St.

The crafters are a group of knitters, crocheters, quilters, jewelry makers and more who share their love of crafts and spend time together. Attendees can bring their crafts or learn a new one.

There is a \$2 fee for each weekly meeting. For ques-

tions, call 352-637-5423 or 352-726-5658.

Attend monthly meetings with the Sunshine Poets

Join the Sunshine Poets' monthly meeting and poetry reading at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills.

Attendees are welcome to bring poems to share, or just listen. If you would like the members to critique your poems, bring several copies on which they can write suggestions. Attendees are also welcome to join the group afterward for lunch at a local restaurant.

Additional details are available on the Sunshine Poets Facebook page. For questions, contact Cheri Herald, Sunshine Poets president, at sunshinepoets@gmail.com.

Senior program hosts free ukulele classes

The Hernando Area Senior Program is hosting free ukulele classes with Joy Wilson at noon on Tuesdays at 2415 N. Florida Ave. in Hernando. All skill levels are welcome.

Attendees must comply with COVID-19 guidelines and masks are mandatory. Due to limited space, participants should call ahead to make a reservation. For additional information about these activities, call 352-527-5484.

Inverness Bridge Club offers free membership

A limited number of players can join Inverness Bridge Club free to play either duplicate or party/rubber bridge at noon, Mondays and Fridays. The club plays a friendly game that is not sanctioned by the ACBL that normally lasts between 2.5 and 3 hours.

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WEEKLY AQUATIC TREATMENT SCHEDULE FOR CITRUS COUNTY
Citrus County's Aquatic Services Division plans the following aquatic weed control activities for the week beginning: **December 20, 2021**

HERBICIDE TREATMENTS		
Waterbody	Plant	Herbicide Used
Inverness Pool	Hydrilla, Linnophyllia, Southern Naiaid	Aquathol, Diquat
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From left are: Rick Como, first place team; and Mark Avery, Sertoman and golf tournament chairman. Not pictured are team members: Chuck Rabold, Jesse Alves, Patrick Ryan and Collin Ryan.

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Second place team from left are: Mark Avery, Bud Abernathy, Steve Amdur, Dick Clark and Joe Diulio.



From left are: Bob Milford, third place team; Mike Mucklensfuss, third place team; and Mark Avery, Sertoman and golf tournament chairman. Team members not pictured are: Larry Elkin and Mark LeBlanc.

Citrus Sertoma announces golf tournament winners

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Citrus Sertoma Golf for Kids tournament held Nov. 21 at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club's Oaks Course was a day of golf and giving back to the community.

First place team: Rick Como, Chuck Rabold, Jesse

Alves, Patrick Ryan and Collin Ryan. Second place: Bud Abernathy, Steve Amdur, Dick Clark and Joe Diulio. Third place: Bob Milford, Mike Mucklensfuss, Larry Elkin and Mark LeBlanc. The longest drive was made by Collin Ryan and closest to the pin went to Joe Diulio. Sertoma would like to

thank the golfers and volunteers in attendance, along with many local business sponsors and in-kind donors. The new Citrus Sertoma Club will continue to work hard throughout the year to give monetarily and with their time to Camp Endeavor, Kids Deaf Baseball Camp at the Villages, Ser-

toma Youth Ranch and the Sertoma Foundation mobile audiology van. The foundation's focus is rural and under-served communities. Since 2018, the foundation has screened over 23,000 children and 200-plus adults in the greater Tampa region, including Citrus County.

The expanded Club will continue to give back in Citrus County with donations to the Boy Scouts and Citrus County School District by adopting classrooms each year and providing funding for the Family Resource Center, Citrus Hearing Impaired Program and Family & Friends Reaching for

Abilities. The public is welcome at Citrus Sertoma meetings at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Moose Lodge, 221 S. Haid Terrace in Lecanto. For more information, visit sertoma.org or @citrussertoma2.0 on Facebook.



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Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: My wife is borderline addicted to "Words With Friends" (an app game similar to Scrabble), and it's causing me concern, in addition to creating some strife within our marriage.



It would be one thing if she were only playing with other female players, but she also has an ongoing game with a former male classmate, which I consider to be a form of online flirting. Would you agree, or am I overreacting?

