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TikTok trend poses threat in Citrus

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

In the wake of the recent "Devious Licks" trend on the popular social media video app TikTok, a new, more dangerous trend has made its way to Citrus County.

According to a statement from the Citrus County School District, they have been made aware of a national threat circulating on TikTok regarding gun violence in schools.

More specifically, these TikToks – seen in school districts across the country – threaten a shooting on the day of Dec. 17. At this time, the district wrote, the origins of this threat are unknown.

Inverness Middle School (IMS) principal Melissa Baird sent an announcement to parents, informing them a TikTok post was reported to administration on Dec. 14 by two students. The TikTok warned of a school shooting at IMS on Dec. 17.

"The original post was general and not directed at a specific school," Baird wrote. "Two students from IMS reposted the threat and added Inverness Middle School in their posts."

Upon seeing a threat, Baird reminded parents and students to report it, not repost it. "Simply reposting a threat serves no purpose other than adding to the fear and uncertainty of the situation."

The school district and Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) were immediately made aware of the potential threat to IMS.

On Dec. 15, CCSO issued a statement. "Other counties in the state of Florida are experiencing the same issues," they wrote. "These specific threats are unsubstantiated at this time and there is no viable threat to students or school staff."

The school district and CCSO said they will continue to monitor social media and further investigate the threat at IMS. Law enforcement and school guardians will continue to be at schools throughout the day and will be on alert.

"Our office along with our partners at the school district take threatening statements very seriously," CCSO wrote. "Unfortunately, social media posts and comments are often vague, unverified and difficult to examine."

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Pirate's Cove back on county's radar

Commissioner has a change of heart about Ozello property

By MICHAEL D. BATES

Chronicle Reporter

County Commissioner Ruthie Schlabach said Tuesday she had a change of heart and asked her colleagues to revisit the twice-rejected proposed county purchase of the Pirate's Cove property in Ozello.

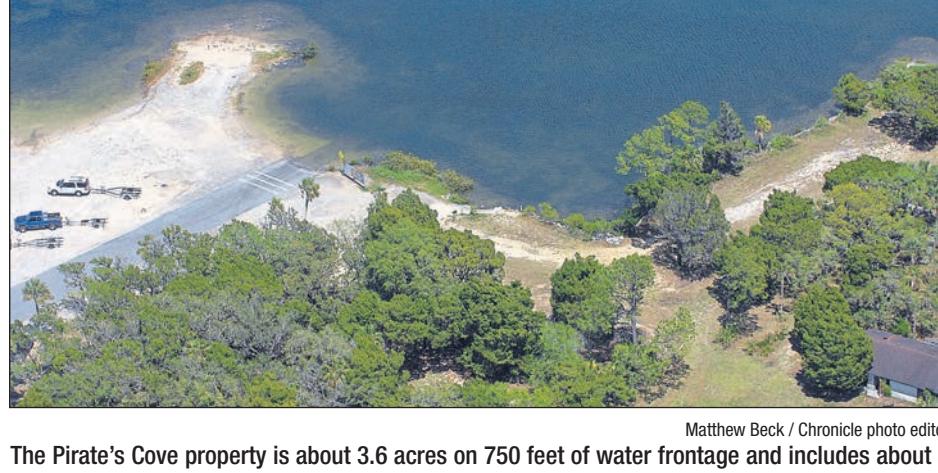
Her idea is to ask the Citrus County Tourist Development Council (TDC) for \$185,000 to help pay for it, with more coming from state conservation grants she is exploring. The board agreed to let the TDC discuss it, with the money possibly coming out of its capital projects fund.

The commission agreed to allow the TDC to discuss the plan at its January

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SCHLABACH



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The Pirate's Cove property is about 3.6 acres on 750 feet of water frontage and includes about a half-acre of commercial land and abuts an existing park and boat ramp.

SAXY SANTA ENTERTAINS AT FOOD GIVEAWAY



Board recognizes employee, talks safety

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

The Citrus County School Board gathered for their final meeting of the year on Dec. 14. In keeping with the holiday spirit, the Citrus High School (CHS) choir kicked off the meeting with their renditions of "Silver Bells" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas."

Assistant superintendent Jonny Bishop recognized district director of food and nutrition services, Roy Pistone, for being selected as the Golden Foodservice Director of the Year in the Basic American Foods' annual FAME awards.

This is a prestigious national award that recognizes outstanding heroes in kindergarten through 12th-grade food service. "Winning this national award is akin to winning the Oscars in K through 12 food service," Bishop said.

Pistone has been in the industry for approximately 27 years and was the 2020-21 president of the Florida School Nutrition Association. "During that time, he's been dedicated to the mission of feeding kids and improving their lives through nutrition," Bishop said.

Pistone has also led the initiative of renovating school kitchens across the district, maintaining equipment and coordinating after school meals in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

During a discussion of

Frank Miller, aka Santa, plays his soprano saxophone as some of the hundreds of vehicles gathered at the New Church Without Walls food giveaway are loaded with fresh vegetables, milk, juice, meats and other essential foods Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Inverness Fairgrounds. The church supplies thousands of people with food throughout the year, free of charge. Individuals, organizations and volunteers throughout the community donate times, money and manpower to deliver the fresh foods to those who are in need.

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Law enforcement officers block off the entrance to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Feb. 15, 2018 in Parkland, Fla., following a deadly shooting at the school.

Florida school district to pay \$26 million to shooting victims

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The Broward County, Florida, school district will pay more than \$26 million to the families of 17 people killed and some of those injured in the 2018 Valentine's Day massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Board members approved the two legal settlements on Tuesday.

A total of \$25 million will be shared by 51 plaintiffs, including families of the 17 dead as well as students and staff who were injured at the Parkland school. The families also reached a settlement with the FBI last month that will pay them over \$127 million for its failure to possibly prevent the attack.

The district will also pay

ing, two family members of those killed have been elected to the school board: Debbi Hixon, whose husband Chris Hixon was the athletic director, and Lori Alhadeff, the mother of 14-year-old Alyssa Alhadeff. Neither took part in the negotiations or vote.

"While we recognize no amount of money can make these families whole, it is the school board's hope that this settlement will show our heartfelt commitment to the MSD families, students, staff, faculty and to the entire Broward County community," said Marylin Batista, the board's interim general counsel.

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ment said, but the settlement "at least affords our families some degree of closure in what has been a years-long legal battle."

The estates of the dead will get about \$1 million each from the school district, and 16 people who were injured will receive from \$345,000 to about \$777,000. Nineteen others who suffered trauma will receive \$22,800. Payouts will be made in three installments.

The FBI settled last month with 16 of the 17 people killed and some of those wounded over its failure to investigate a tip it received weeks before the massacre that the shooter, Nikolas Cruz, had bought guns and planned to "slip into a school and start shooting the place up."

"I know he's going to ex-

plode," the caller to an FBI tip line said.

But that information was

never forwarded to the

FBI's South Florida office

and Cruz was never con-

tacted.

Cruz, 23, pleaded guilty

in October to murder and

attempted murder. A trial

next year will determine

whether he will be sen-

tenced to death or life in

prison without parole.

The district will also pay

\$1.25 million to Anthony Borges, who suffered

some of the most severe

injuries. His lawyer split

off from the larger case,

saying Borges will have a

lifetime of expensive med-

ical needs, according to the

South Florida Sun Sentinel.

The Florida Supreme

Court ruled in 2020 that

state law capped the dis-

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meeting and see if that board is receptive. It will be brought back as a formal agenda item for the county commission after that.

Schlabauch two weeks ago sided with Commissioners Ron Kitchen Jr. and Scott Carnahan not to pursue the purchase because she didn't want to tap \$85,000 from the Duke Energy special projects funds.

Kitchen, who chairs the TDC, admitted Tuesday he is still "not a big fan of this project" and won't support the county's purchase of the property, but was willing to

"Trying to find another way to get there – that's what this thing has been about."

JEFF KINNARD
Citrus County commissioner

take Schlabauch's proposal to that board.

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard tried twice in the last two months to convince his colleagues to explore the possibility of purchasing Pirate's Cove but was shot down both times. Kinnard believes the property could be turned into a public park and enjoyed for future generations.

Kinnard thanked Schlabauch for revisiting the project.

"Trying to find another way to get there – that's what this thing has been about," he said.

Kinnard has also recommended the county's take \$190,000 out of District 1 impact fees to also help pay for the property.

The Pirate's Cove property owner last month rejected the county's bid to buy the property for \$616,000 so the board would have to authorize staff to seek new appraisals.

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by law enforcement and school authorities."