I still work, and my wife is retired, so when I'm ready for bed because I have to get up early, she is wide-awake and ready for late-night games with friends (one in particular). I have suggested repeatedly that she go to bed when I go, but she says she isn't sleepy and is a late-night person, so she stays up until 1 or 2 a.m. playing "Words With Friends." This continues to cause disharmony in our marriage, and it's something I have a hard time accepting as permissible.

Please let me know how you and your readers feel about this issue. — Concerned Husband

Dear Concerned Husband: Unless she's exchanging flirty messages with this old classmate or spelling out inappropriate words on the board, I wouldn't worry about the fact that she's playing with him. There's nothing wrong with connecting with old friends to play games online. There is, however, something wrong with allowing anything to consume your life — be it alcohol, drugs, work, television or even "Words With Friends." Ask her whether she's game for a challenge: She uninstalls the app for two weeks; you commit to getting home from work on time and planning a few date nights during that period.

If she's unwilling to give up an app for two weeks for the health of her marriage, then this is a deeper problem that requires the help of a counselor.

Dear Annie: I never proposed marriage to my wife, and if you think it's worthy of printing, I will correct that in your column. We're both faithful readers, so I'm sure she'll see it. Here's our story. My family moved to our city during Christmas break of the fifth grade. Though my future wife and I lived within a mile of each other and could both walk to school, we had no classes together and never met. In junior high, we rode different school buses and shared no classes together.

In high school, the 10th and 11th grades brought no classes together, and still we never crossed paths. Our senior year, in preparation of college, we both took typing. That's the one class we ever shared. We started dating. We spent the first two years of college apart, but when we were home, we dated and spent a small fortune on stamps and envelopes to stay in touch. We spent the last two years of college together at the same university, and we dated each other exclusively.

On a trip home during that last two years, we went to a jewelry store and put matching wedding bands on lay-away. There was no engagement ring, nor was there a proposal. We just knew we were going to marry. So, now I'd like to ask: Teresa, will you marry me — again?

— Bill
Dear Bill: This is certainly a first, but your letter gave me such a smile I couldn't not print it. I hope she says yes.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearamnie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane, visit the website at www.creators.com.

Bridge game hand. Phillip Adler, Newspaper Enterprise Assn. Hand details for North, West, East, South, and Dealer.

Bridge mistake, it is usually too bad. Only if playing at a Bridge Base Online casual table might you be permitted to "undo" your play. South nearly slipped on today's deal. What did he do in four spades after West led the heart 10? South's three-spade rebid invited game, indicating some 15-17 high-card points, whether North's response was nonforcing, semiforcing or forcing. North naturally tried for game. (It was hard to bid three no-trump without a heart stopper.) If West had led the diamond 10 and East had shifted to the heart king at trick two, the contract would have failed. Now, though, South had a chance. He had nine top tricks: six spades, one heart and two clubs. The immediate reaction was to hope that West had the diamond ace. But then the declarer saw that that chance could wait until he had tried a different approach. South took the first trick with his heart ace, drew trumps and played three rounds of clubs, ruffing the last in his hand. Then he exited with a heart. Yes! After East took two tricks in the suit, he was forced to play a diamond. Dummy's king was declarer's 10th trick. If East had had a fourth heart, South would have ruffed and hoped West had the diamond ace, but the chosen line gave a second chance.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME. Includes word grids for IGCNI, VIAEW, GPTILE, NTOONI and a cartoon illustration of twins.

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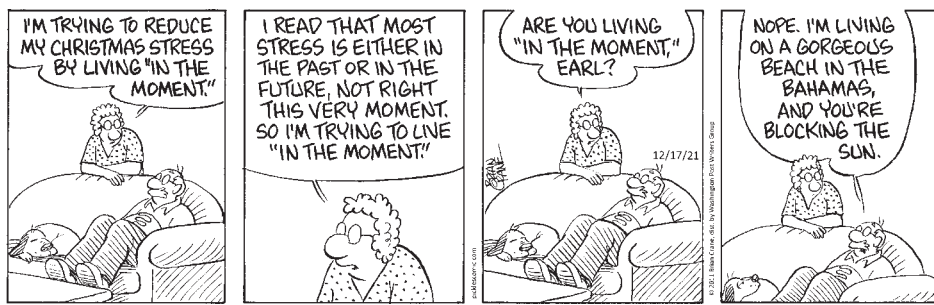
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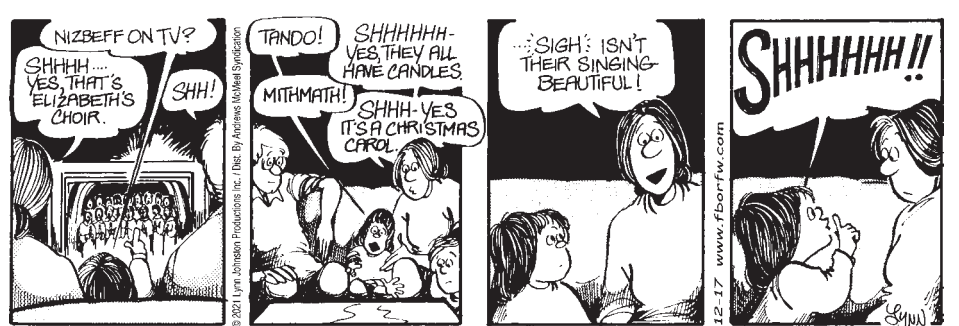
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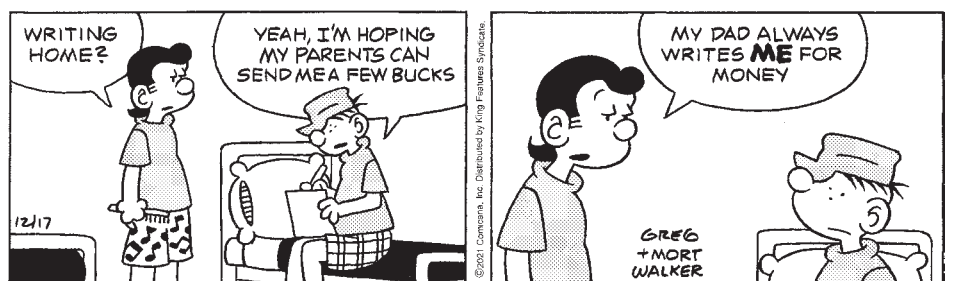
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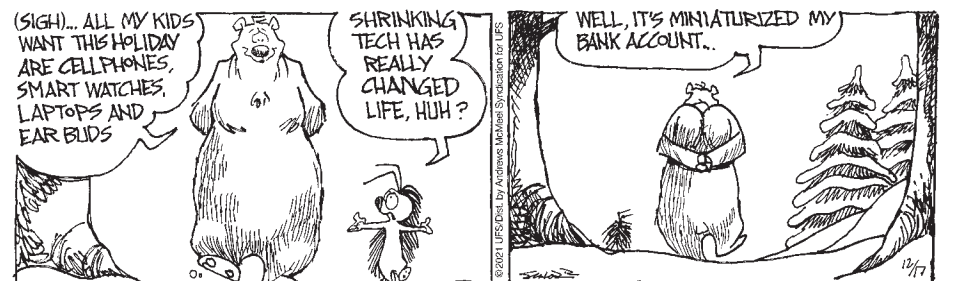
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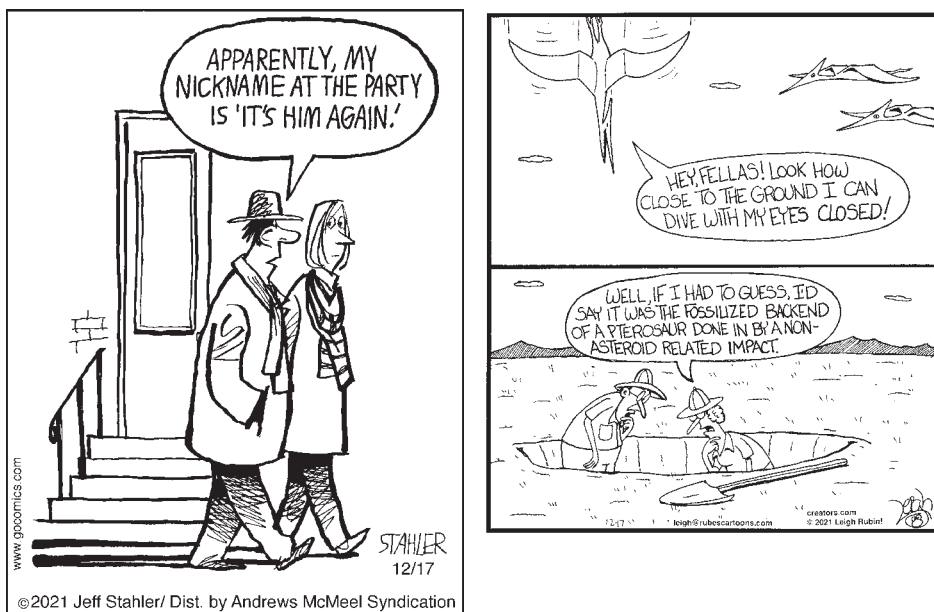