The school district warned that any student caught

making a violent threat on

social media or causing a

disturbance in school will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

CCSO asks parents and guardians to continue speaking with their children about the responsibilities and possible consequences associated with posting false information to social media.

To report any suspicious activity or threatening information to CCSO, call 911. To report anonymously, call or text Crime Stoppers at 1-888-ANY-TIPS.

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SCHOOL

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another safety policy, Safe and Secure Schools, board members briefly discussed the prevention of school shootings in the district.

In light of the recent Oxford High School shooting in Michigan, school board member Doug Dodd said he feels confident this would not occur in Citrus County.

"I'm glad we have these policies in place," Dodd said. "We have to do everything we can to keep our students and our faculty safe."

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Citrus County School Board member

leaving the residence/election boundaries of the five districts of the Citrus County School Board. To retain common

boundaries with the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, they adopted the proposed boundaries prepared by county staff.

Among other agenda items, the board approved the 2022-23 school calendar and updated policies on student records, safety, de-escalation and staff military leave.

Board members approved the advertisement of the following bids:

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NEWS BRIEFS

Alzheimer's/dementia caregiver support available

The Floral City Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group will have an informal meeting at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 17 at the Floral City United Methodist Church, 8480 E. Marvin St.

Attend to share your concerns or experiences that may help others in their struggles. If you know someone who could benefit from meetings, let them know or bring them along.

Despite relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, the group will continue to follow recommended guidelines in consideration for those who may be vulnerable. They will meet in the fellowship area adjacent to the sanctuary and practice social distancing with masks optional. Hand sanitizer will be available.

For more information, contact Helen Ciampi at 352-302-3123 or ciampi.helen@mail.com, or Marcia Beasley at 352-726-7740 or abeasley001@tampabay.rr.com.

Attend the Inverness Christmas Ball

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

VFW Post 4337 to host Christmas dinner Dec. 25

VFW Post 4337 will host a Christmas dinner from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 25, 906 State Road 44 in Inverness.

Dinner includes ham, sweet or mashed potato, corn, roll with butter and dessert for a donation of \$8.

For more information, call the post bartender at 352-344-3495.

From staff reports

Motorist's death spurs case review

By BUSTER THOMPSON
Chronicle Reporter

Prosecutors might upgrade their charge against an Inverness man after the woman he allegedly injured in a hit-and-run crash died almost three months after the vehicle collision.

Assistant State Attorney Tara Hartman told Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard on Wednesday, Dec. 15, her office is reviewing Justin Porter Zajac's criminal case

After Zajac's Sept. 9 arrest, the State Attorney's Office charged the 40-year-old with leaving a crash scene involving serious injuries — a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

If prosecutors elevate the offense to leaving a crash scene involving death, Zajac would be pitted against a first-degree felony and a possible 30-year prison sentence if convicted.

Inverness resident was recovering in a trauma center following the Sept. 8 head-on collision on North Croft Avenue near Hernando.

Howard told Zajac, who appeared to his Wednesday court hearing via Zoom. "The state has a burden-of-proof issue to address to prove he's somehow responsible."

Howard scheduled Zajac's next court appearance for Feb. 9.

Prior to the 8 p.m. collision, it's alleged Zajac was driving a red Subaru Crosstrek south in the northbound lane of Croft Avenue, north of the intersection with East Hayes Street, according to a Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) crash report.

"Mr. Zajac, this could go real bad, real fast," Howard told Zajac, who appeared to his Wednesday court hearing via Zoom. "The state has a burden-of-proof issue to address to prove he's somehow responsible."

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Prior to the 8 p.m. collision, it's alleged Zajac was driving a red Subaru Crosstrek south in the northbound lane of Croft Avenue, north of the intersection with East Hayes Street, according to a Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) crash report.

At the same time, Hotelling's then-82-year-old husband, James, was driving them both north on Croft Avenue in a silver Buick.

According to FHP, the Subaru struck the Buick head on before its driver ran away into a wooded area. A witness gave FHP troopers a description of the fleeing motorist.

An ambulance crew took Hotelling to Citrus Memorial Hospital. James Hotelling suffered possible injuries but wasn't transported to hospital, according to FHP.

FHP contacted the Subaru's registered owner, who said Zajac was driving the car at the time of the crash, and would reach out to authorities.

Zajac contacted FHP Sept. 9, according to his arrest report, and told the investigating trooper he was driving the Subaru when the collision occurred.

Zajac said he ran because he was scared and unsure of where he was, adding he fell when running in the woods and didn't remember what happened afterward.

FHP booked Zajac into the Citrus County jail under a \$5,000 bond, which Zajac posted bail on.

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

CMH volunteers donate to nonprofits

Three organizations will receive \$10,000 each

By NANCY KENNEDY
Chronicle Reporter

In 1957, when Citrus Memorial Hospital was first built as the county's community hospital, several volunteers formed an auxiliary to assist patients and families.

Over the years, the auxiliary grew to more than 500 volunteers working in 35 areas of the hospital.

Through their fundraising efforts, auxiliary members were able to donate thousands of dollars worth of equipment, including many wheelchairs still used today.

"When HCA purchased the hospital, it was necessary for the volunteers to form their own nonprofit organization, CMHS Volunteers, Inc., as the fiscal agent for fundraising," said Penny Zaphel, the now-retired CMH manager of volunteer services.

"They continued to raise funds through the hospital gift shop and the canteen machines."

However, at the start of the coronavirus pandemic, the gift shop was closed and the canteen machines were shut down as a safety precaution.

Also, for more than a year, the volunteers were not able to assist patients and families because of the pandemic.

Recently, the CMHS Volunteers Inc. board of directors met to dissolve the organization. One of the



On Tuesday, Dec. 14, three local nonprofit organizations were the recipients of \$10,000 each from the now-dissolved CMHS Volunteers Inc. Standing, from the left: Eileen Carroll, Citrus United Basket; Lynnette Edwards, CMHS Volunteers Inc. volunteer director; Jack Condon, CMHS Volunteers Inc. president and Kitty Emmons, CMHS Volunteers Inc. secretary. Seated: Ginger West, Family Resource Center executive director and Adele Jacobson, Music in Medicine.

items of business: what to do with the funds they had accumulated.

They took a vote and on Tuesday, Dec. 14, met with representatives of three local nonprofit organizations, Citrus United Basket, Family Resource Center and Music in Medicine, presenting a check for \$10,000 to each of them.

CMHS also donated more than \$30,000 worth of merchandise to the Key Train-

ing Center.

"We had the most dedicated and caring volunteers I have ever worked with in my 50 years with nonprofits," Zaphel said. "They dedicated themselves to every person they served and did it all with the kindest of attitudes."

Hospital volunteers are now under the hospital's volunteer services department.

Jack Condon, a sever-

al-term CMHS Volunteers Inc. president, said his hope is that all the volunteers understand how important their service was to the patients and families they served.

As he gave out the checks to the nonprofits Tuesday he said, "This will help them do more of what they do."

Eileen Carroll from Citrus United Basket (C.U.B.) and Ginger West, execu-

tive director of the Family Resource Center, said the money they received will go to help local families in need.

Adele Jacobson from Music in Medicine said her organization would use the money for scholarships to train local musicians to become therapeutic musicians in Citrus County.

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Man will face drug, gun charges, tries to escape

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

After being pulled over for tinted windows, a Hernando man made a failed escape while being arrested for drug and gun charges, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

Dakota King, 26, was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a firearm by convicted felon, possession of controlled substance, resist officer without violence, drug paraphernalia and escape. Bond was set at \$24,000.

On Dec. 13, deputies

stopped King in his truck at the Central Ridge Park in Beverly Hills for his alleged dark window tint. King's front window measured 7 percent and the rear window measured 1 percent on the visible light transmission scale.

According to the report, deputies asked King if there was anything illegal in the truck and asked for consent to search. King told deputies he did not consent because there was ammo in the car and he is a convicted felon.

Deputies asked King to

step out of the truck and conducted a 360 degree air sniff with their K9 partner, who reportedly alerted to the odor of narcotics.

They also conducted a hand search of the truck, which reportedly yielded a 40 caliber Smith and Wesson SD40 handgun. The firearm had the magazine in it with 14 rounds of ammunition.

Inside an envelope on the passenger seat, deputies discovered 34 additional rounds of ammunition and a case containing a glass bubble pipe, commonly

used for smoking methamphetamine.

According to the report, there was 0.16 grams of a crystal like substance in the pipe that had not been burnt or smoked. The pipe and substance tested positive for meth with a field test kit.

In addition, deputies reportedly located an AR15 magazine in the back passenger side of the truck. When they looked in the bed of the truck, they found a backpack containing a DPMS AR15 and numerous rounds of ammunition.