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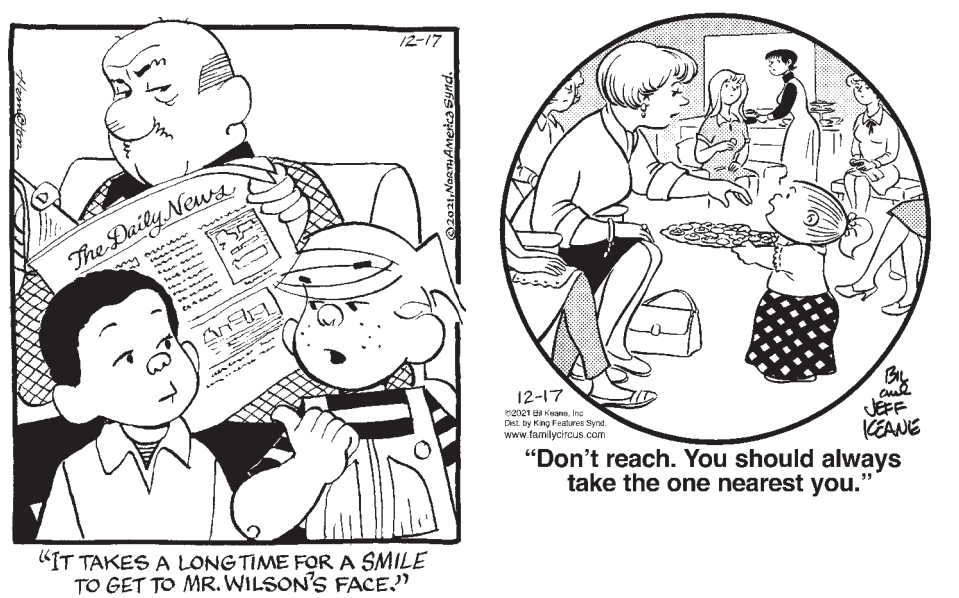
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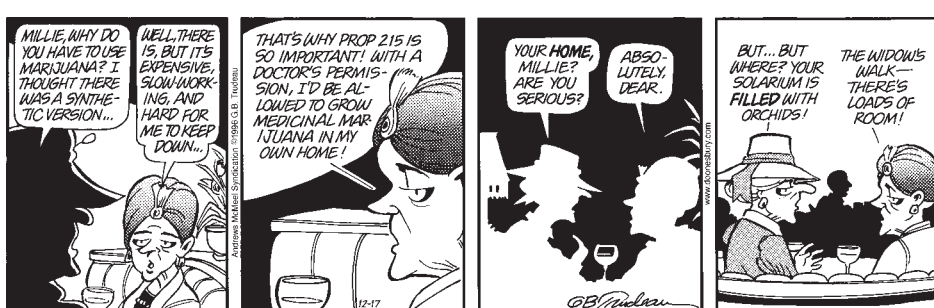