King was placed under arrest and escorted to the patrol vehicle. Before dep-

utes could open the door, King reportedly ran off in handcuffs and across North Lecanto Highway.

Deputies ran after King, giving him loud verbal commands to stop running. When King got across the highway, he tripped in the grass. While on his back, he reportedly said, "I am done, I am sorry."

King was placed in a patrol vehicle without further incident. It was also confirmed he has three prior felony convictions, the last one being in November 2019.

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By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Keep your life simple, and channel your energy into what matters and will bring the highest return. Refuse to let the little things get to you. Moderation will help you maintain balance and security. Aim for comfort, convenience and peace of mind. Don't let yourself be vulnerable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A disciplined attitude will help you get everything done on time. Be thorough when it comes to shared expenses and gift-giving. Make sure you are aware of hidden costs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Jump in, participate and get things done. Tidy up, decorate your space, get into the festive spirit and do something that brings you joy. Home improvement, romance and personal growth are favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Control your emotions when dealing with a friend, relative or loved one. If you overreact, take on more than you can handle or make an unpopular change, you will face the consequences.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Touch base with someone who inspires you. Discussions will prompt you to seek out people working to achieve similar goals. Sharing ideas will save time and energy and encourage success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Say little and do a lot. Focus on your responsibilities and do the best job possible. Keep your spending to a minimum, and you'll feel less stressed about the future. Be careful of your health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Refuse to let your emotions lead you down the wrong path. An offer will give you something to think about. Don't lose sight of your dreams due to a lack of support. Speak up and forge ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have more opportunities than you think. Check out possibilities and take advantage of a situation that can help you excel. Mingle, network and look for ways to stabilize your future. Let go of the past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A proposal will grab your attention. Don't dance around the subject or be quick to react, or you may hurt someone's feelings. Honesty will save you from unnecessary distress.

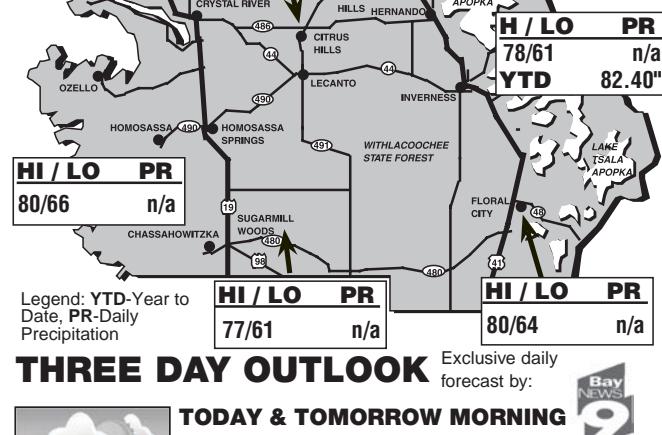
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take things up a notch. Keep moving until you are satisfied with the results. Last-minute shopping, festive events and taking care of year-end paperwork should be priorities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't get all worked up over something inconsequential. Emotions will run high when friends, family or colleagues get together. Simplify matters by maintaining equality and avoiding indulgence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take good care of your health, home and family. Try to get everything done. Get in high gear and focus on what makes the most sense. Preparation is critical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Emotions will change quickly regarding situations that require cooperation. Find a way to compromise before things go haywire. Use your intelligence by making an offer that's hard to refuse.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 82° Low: 60°
Mostly sunny and warm.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 83° Low: 62°
Partly cloudy.

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Partly cloudy.

Legend: HI/LO=High/Low, PR=Daily Precipitation, YTD=Year to Date.

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Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday 80/58

Record* 88/20

Normal 73/45

Mean temp. 59

Departure from mean 10

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday 0.00"

Total for the month 0.06"

Total for the year 61.72"

Normal for the year 50.49"

As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org

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0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate,

7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

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SOLAR TABLES

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

12/16 THURSDAY 7:15 10:28 5:34 10:51

12/17 FRIDAY 7:16 11:14 5:34 11:38

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 5:34 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:16 am

MOONRISE TODAY 3:52 pm

MOONSET TODAY 5:00 am

BURN CONDITIONS

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

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-OFFices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

0 - 1 Monday 6 - 7 Thursday

2 - 3 Tuesday 8 - 9 or- Common Areas Friday

4 - 5 Wednesday

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; unincorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669. For more information, visit: https://www.citrusbccc.com/departments/water_resources/watering_restrictions.php

TIDES

*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek

THURSDAY

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ENTERTAINMENT

Penelope Cruz honored by MoMA for her career in cinema

By CLAUDIA TORRENS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — During a tribute to her career at the Museum of Modern Art in New York (MoMA), Penelope Cruz recalled the Betamax videotape store that opened in her neighborhood, in a suburb of Madrid, when she was a child and that made her discover cinema.

It was there where she rented all the films of Spanish movie director Pedro Almodóvar, she said.

"I watched, and I laughed, I cried, and I learned," she said at a star-studded benefit Tuesday evening at the museum. "I would not be here tonight, being honored by MoMA, if I had not had the privilege of working with brilliant directors who have inspired me, taught me, helped me grow as an artist and as a person. I want to thank them all tonight, and specially my Pedro."

The recognition comes a decade after the museum paid the same tribute to Almodóvar, who has worked with Cruz in seven films. The latest movie by the director, "Parallel Mothers," starring Cruz, opens in the United States on December 24. On Monday, it received two Golden Globe nominations.

An exciting moment of the night was when Almodóvar sent a video message to Cruz, congratulating her on the recognition.

He recalled in the video a dialogue with the actress that they had when they promot-



Evan Agostini
Penelope Cruz attends the MoMA Film Benefit presented by CHANEL honoring Penelope Cruz at the Museum of Modern Art on Tuesday in New York.

ed "All About My Mother" celona" (2008), and "Volver" (2006), among others. Cruz

"You told me that when I get old you will take care of me. I'm not that old yet, but I hope you keep your word," he said, provoking laughter in the audience. "When I am an old man, I hope you come and become, in this case, my mother. It would be a reflection of all the mothers that you have been for me throughout these seven films."

Among those paying tribute to the Spanish actress at the annual film benefit was Anne Hathaway, Diane Kruger and Rebecca Hall. Puerto Rican singer Ricky Martin, Spanish singer Rosalía and fashion designer Zac Posen also didn't miss the event.

The benefit featured clips from some of Cruz's many films: "Broken Embraces" (2009), "Vicky Cristina Bar-

celona" (2008), and "Volver" (2006), among others. Cruz

won an Oscar for best supporting actress in Woody Allen's "Vicky Cristina Barcelona."

Hathaway remembered that moment during Tuesday's red carpet.

"I went up to congratulate her and, I don't know if it was her sisters or her friends, but two beautiful women ran down from the top balcony and they were so happy for her," Hathaway said. "And I have women like that in my life, and I was just so happy to see her, you know, the authentic joy that the women in her life felt for her."

The benefit has been presented since 2011 by Chanel. Cruz, who wore a long red Chanel v-line dress with an open back, has been an ambassador of the fashion house since 2018.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2021. There are 15 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest tea taxes.

On this date:

In 1811, the first of the powerful New Madrid earthquakes struck the central Mississippi Valley with an estimated magnitude of 7.7.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces through the Ardennes Forest in Belgium and Luxembourg (the Allies were eventually able to turn the Germans back).

Ten years ago: In San Francisco, eight years of being investigated for steroid allegations ended for home run king Barry Bonds with a 30-day sentence to be served at home. (Bonds never served the sentence; his conviction for obstruction of justice was overturned.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama put Russia's Vladimir Putin on notice that the U.S. could use offensive cyber muscle to retaliate for interference in the U.S. presidential election, his strongest suggestion to date that Putin had been well aware of campaign email hacking.

One year ago: The first COVID-19 vaccinations were underway at U.S. nursing homes, where the virus had killed 110,000 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Liv Ullmann is 83. CBS news correspondent Lesley Stahl is 80. Pop musician Tony Hicks (The Hollies) is 76. Actor Benjamin Bratt is 58. Country singer-songwriter Jeff Carson is 58. Actor-comedian JB Smoove is 56. Actor Miranda Otto is 54. Actor Daniel Cosgrove is 51. R&B singer Michael McCary is 50. Actor Jonathan Scarfe is 46. Actor Krysten Ritter is 40. Country musician Chris Scruggs is 39.

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Motorcyclist arrested for fentanyl trafficking

Allegedly had 15.7 grams of fentanyl-cocaine mixture in bike

By BUSTER THOMPSON
Chronicle Reporter

A Pasco County man's motorcycle ride in Citrus County ended with his arrest for allegedly hauling over a dozen grams of fentanyl.