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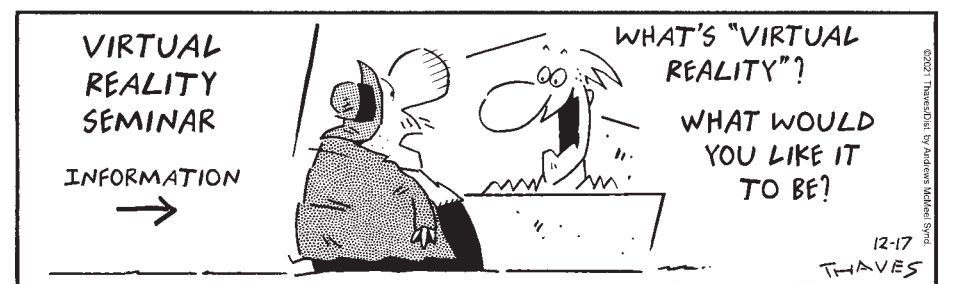
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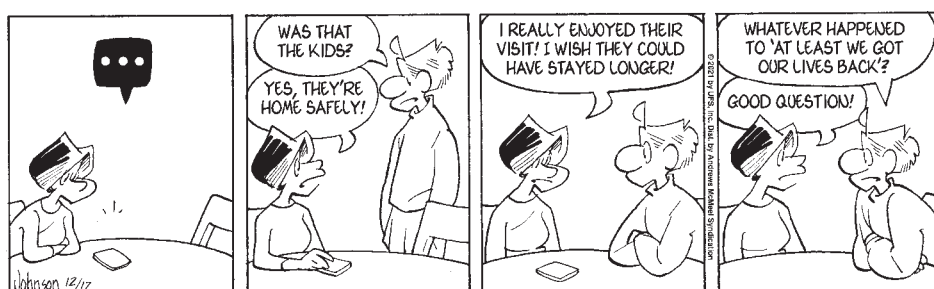
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Today's MOVIES

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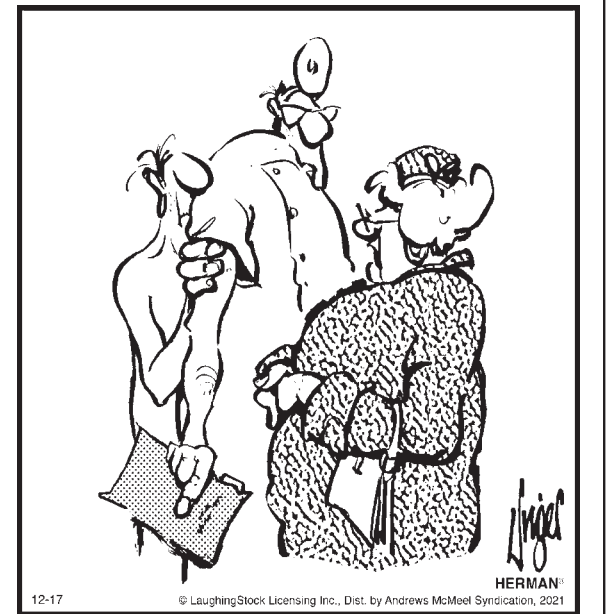
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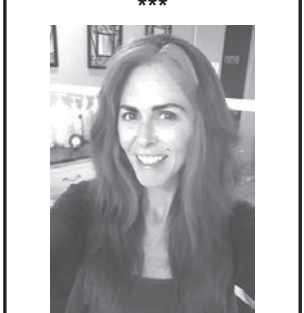


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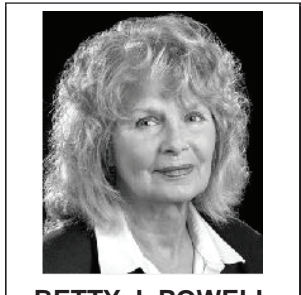
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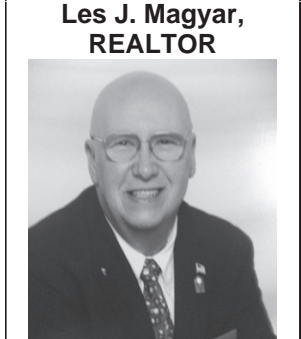


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6695-1231 FCRN
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As of January 14, 2022 Jeffrey Marcus, M.D., FACS will be closing our practice. If you would like a copy of your medical records or would like a copy transferred to another physician, please contact our office at 352-726-3131 or write us at 821 Medical Court East, Inverness, FL 34452.