New Port Richey 32-year-old Kenneth Lee Gholson Jr. was taken into custody Dec. 7 under charges of trafficking in 4 or more grams of fentanyl, driving with an invalid license, operating a motorcycle without an endorsement and possessing less than 20 grams of



GHOLSON JR.

marijuana.

According to Gholson's arrest report, obtained Wednesday, Dec. 15, a Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy patrolling Dec. 7 for traffic violators near U.S. 19 and West Green Acres spotted a northbound motorcycle traveling 75 mph in a 45 mph speed zone of the highway.

When the deputy turned on his cruiser's lights to pull it over, the motorcycle turned into the RaceTrac gas station on the corner of U.S. 19 and West Homosassa Trail. Its rider – later identified as Gholson – got off and walked toward the deputy's patrol car before the deputy ordered him to stop.

Gholson told the deputy he didn't have a license, prompting the deputy to detain him. Deputies later confirmed Gholson's license was revoked in April 2009, according to his arrest report. Gholson also said he didn't have anything illegal on him, according to his arrest report, but deputies found 1.9 grams of unprescribed marijuana in his pocket, and 15.7 grams of a fentanyl-cocaine mixture by his motorcycle's right foot peg.

Deputies jailed Gholson under a \$28,500 bond, which a judge left unchanged at Gholson's first court appearance Dec. 9, according to court records. Gholson's arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 5.

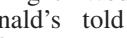
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Hernando woman arrested after passing out from drugs in drive-thru

By BUSTER THOMPSON
Chronicle Reporter

Local authorities took a Hernando woman into custody after finding her allegedly passed out from drugs behind the wheel in a fast food drive-thru with two children in her vehicle.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched the night of Dec. 9 to McDonald's on the 2800 block of East Gulf-to-Lake Highway near Inverness in response to a



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woman found unconscious while traveling through the eatery's drive-thru.

Deputies removed Ashley Danielle Skiles from the vehicle, and noticed the 35-year-old showing signs of impairment. Deputies also found two children – ages 3 and 4 – in the vehicle.

According to her arrest report, obtained Wednesday, Dec. 15, Skiles told deputies she took unprescribed Xanax, or alprazolam, earlier in the evening.

Skiles failed a deputy's field sobriety tasks, according to her arrest, prompting her arrest on charges of DUI and two counts of child abuse. She was jailed under a \$5,000 bond.

Skiles also provided a urine sample for authorities to verify her alleged use of narcotics, according to her arrest report.

Jan. 5 was scheduled as Skiles' arraignment in court.

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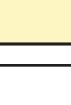
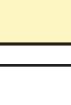
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Marianna Denise Hiers

March 28, 1975 - Dec. 11, 2021

Marianna Denise Hiers, 46, of Homosassa, Florida, passed away on December 11th 2021. Marianna was born on March 28th 1975 in Tampa, FL. She moved to citrus county nearly 19 years ago with her husband and 2 daughters. Later in life she became a single mother of 3 girls. Marianna went by "Denise" to everyone who knew her family and friends.

She was a devoted Christian women and loved her church family. She loved the beach and spent most of her passing time looking upon the sunsets. Denise was a stay at home mom for most of her life taking care of her girls however, she decided to return to work and currently was working as a manager of housekeeping



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at Brentwood Retirement and loved her work family very much. If she wasn't at the beach she was spending her time doing what she enjoyed most and that was being a Mimi to three beautiful grandchildren. She's proceeded in death by her Mother Lavinia Fay Atkins, Father Ronney Edward Atkins, his mother Elizabeth Olivine (Wright) Sapp, Brother Vernon and Two Uncles Eugene Adkins and Eugene Lovelace. She is survived by Daughters: Victoria Nicole Bond (Robert James Bond), Caitlin Olivia Shanks (Cal Shanks), Elizabeth Joy Hiers. Sons: Logan Maximus Atkins and Sebastian Brock Atkins. Grandchildren Carter Ajay Shanks, Sophia Raye Bond and Cayson Edward Shanks.

Janet Frances Herrmann

Janet Frances Herrmann, aged 77, passed away at her home in Beverly Hills FL. She was born August 13, 1944 in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Charles Gerry and Mary Madeline Serra. After Graduating from Darby High School she attended Pierce JR College and worked for Clifton Precision, where she met her husband. She was most recently employed before retirement as a technical rep at Computer Associates.

Janet was an avid volunteer. She was a member of the Taylor Hospital Junior Board and for several years was the director of their may fair. She was also a hospice volunteer. After moving to Florida she was active with many organizations including community watch, The Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park, Citrus Springs Civic Association, Citrus County Craft Council, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and The Red Hat Society to name a few. She was an amazing cook



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and for a time had a cottage baking business located at the Crystal River mall.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 54 years, Kurt Herrmann, two sons, Paul Herrmann (Lisa) of Denver, PA, Jason Herrmann (Tracy) of Homosassa FL, a daughter Tara Herrmann of Denver PA, her 5 grandchildren, Emilee, Lauren, Tyler, Austin, Shauna and one great grandchild Gabriel. Also, a brother, Mark Gerry (Joan) of broomall PA, a sister June Tucker of Glenolden PA, a brother-in-law Paul Herrmann of Homosassa, FL and a sister-in-law Jean Chapman of Worthington OH a niece and several nephews.

A celebration of life will be held in Pennsylvania at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the amazing angel workers of VITAS Hospice, who provided such loving care and compassion to our family during this difficult time.

MAKING A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jan Davis, left, Marilyn Davis and Linda Savino look through gifts Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Citrus United Basket toy giveaway at the First Christian Church in Inverness. C.U.B. has partnered with the local Marine Corps League, which organizes the local, annual Toys for Tots toy drive, and the city of Inverness Parks and Recreation department to provide gifts, food and Christmas trees for the community. Individuals interested in receiving toys for their child or grandchild may contact C.U.B. at 352-344-2242. Items will be given, free of charge, to community members through Tuesday, Dec. 21.

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DeSantis adds fuel to critical race theory fight**By RYAN DAILEY**

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Continuing his administration's campaign against critical race theory, Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday teased legislation that he said would, in part, allow parents to sue schools that teach the theory.



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that racism is embedded in American institutions, as "corporate-sanctioned racism" and said the proposal would prohibit training for educators on teaching the theory.

"It violates Florida standards to scapegoat someone based on their race, to say that they're inherently racist, to say that they're an oppressor or oppressed or any of that," DeSantis said.

DeSantis and Corcoran this year pushed a proposed rule to eliminate critical race theory from Florida classrooms and instructional materials. The State Board of Education approved the rule in June. The governor said the new proposal is intended to cement the state rule in law — strengthening the ability for enforcement.

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lied behind opposition to critical race theory. But Democrats have largely criticized DeSantis, who is running for re-election in 2022, on the issue, with many arguing critical race theory is not taught in public schools.

"Let's be clear, Gov. DeSantis and his administration know full well that CRT (critical race theory) is not taught in K-12 schools or workplaces," Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-West Park, said in a statement Wednesday. "It's unfortunate that instead of running on forward-looking ideas to improve people's daily

lives, Republicans would rather manufacture a crisis out of a non-issue, all in the hopes of fanning the flames of a culture war for political gain."

DeSantis said that under the proposal, parents would be able to recover attorney fees if they successfully sue schools that teach critical race theory in defiance of the state.

"A lot of the time these people will fear lawsuits more than a fine from the state Department of Education because when you do lawsuits, you get discovery, and you're subject to that. And when they say they're not doing CRT

and then you have all this information showing that they are doing it, it really is an uncomfortable position for them," DeSantis said.

In addition to public schools, DeSantis said the proposal would prohibit colleges and universities from hiring critical-race theory consultants, which the governor argued is a "cottage industry" designed to provide training to teachers and professors.

Corcoran, a former Republican House speaker, said in a statement Wednesday that Florida teachers and students are "under constant threat" by critical-race theory advocates.

But Sean Shaw, an attorney and former Democratic state lawmaker who ran for attorney general in 2018, slammed DeSantis' proposal and pointed to the part about lawsuits over critical race theory.

"Trial lawyers are only good if we are suing to

stop CRT? Not if we are suing to make insurance companies pay up? Florida is pretty damn good at being bad," Shaw tweeted Wednesday, referring to a new state law (SB 76) that sought to reduce litigation about property-insurance claims.

DeSantis, who is widely speculated as a potential 2024 Republican presidential candidate, enlisted critical-race theory detractors from outside of Florida to promote the legislation Wednesday. They included Chris Rufo, director of the Initiative on Critical Race Theory for The Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank.

"Gov. Ron DeSantis is not only protecting all of the employees and students in the state of Florida. He is providing a model for every state in the United States of America," Rufo said in a prepared statement sent from DeSantis' office.

FHP cites Inverness man involved in patrol car crash**By BUSTER THOMPSON**

Chronicle Reporter

A vehicle turned in front of a Citrus County Sheriff's Office patrol car going to an emergency, causing a collision on an Inverness roadway.

Neither the 29-year-old

deputy or the 61-year-old Inverness man driving the silver Ford Crown Victoria was injured after the 6:40 p.m. crash on Tuesday, Dec. 14, according to Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).

Prior to the collision, the Ford was northbound on

North Independence Highway, approaching Harrison Street West, when the deputy tried to overtake it in his cruiser, which had its emergency lights on.

According to FHP, the Ford's driver didn't see the deputy trying to pass when he turned left at the inter-

section, putting the Crown Victoria into the path of the patrol car.

After the collision, the Ford spun clockwise toward the intersection's northwest corner, where it struck a street sign before stopping, while the sheriff's cruiser came to rest in the highway.

According to FHP, the Ford's driver, who wasn't wearing a seatbelt, was cited for failing to yield to oncoming traffic, driving with an expired vehicle registration and failing to provide proof of insurance.

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State college enrollment continues to shrink

By RYAN DAILEY
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida college officials are trying to figure out what's behind a continuing drop in state college enrollment, which analysts project could decline by more than 9 percent over the next five years if the trend persists.

The most recent end-of-year data on college system enrollment showed a system-wide enrollment of 293,493 students for the 2020-21 academic year.

Estimates for the 2021-22 academic year that were adopted Tuesday by the state Office of Economic and Demographic Research reflected a statewide enrollment of 277,279 college students, showing a 5.5 percent decrease, or a decline of 16,214 students.

"Although some colleges did project increases in enrollment with reasonable justification, the majority of the colleges continue to project flat or declining enrollment based on the uncertainty of the future, given the ongoing COVID and economic issues," Lisa Cook, Division of Florida Colleges' associate vice chancellor for financial policy, said during Tuesday's meeting.

The steady decline of college enrollment in Florida began long before the coronavirus pandemic. The system now has about 100,000 fewer students than it did at

the height of enrollment a decade ago. The 2010-11 academic year had an enrollment of 375,292 college students.

And that trend doesn't appear to be stopping in the next five years, according to state economists. By the 2026-27 academic year, college enrollment is projected to decline by 9.3 percent, or 27,250 students.

Amy Baker, the state's chief economist, said that Tuesday's estimate is "on the low side" of what enrollment could be over the coming years.

"If you do any long-term planning with these numbers, probably recognize that there's some reason to believe that they're low, that that's kind of the lowest it could possibly be," she said.

College officials, meanwhile, are trying to puzzle out why postsecondary students appear to be gravitating away from two-year degrees.

A higher number of part-time students attending colleges than those attending state universities might be one factor contributing to the enrollment dip, Florida College System Chancellor Kathryn Hebda said during Tuesday's meeting.

"In the college system, also, our baccalaureate students maintained and sometimes even increased enrollment," Hebda said of enrollment during the pandemic.

Students seeking bacca-

laureate degrees comprise just five or six percent of the college system's total enrollment, "so it's not going to affect the big picture," Hebda noted.

"But those students seem to be on-mission and have an ability to persist, where so many other students who are part-time, it's very easy for things — even when there isn't a pandemic — to cause them to stop out or drop out," she said.

College officials also said that increased online education options outside of the college system could account for some students seeking degrees elsewhere.

Another area of slipping enrollment is in students seeking associate in arts, or A.A., degrees.

Hebda said that the gap is shrinking between college students seeking A.A. degrees and those pursuing workforce education programs, which in some instances can be "non-fundable" and thus not included in total system enrollment counted by state estimators.

Florida man arrested, charged in Jan. 6 attack on U.S. Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Florida man has been arrested on charges related to storming the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6 insurrection and attacking a police officer, officials said.

Mason Joel Courson, 26, of Tamarac, was arrested Tuesday in South Florida and charged with eight federal offenses that include assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers and inflicting bodily injury, civil disorder, and entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon, according to court records. He made his initial court appearance Wednesday in Florida, but the case is being prosecuted in Washington federal court.

According to court documents, Courson joined with others objecting to Democratic President Joe Biden's election victory over former Republican President Donald Trump. A mob attacked the Capitol in an attempt to stop Congress from certifying election results, authorities said. Five people died in the violence.

According to the indict-

ment, Courson participated in an assault of a Metropolitan Police Department officer who was beaten by a group armed with a baton, flagpole and crutch. Earlier that afternoon, Courson participated in "heave-ho" efforts to advance into the Capitol in the area of the Lower West Terrace tunnel leading into the building, officials said.

Attorney Jason Kreiss,

who is representing Courson, said he couldn't comment on the case because he hasn't yet seen the government's evidence.

Since Jan. 6, more than 700 people have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, officials said. More than 220 people have been charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement.

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Volunteers raise oyster gardens to help restore reefs

By JANET MC CONNAUGHEY
Associated Press

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — It's time to agitate the oysters at St. Stanislaus High School on Mississippi's Gulf coast.

Students on a platform below the school's long pier gently shake their oyster garden's wire cages as they pull them from the water, loosening mud and algae that might keep water and nutrients from baby oysters clinging to those shells.

These students in Bay St. Louis are part of a volunteer force along U.S. coasts that's raising oysters from translucent spat the width of a soda straw to hard-shelled bivalves that can help restore depleted reefs.

Oyster reefs are a key-stone of coastal ecosystems. Each oyster filters 25 to 50 gallons of water a day. Spat glue themselves to larger oysters and grow. The reefs provide habitat for shrimp, crabs and fish and protect shorelines.

In Maryland, Virginia, Mississippi and Alabama alone, there are more than 1,000 oyster gardens, most in wire cages hanging from private docks or open-topped floats tied to them.

Dennis Hatfield of Gulf Shores, Alabama, said he is struck each summer by the number of crabs, fish, shrimp, sponges and other animals he clears from his cages on Little Lagoon.

"I feel very positive we are creating habitat in the lagoon," he said, adding that many of the 50,000 to 55,000 adult oysters grown there each year go to reefs in Mobile Bay.

In the 1950s, an average of 37,400 tons of oysters were taken annually from brackish waters nationwide. But overharvesting, pollution, parasites, smothering sediment and other problems saw U.S. oyster harvests fall 68 percent to about 11,900 tons a year in the 1990s, federal figures show.

Commercial farmers



Janet McConaughey

These two clumps of oysters, shown on Nov. 15, but gathered during a previous year, are typical of those usually collected from oyster gardens along Mississippi's coast to help restore coastal reefs. But spring and summer downpours along Mississippi's coast left students at St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis, where this photo was taken, with only a few small juvenile oysters clinging to shells where many spat had originally attached themselves.

around the country grow oysters near the surface because they mature much faster where the water holds more of the plankton they eat and predators can be more easily removed.

Oyster gardening uses the same techniques on a smaller scale. But the oysters aren't being grown for the half-shell or deep fryer.

It's as much education as restoration, said Bob Stokes, director of the Galveston Bay Foundation in Texas. Volunteers become "engaged about caring about the bay they live on," he said.

When the Little Lagoon oysters were collected, more than 20 big plastic "shrimp baskets" held

clumps of oysters. Big enough to spawn next spring, they're now on reefs being restored for fishing or reserved to hold brood stock for future generations, with no harvest allowed.

In the Mississippi Sound, heavy rains through spring and summer were hard on baby oysters. Most shells

in the cages set out in late June at St. Stanislaus held only silt in mid-November, and surviving juveniles were generally less than an inch long.

"When you find one with an oyster, put it aside so you don't count them twice," cautioned Rayne Palmer, an Auburn University graduate student who runs the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant's gardening program in Mississippi.

Empty shells also go onto reefs, said Letha Boudreaux, head of the marine biology program at St. Stanislaus.

Oyster shells are the hard surface spat prefer, and entire artificial reefs are made from recycled shells. The Galveston Bay program puts mesh bags holding recycled shells into the water to attract spat and give them a head start.

Oyster gardening started in the late 1990s around the Chesapeake Bay, where harvests had plummeted 90 percent in two decades.

The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant's oyster gardening program, modeled on the Chesapeake's, started in Alabama in 2001 as master's thesis research.

"It makes me really happy to see that it took off and people are still doing it" in Alabama, said Kimberly Henderson Hedrick, who won a Gulf Guardian Award in 2004 as head of Alabama's Shellfish Restoration Project and now teaches in the Indiana farm town where she grew up.