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LIENS

6707-1217 FCRN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: ADVANCED TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at **08:00 am at 4875 S Florida Ave Inverness, FL 34450-0537**, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **ADVANCED TOWING** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Date of Sale: **01/01/2022**
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LEGALS

6714-1217 FCRN

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MEETINGS

**5036-1217 FCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Citrus County School Board will hold an Administrative Hearing; 3:00 p.m., Regular Meeting; 4:00 p.m. and Public Hearing; 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the Board Room of the District Services Center located at 1007 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida.

The purpose of the Administrative Hearing is to act upon proposed student expulsion(s). The Regular Meeting is to discuss and act upon other business that needs to come before the Board. The Public Hearing is to approve Policy 3.40 Safe and Secure Schools and Policy 8.16 Emergency Evacuation Drills, and to receive public comment on the recommended materials for the 2022 K-12 Math Instruction Materials Adoption for compliance with F.S. 1006.283(8)(9)(11).

If any person decides to appeal a decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he may need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include testimony and evidence upon which his appeal is to be based.

Sandra Himmel
Superintendent
Citrus County School Board

Published December 17, 2021

CREDITORS

6708-1224 FCRN Ronald Eric Stinedurf
2021-CP-000939 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE CASE NO. 2021-CP-000939

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
RONALD ERIC STINEDURF aka
RONALD E. STINEDURF,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Ronald Eric Stinedurf aka Ronald E. Stinedurf, deceased, whose date of death was August 27, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 17, 2021.

Personal Representative:
Cheryl A. Sharp
10853 43rd Street North
Apt. 1206
Clearwater, FL 33762

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Denise VanNess, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0845050
VanNess & VanNess, P.A. 352-795-1444
1205 North Meeting Tree Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429
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LEGALS

6673-1217 FCRN 2019-DP-005
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2019-DP-005
Division: Juvenile

**IN THE INTEREST OF:
L.M.K.C. (M) D.O.B.: 02/22/2018
A Child.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION, SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
ADVISORY HEARING AS TO THE UNKNOWN FATHER
FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO: Unknown Father of L.M.K.C.

You are hereby notified that a petition under oath has been filed in the above-styled court for the termination of your parental rights as to L.M.K.C., a male child born on February 22, 2018, in the State of Florida, for placement of the child with the Florida Department of Children and Families for subsequent adoption, and you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the **GENERAL MAGISTRATE KEITH SCHENCK** of the Circuit Court or any judge assigned to hear the above cause, at the **Advisory Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights on January 3, 2022 at 10:30 AM** via **THE "ZOOM" APPLICATION**, 110 North Apopka Avenue, 3rd floor, Inverness, FL 34450.

ALL PARTIES SHALL APPEAR BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, ONLY. UNLESS OTHERWISE ARRANGED BY A PARTY, THE HEARING WILL OCCUR BY VIDEO/TELEPHONE USING THE ZOOM APPLICATION.

To appear by video: Please click on the hyperlink you received via email (best method), or type <https://zoom.us> in your web browser, click on Join Meeting, then enter the Meeting ID (984 3216 0732) and Password (550042) per the prompts. You will be admitted to the hearing by the Magistrate.

To appear by phone: Please call (786) 635 1003 US (Miami) or (646) 558 8656 US (New York) and enter the Meeting ID (984 3216 0732) and Password (550042) when prompted. You will be admitted to the hearing by the Magistrate.

* PLEASE EMAIL THE MAGISTRATE AT JCAUTHAN@CIRCUITS.ORG IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE OR VIDEO ON THE ZOOM APPLICATION.

YOU MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING OR THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TRIAL CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PRESENT TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU WANT AN ATTORNEY, BUT ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD ONE, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE COURT, AND THE COURT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER YOU QUALIFY FOR AN ATTORNEY TO BE APPOINTED TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450, Telephone (352) 341-6700 within seven (7) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 1-800-955-8771, Florida Relay Service 711.

THIS NOTICE shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Citrus County Chronicle's Classified Section.

Dated this 17th day of November 2021, at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida.