The Chesapeake Bay oysters were beset by two highly lethal parasitic diseases, in addition to other problems. Declines in the second half of the 1900s followed an even more drastic crash in the 1920s from rampant overharvesting, said Chris Moore, senior ecosystem scientist for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Gardeners in the foundation and its member groups have added at least 15 million oysters in Maryland

and 1 million in Virginia, Moore said.

Virginia's Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association members grow oysters to eat as well as to plant. Tidewater hasn't been able to collect data on reef contributions, but president emeritus Vic Spain thinks it's probably at least 500,000 a year.

An umbrella group called the Chesapeake Oyster Alliance has set a goal of 10 billion added oysters by 2025.

"Wish us luck, that's gonna be tough," Spain wrote in an email.

Dozens of schools and community groups around New York Harbor have similar projects as part of the Billion Oyster Project, spokeswoman Helene Hettick said in an email. The project does not call them "oyster gardens" because the harbor's oysters are unsafe to eat and the goal is not food but restoration, she said.

Oyster gardens get pulled from the water every week to 10 days to clear out critters, keep oysters from growing through the cage mesh, and dry out and clean off algae and seaweed growing on the wire.

It can take oysters three to four years to reach adulthood in the Chesapeake, and a year to 18 months in raised cages.

In Mobile Bay and in Mississippi, it may take only four to five months to have oysters ready to transplant, said P.J. Waters, an Auburn University extension associate professor who oversees Alabama's oyster gardening at Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant.

Colin Wood, one of two student interns who maintain the St. Stanislaus garden, collect data and supervise other students — not for pay but for a credit on their transcripts — said he was excited by the hands-on aspect.

"I didn't realize oysters had a big impact on the environment," he said.

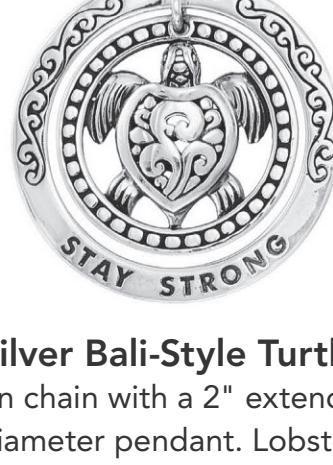
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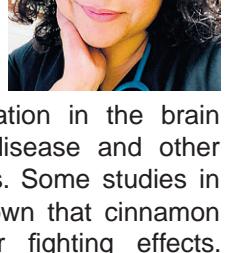
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Eating With Purpose



Dr. Trupti Shinde is a Gastroenterologist at Gastroenterology Associates



Cinnamon

Cinnamon is a powerful spice that has been used for centuries in different cultures. Cinnamon is harvested from the inner bark of the tree in the *Cinnamomum* genus. It has been used in Ayurvedas to treat respiratory and digestive problems. It is also listed in the bible numerous times for its ability to fight illnesses.

The health benefits of cinnamon come from the bark of *Cinnamomum verum*. This bark contains cinnamaldehyde, cinnamic acid and cinnamate. Cinnamaldehyde gives the cinnamon its delicious warm flavor. These compounds are strong antioxidants and help in reducing inflammation. Also, they have positive effects on blood sugar levels, digestion, immunity and more.

There are two main types of cinnamon spice: Ceylon and Cassia. Ceylon is more potent but it's not readily available. The common form we get from the market is the Cassia variety. It's cheaper but still provides the health benefits.

Cinnamon supplies a wide variety of important nutrients and is rich in fiber, manganese and vitamins. Also, it is rich in potent antioxidants like polyphenols, phenolic acid and flavonoids. These compounds help to fight oxidative stress in the body and help to prevent chronic diseases. Cinnamon has shown to improve insulin sensitivity. This helps in managing blood sugar. Small human studies have shown that small doses of cinnamon can reduce blood sugar levels, improve LDL (bad cholesterol), triglycerides and total cholesterol levels.

Antioxidant properties of cinnamon have shown to reduce the plaques

and tangle formation in the brain for Alzheimer's disease and other dementia patients. Some studies in rodents have shown that cinnamon also has cancer fighting effects. Cinnamon also has antibacterial and antiparasitic properties. Cinnamon use can improve oral hygiene. Cinnamon has also shown to provide protection from bad bacteria which can cause tooth decay and oral infections. A good cinnamon mask can help to prevent facial acne. Combine 3 tablespoons of honey with one tablespoon of great smelling cinnamon to create an antibacterial facial mask.

Now you know the great benefits of this amazing delicious spice. You should easily be able to incorporate this spice in your daily use. Cinnamon is naturally sweet, so adding it to foods and recipes will help you cut down on sugar, effectively lowering the glycemic load of your food.

You can add cinnamon to smoothies and tea. Sprinkle some on delicious parfaits and warm porridge. Also, you can incorporate this in your baking. Add to fresh cut fruits. Cinnamon apples are my favorite. There are so many ways you can use this delicious spice.

Cinnamon is a pleasant spice a perfect pantry staple that adds a nice aroma and sweetness to food with minimal calories. Not only is it delicious but is packed with great health benefits. I suggest using a teaspoon on a daily basis. When used in moderation cinnamon is generally safe. High amounts especially the cassia variety can cause adverse effects.

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Last State Silver Bank Rolls up for grabs

Fortune of old Silver Coins issued by the U.S. Gov't sealed away in the only State Restricted Bank Rolls known to exist are actually being handed over to Florida residents

► **STATE RESTRICTION:** Only residents of FL get the \$19 state minimum - non state residents must pay \$57 per coin

"We're bracing for the flood of calls," said Laura Lynne, U.S. Coin and Currency Director for the National Mint and Treasury.

That's because the next 2 days the last remaining State of Florida Restricted Silver Bank Rolls loaded with rarely seen U.S. Gov't issued Silver Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars are actually being handed over to Florida residents who call the National Toll-Free Hotlines listed in today's newspaper publication.

And here's the best part. If you are a resident of the state of Florida you cover only the \$19 per coin state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury, that's twenty rarely seen Silver clad Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars worth up to 60 times their face value for just \$380 which is a real steal because non state residents must pay \$57 per coin which totals \$1,140 if any coins remain after the 2-day deadline.

"National Mint and Treasury recently spoke with its Chief Professional Numismatist who said 'Very few people have ever actually saw one of these rarely seen Silver Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars minted over 50 years ago. But to actually find them sealed away in State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls is like finding buried treasure. So anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Bank Rolls had better hold on to them,'" Lynne said.

"Now that the State of Florida Restricted Silver Bank Rolls are being offered up we won't be surprised if thousands of Florida residents claim the maximum limit allowed of 6 Kennedy Presidential Silver Bank Rolls per resident before they're all gone," said Lynne.

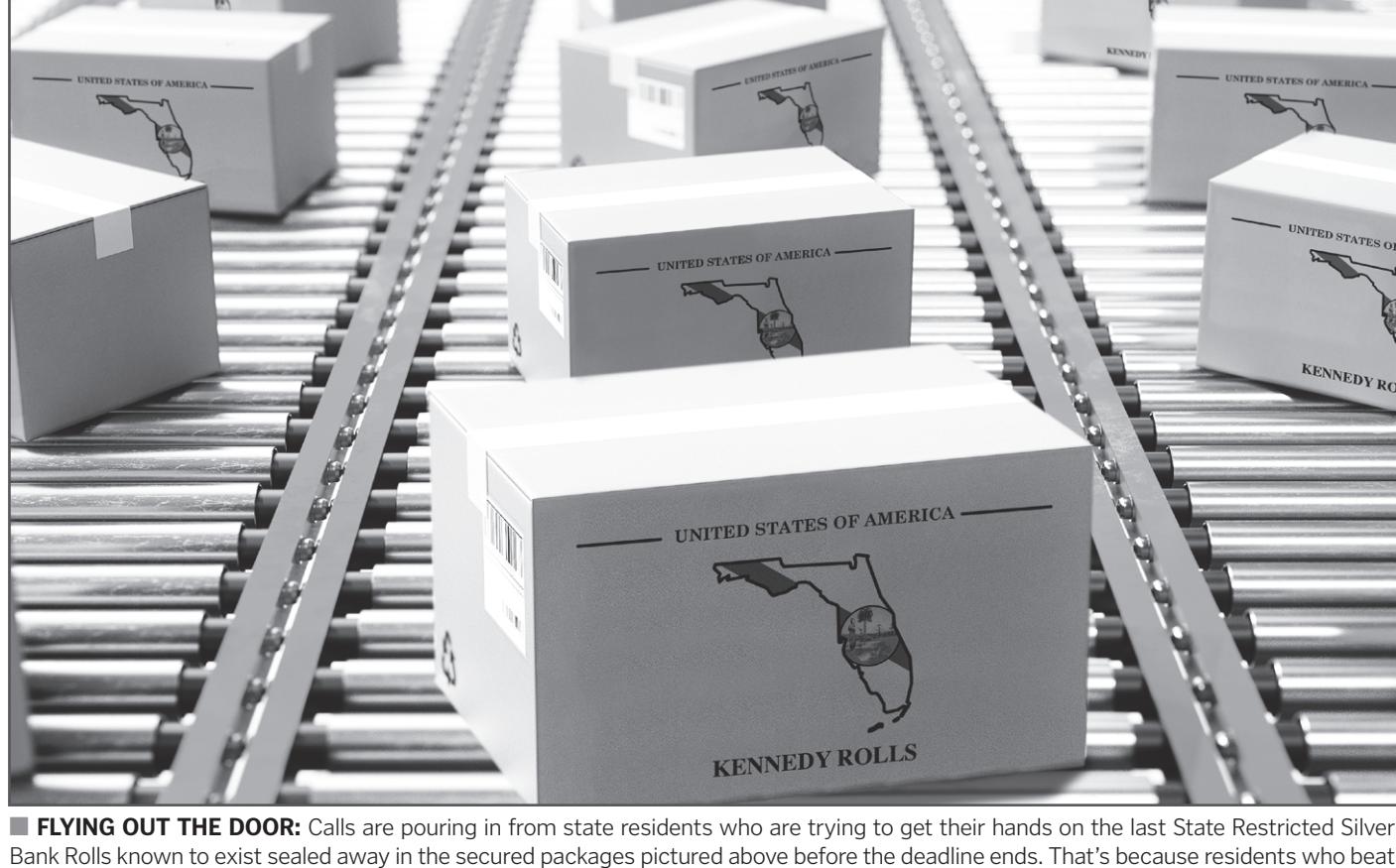
"That's because the dates and mint marks of the U.S. Gov't issued Silver clad Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars sealed away inside the State of Florida Restricted Silver Bank Rolls have never been searched. But, we do know that these coins date back to the mid 1900's and some may be worth up to 60 times their face value, so there is no telling what Florida residents will find until they sort through all the coins," Lynne went on to say.

"Rarely seen silver coins like these are highly sought after, but we've never seen anything like this before. According to The Official Red Book, a Guide Book of United States Coins many Silver Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars have nearly doubled in collector value in just the last several years," Lynne said.

"We're guessing thousands of Florida residents will be taking the maximum limit of 6 Bank Rolls because you can only get them rolled this way directly from the National Mint and Treasury and they are the only State Restricted Bank Rolls known to exist," Lynne continued.

"We know the phones will be ringing off the hook. So make sure to tell everyone to keep calling if all lines are busy. We'll do our best to answer them all," Lynne said.

The only thing readers of today's newspaper publication need to do is make sure they are a resident of the state of Florida and call the National Toll-Free Hotlines before the 2-day deadline ends midnight to-morrow. ■



► **FLYING OUT THE DOOR:** Calls are pouring in from state residents who are trying to get their hands on the last State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls known to exist sealed away in the secured packages pictured above before the deadline ends. That's because residents who beat the 2-day deadline printed in today's publication are cashing in on the lowest ever state minimum price set by the National Mint and Treasury.

Answering Your Questions



Q: How to claim the last State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls

A: If you are a Florida resident read the important information below about claiming the State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls, then call the State Toll-Free Hotline at: 1-800-233-5658 EXT: JFR1355 beginning at precisely 8:30 A.M. this morning.



Q: Are these Silver Kennedy Half Dollars worth more than other Half Dollars?

A: Yes. These rarely seen Silver Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars were minted in the mid 1900's. That makes these silver coins extremely collectible. The vast majority of half dollars minted after 1970 have no silver content at all. In fact, these Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars were the last silver coins minted for circulation. That's why many of them now command collector values of many times their face value so there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value someday.



Q: How much are the State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls worth?

A: It's impossible to say, but these Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars date back to the mid 1900's and some are worth up to 60 times the face value and there are 20 in each Bank Roll so you better hurry if you want to get your hands on them. Collector values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees. But we do know they are the only Florida State Silver Bank Rolls known to exist and Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars are highly collectible so anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls should hold onto them because there's no telling how much they could be worth in collector value someday.



Q: Why are so many Florida residents calling to get them?

A: Because they are the only State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls known to exist and everyone wants their share. These are not ordinary bank rolls. These are full Bank Rolls containing 20 Silver Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars dating clear back to the mid 1900's some worth up to 60 times their face value. Remember this. Only Florida residents are guaranteed to get them for just the \$19 per coin state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury for the next two days. Non state residents must pay \$57 per coin.



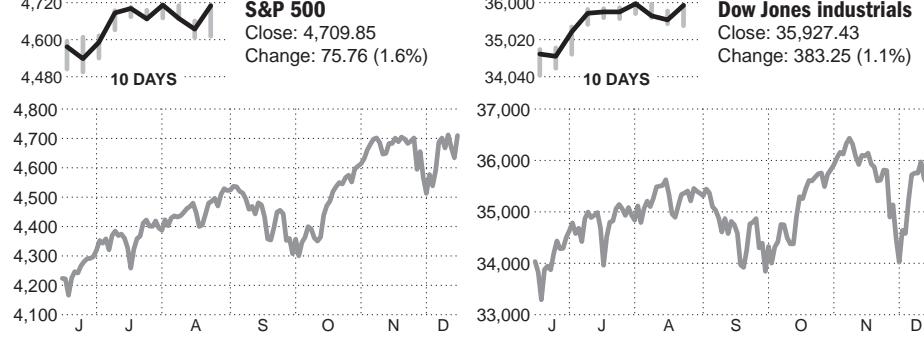
Q: How do I get the State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls?

A: The only thing Florida residents need to do is call the State Toll Free Hotline at 1-800-233-5658 Ext. JFR1355 before the deadline ends. Everyone who does is getting the only State Restricted Silver Bank Rolls known to exist. That's a full Bank Roll of 20 Silver Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars for just the \$19 per coin state minimum set by the National Mint and Treasury, which totals just \$380 for the full Bank Roll. That's a real steal because non state residents are not permitted to call before 5 pm tomorrow and must pay \$1,140 for each Florida State Restricted Silver Bank Roll if any remain.



IMPORTANT FACTS: The dates and mint marks of the rarely seen Silver Kennedy Presidential Half Dollars sealed away inside the State of Florida Restricted Silver Bank Rolls have never been searched. Coin values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees, but any rare, scarce or highly collectible coins, regardless of their value that state residents may find inside the sealed Bank Rolls are theirs to keep.

Money & Markets



Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,454	4,837	DOW	35,943.84	35,389.30	35,927.43	+383.25	+1.08% +17.39%
Pvs. Volume	4,076	4,414	DOW Trans.	16,157.75	15,953.99	16,104.00	+96.00	+0.60% +28.76%
Advanced	1745	2375	DOW Util.	957.75	943.87	957.26	+15.00	+1.59% +10.71%
Declined	728	1124	NYSE Comp.	16,822.70	16,567.19	16,813.57	+160.99	+0.97% +15.76%
New Highs	57	45	NASDAQ	15,575.76	15,055.22	15,565.58	+327.94	+2.15% +20.77%
New Lows	158	522	S&P 500	4,712.60	4,611.22	4,709.85	+75.76	+1.63% +25.39%
			S&P 400	2,769.19	2,709.63	2,766.65	+28.73	+1.05% +19.94%
			Wilshire 5000	47,889.72	46,794.19	47,866.83	+751.02	+1.59% +21.32%
			Russell 2000	2,199.86	2,130.91	2,195.21	+35.56	+1.65% +11.16%