ANGELA VICK, Clerk of Courts

{{County Court Seal}}

By: */s/ Ashley Cvoliga*
Deputy Clerk

Published November 26 and December 3, 10, & 17, 2021

CREDITORS

6697-1217 FCRN Daniel G. Commire
2021-CP-947 Notice to Creditors (Summ)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY,
FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2021-CP-947

**IN RE: ESTATE OF
DANIEL G. COMMIRE,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of DANIEL G. COMMIRE, Deceased, File Number 2021-CP-947 by the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450; that the decedent's date of death was August 12, 2021; that the total value of the estate is exempt homestead property and bank accounts totaling \$16,438.44, and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: James D. Commire, 362 Bailey Springs Road, Ohatchee, AL 36271; Diane Renee McDonald, 5271 Conifer, Columbiaville, MI 48421; and Danielle Marie Malone, 21134 St. Gertrude, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN § 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WITH BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 10, 2021.

Person Giving Notice:
James D. Commire
362 Bailey Springs Road
Ohatchee, Alabama 36271

Attorney for Personal Giving Notice:
BRADSHAW & MOUNTJOY, P.A.
S. Michael Mountjoy, Esquire Florida Bar Number #157310
209 Courthouse Square
Inverness, Florida 34450
Telephone: (352) 726-1211 FAX (352) 726-3180
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6715-1224 FCRN James L. Finnen
09-2021-CP-000927 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROBATE DIVISION.
CASE NUMBER: 09-2021-CP-000927

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
JAMES L. FINNEN,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of James L. Finnen, Deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2021; File Number 09-2021-CP-000927, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is date of first publication of this notice is December 17, 2021.

Personal Representative:
Scott A. Finnen
14450 NE 75th Street
Bronson, Florida 32621

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Douglas K. McKoy Florida Bar Number: 0101744
Attorney for Petitioner
302-B North Main Street, Trenton, Florida 32693
Telephone: (352) 490-4488 Facsimile: (352) 463-0773
E-Mail: doug@chiefandlegal.com
E-Mail: legalassistant@chiefandlegal.com
Published December 17 24, 2021

LEGALS

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL
RIGHTS AND STEPPARENT ADOPTION**

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

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

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

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

Physical Description of Respondent:

Age: 43
Race:
Hair Color: Unknown
Eye Color: Unknown
Approximate Height: Unknown
Approximate Weight: UNKNOWN

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

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

ANGELA VICK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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By: */s/ Samantha Leap*
(Deputy Clerk)

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CREDITORS

6693-1217 FCRN 2021-CP-854
Geraldine Rose Dunmire Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2021-CP-854

**IN RE: ESTATE OF
GERALDINE ROSE DUNMIRE,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GERALDINE ROSE DUNMIRE, deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for CITRUS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 10, 2021.

Personal Representative:
HEATHER DUNMIRE
1371 McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater, Florida 33759

RONALD DUNMIRE

6724 S. Palmer Ave., Homosassa, Florida 34446

Attorney for Personal Representative:
ROBERT S. CHRISTENSEN, ESQ.
Attorney for the estate
Florida Bar Number: 0075272
PO Box 415, Homosassa Springs, Florida 34447
Telephone: 352-382-7934 Fax: 352-382-7936
E-mail: christensenlaw@earthlink.net
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MISCELLANEOUS

6712-1217 FCRN**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT**

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to Palm Terrace MHP, LLC, Mr. David Branton, Manager, 29605 US Highway 19, Suite 130 Criterion Centre, Clearwater, Florida 33761, to operate an existing 0.020 million gallons per day (MGD) domestic wastewater treatment facility which would land apply 0.020 MGD of reclaimed water to a Part II slow-rate restricted public access system. This permit is accompanied by an administrative order (AO- 032SWD21) to land apply reclaimed water within the Chassahowitzka and Homosassa Springs Group watershed for a period necessary to evaluate the facility total nitrogen, make necessary modification in the treatment process and place into operation, a modified wastewater treatment system that will reduce the total nitrogen limit to an annual average concentration of no more than 6.0 mg/L in the reclaimed water. The facility is located at latitude 28° 49' 17"N, longitude 82° 29' 30" W on 3260 West Kevin Lane, Leanto, Florida 34461, in Citrus County. The Department has assigned permit file number FLA011902- 009-DW3P/NR to the proposed project.

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Southwest District Office, 13051 N Telecom Pkwy, Suite 101, Temple Terrace, Florida 33637-0926, at phone number (813) 470-5700 or via electronic correspondence to PublicRecordsRequests_Regulatory@floridadep.gov.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

The Department will issue the permit unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

Petition for Administrative Hearing

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28- 106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

- The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
- A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's agency decision;
- A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

Time Period for Filing a Petition

Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

Extension of Time

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@FloridaDEP.gov, before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

Published December 17, 2021

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

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

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Friday, December 17, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- STIPEND

(STIPEND: STY-pend: A fixed sum of money paid periodically.)
Average mark 31 words
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 41 or more words in STIPEND?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- BEHOLDEN

been	blonde	heel	lobe	donee
beheld	bode	held	lode	need
behold	bold	hoed	loden	noble
bend	bole	hold	lone	node
bled	bond	hole	debone	noel
bleed	bone	hone	dele	
blend	ebon	olden	dole	
blond	heed	lend	done	

RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at kzsaxe@gmail.com.

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- ACROSS**
- Famous rib donor
 - Break ground
 - Not masc.
 - Strauss of denim fame
 - LP player (hyph.)
 - Ron who played Tarzan
 - Look as if
 - Many
 - One, in Frankfurt
 - Electron opposite
 - Frat letter
 - Lisa Simpson's instrument
 - Telegraph code
 - Song of triumph
 - Mantra chanter
 - Omitting none
 - Zen question
 - "Easier said — done"
- DOWN**
- Pacino and Hirt
 - Jazzy refrain
 - "Carpe —"
 - Compass pt.
 - Give off light
 - Pharaoh's land
 - Copal or mastic
 - Frothy brew
 - Type choices
 - Delhi native
 - Weird
 - Poi base
 - Delighted
 - Earth, in combos
 - Hoople expletive
 - Noted lava spewer
 - Zippy the Pinhead's word
 - Glassmaker — Lalique
 - Compartment

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	A	R	K	S				M	E	W	L				
T	I	A	R	A	S			S	A	S	H	A	Y		
A	L	P	A	C	A			A	S	P	I	R	E		
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B	O	A			F	L	A	M	B	E					
R	A	N	C	I	D			A	R	D	E	N	T		
A	T	T	I	L	A			D	E	G	R	E	E		
H	E	A	L					S	E	R	V	E			

- Like a bass voice
- State positively
- Flowering tree
- Garden flower
- Detroit grider
- Recurrently
- Athena's domain
- Touches
- High society
- Chatty pet
- Skimpy pullover
- Latin 101 word
- Thick head of hair
- Average
- "The Greatest"
- Fairy-tale being
- Milk, to Yves
- Norse god
- "— Jude"
- Cobra cousin
- Badminton need
- Celebration
- Lay down cards
- Polite address
- counter
- Cowboy competition
- Grant money for
- Battery post
- Stick-in-the-mud
- Where to hear Farsi
- Choir voice
- Metric prefix
- Epoch
- Hydroelectric project

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11
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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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

- Blue bird made of potter's soil (1)
- Not many form a line in London (1)
- Office personnel social faux pas (1)
- Indonesia isle's surrealist's oils (2)
- Snake-sound emitter smoocher (2)
- Five identical kids' fracture supports (1)
- Not fully trusting mortaring between tiles (2)

ANSWERS: 1. CLAY JAY 2. FEW QUEUE 3. STAFF GAFFE 4. BALIS DALIS 5. HISSER KISSER 6. QUINTS SPLINTS 7. DOUBTING GROUNDING

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IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE CASE NO. 2021-CP-000617

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LARROY JAY FARNSWORTH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CREDITORS

6694-1217 FCRN 2021-CP-799
Glenda F. Pearce Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2021-CP-799

IN RE: ESTATE OF GLENDA F. PEARCE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CREDITORS

6699-1217 FCRN 2020-CP-725
Laverne O'Hare Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2020-CP-725

IN RE: ESTATE OF LAVERNE O'HARE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LARROY JAY FARNSWORTH, deceased, whose date of death was April 7, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative: ANGELA FULGENZI
9193 N. Arcadia Way
Citrus Springs, FL 34434

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Personal Representative: LORI MCGREGOR
7670 W. Sunburst Lane
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