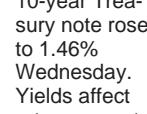
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Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	106.96	143.70	144.28	+.34	+.22	19.3	+21.1
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	54.08	69.77	57.96	+.11	+.02	17.1	-16.3
Bank of America	BAC	28.14	28.14	48.69	43.94	-.19	-.04	45.0	+55.3
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	21.42	29.00	27.09	+.52	+.20	10.2	+6.9
Citigroup	C	57.40	57.40	80.29	60.24	-.40	-.07	5.6	6
Disney	DIS	142.04	142.04	203.02	150.40	+.130	+.09	17.0	-14.4
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	85.56	108.38	103.82	+.05	+.10	13.4	+16.8
EPR Properties	EPR	29.79	29.79	56.07	45.44	-.38	-.08	39.8	+45.2
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.03	25.03	29.29	25.76	+.42	+.17	5.6	-3.9
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.53	40.53	66.38	61.27	-.27	-.04	48.6	+48.7
Ford Motor	F	8.43	8.43	21.49	20.19	+.14	+.07	12.7	+12.7
Gen Electric	GE	82.88	82.88	116.17	92.08	-.03	...	6.8	+4.7
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	156.43	156.43	263.92	253.83	+.872	+.36	54.3	+56.1
Home Depot	HD	246.59	246.59	420.61	407.81	+.561	+.14	53.5	+55.7
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	45.24	68.49	50.67	+.97	+.20	3.3	10
IBM	IBM	114.56	114.56	152.84	123.11	-.65	-.05	8.8	21
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	34.11	60.05	56.85	+.50	+.09	6.3	+54.6
Lowes Cos	LOW	150.84	150.84	263.31	257.54	+.058	+.20	6.0	+64.8
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66	9.66	16.60	11.96	+.15	+.13	2.7	+27.2
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	202.73	265.86	264.52	+.200	+.08	23.3	+29.2
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	211.94	349.67	334.65	+.631	+.19	50.5	+60.2
Motorola Solutions	MSI	163.16	163.16	265.63	262.63	+.310	+.12	54.4	+58.0
NextEra Energy	NEE	68.33	68.33	92.12	92.00	+.197	+.22	19.2	+26.4
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	15.10	20.35	17.86	+.04	+.02	10.0	+15.8
Regions Fncl	RF	15.07	15.07	24.89	21.87	+.04	+.02	4.2	+42.2
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	110.53	140.65	134.73	-.45	-.03	16.5	+20.2
Texas Instru	TXN	159.56	159.56	202.26	193.44	+.317	+.17	17.9	+22.9
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	189.84	258.86	208.19	+.233	+.11	1.7	+3.9
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.69	49.69	61.06	50.55	-.10	-.02	14.0	-12.5
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	14.53	20.36	14.90	-.24	-.16	9.6	-3.8
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	126.28	152.57	145.77	+.83	+.06	1.1	-0.8
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.03	39.03	57.05	49.66	+.34	+.07	24.5	+22.9

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. d - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. e - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. f - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. g - Sum of dividends paid in this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. h - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. n - 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 distribution date.

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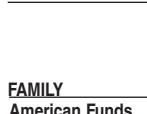
Interest rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.46% Wednesday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

PRIME	FED	RATES
LAST	3.25	.13
6 MO AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Commodities
Energy prices rose, with U.S. crude oil gaining 0.2% and natural gas up 1.5%. Wholesale gasoline and heating oil also rose. Gold and silver prices fell.



(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	TOTAL RETURN				
		NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.02	+.29	+14.2	+15.4	+14.1
	CptWldGrInC m	62.33	+.73	+12.4	+17.7	+12.6
	CptlCldrA m	69.52	+.42	+12.3	+13.4	+10.3
	FdmtlInvA m	80.15	+.12	+19.9	+21.8	+19.6
	GrfAmrcA m	79.44	+.132	+16.7	+20.8	+26.3
	IncAmrcA m	25.30	+.19	+14.9	+15.9	+12.1
	InvCAmrcA x	50.96	+.20	+23.0	+24.9	+19.3
	NwPrsptvA m	69.70	+.08	+15.2	+18.5	+25.1
	WAMtlvnsA m	60.65	+.78	+26.0	+27.8	+18.3

(* 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)

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OPINION

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Founded by Albert M. Williamson

You may differ with my choice, but not my right to choose.

— David S. Arthurs publisher emeritus

Gerard "Gerry" Mulligan publisher emeritus

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EDITORIAL

Preparing for jobs of tomorrow

Withlacochee Technical College (WTC) has come a long way from the days when it was called "the vo-tech" and not much respected. These days it is increasingly seen as the best answer for youths and adults who want to get into respected, well-paying jobs quickly.

Many members of the college's faculty have extensive industry experience to share with students in the more than 20 WTC career-track programs. That's the case with the recently approved Industrial Machinery and Controls Technician (IMCT) program, written by Tom Fissore and John Woythaler. The IMCT program provides students with skills needed for careers in manufacturing, distribution and process control.

When asked what companies in our area WTC students could look to for employment, the instructors reel off a list of organizations in Citrus, Marion and Hernando counties that they're in communication with – sometimes fielding calls along the lines of "Send us some of your students!"

WTC says it offers "hands-on, workplace-based training in state-of-the-art facilities with high-tech equipment." The college has used pandemic funding to give students a break on tuition as well as for acquisition of technology that positions graduates for immediate employment. WTC enjoys an extremely high placement record. The idea of enter-

THE ISSUE:

Withlacochee Technical College's career-in-a-year training.

OUR OPINION:

Students well-prepared for high-paying work in a variety of fields.

ing well-paying careers on completion of one of the classroom-and-hands-on programs – usually within a year and without a crushing debt load – is very attractive.

WTC is training people for the future. An increasing percentage of companies are heading toward more technical employment and greater automation, which bodes well for the IMCT graduates. But think also about some of the things we generally take for granted. Who will maintain our computer networks and provide cybersecurity services? Who will fix our A/C and other equipment, our electrical systems, our cars? Who can do welding, construction and other repair work? Who will take care of us when we're unwell, who will provide healing massages, and who will make sure all the medical paperwork is handled correctly? Who will work in our jails and prisons, and who will patrol the county with the sheriff's office, keeping us safe? When we want to go out to dinner, who will be cooking for us? And when we want a little fluff-and-buff, who will provide haircuts and other cosmetic services?

For all these things and more, it could be WTC graduates. We are indeed fortunate to have this facility in Citrus County.

Fix Floral Park fence

I'm standing here at Floral Park in Floral City, around the playground, the fence. Come on, maintenance. While, No. 1, the damage was done to the fence by individuals, but, maintenance, let's fix the fence before it's all torn up. Let's make this a beautiful park. And please, people, if you have a baby diaper, there are trash receptacles. Other than that, let's make it

a beautiful park for everyone instead of the fence around the playground being in such damage. All right, love Citrus County.

Right-of-way 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.



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Southern route makes sense for extension

If, after it is all said and done and the state decides to extend the Florida Turnpike someplace and rejects the "no-build" option, then I believe it should take the southernmost route and go straight to Crystal River and connect with the Suncoast Parkway. If it follows and piggybacks on the existing State Road 44 corridor, it will go right by Inverness and to Crystal River. Both cities are tourist destinations.

Inverness you can ride one of the longest most beautiful bike trails in Florida or explore the historic downtown or go fishing on the beautiful lakes. In Crystal River you can swim with the manatees, visit the national wildlife refuge, swim in the crystal clear spring water of King's Bay and learn about how the bay is being restored back to its white sand bottoms with fields of eelgrass, or head out to the Gulf of Mexico for fishing or scallops.

Crystal River is already world famous and welcomes visitors from all over Florida and beyond to see the manatees. What better place for the turnpike to drop you off.

The turnpike can be directly connected to the Suncoast Parkway that can take you north to Tallahassee on the existing U.S. 19 that is already four lanes and underutilized. If you head south on the parkway, you are heading to the Tampa Bay Area and a major international airport and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

sports stadium.

It could alleviate traffic from Orlando to Tampa on Interstate 4 and act as an alternative route in case of hurricanes for evacuation routes. The turnpike connecting to the parkway could alleviate some of the traffic congestion on Interstate 75 going through Ocala.

Travelers coming from the South Florida and going west toward Texas could cut over to the parkway and go northwest on U.S. 19 up to Interstate 10, avoiding I-75 where traffic backs up in Ocala and Gainesville. If there is an accident on the interstate someplace, people will have an alternative route and are not stuck on the highway for hours.

I also believe that the southernmost route to Crystal River would do the least amount of environmental damage and be the shortest. If built right, by using existing road corridors like State Road 44 and piggybacking on them or making modifications that could include new designs and technology, it does not have to cause environmental destruction. This section would be the newest and most modern section of the turnpike and could serve as an example of how to modernize the rest of the turnpike in the years ahead in an environmentally friendly way.

The southern route would also avoid the Rainbow River spring shed and horse farms surrounding Ocala. It makes the most sense

for the turnpike to go to Crystal River and end on the Gulf coast of Florida. Now when you get on the turnpike, you are either heading toward Miami or Crystal River, the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico, both places completely different and both places must see destinations in Florida.

I have lived in three different places in my life: Oregon, New York and Florida. I believe that anyone who is a citizen of the United States has the right to move to and live in any state they want to. I also believe that we have the right to travel freely and visit any place we want to. A good road system is essential to free travel.

Tourism can be a green industry and we should encourage people to visit and enjoy this beautiful area and learn about our Nature Coast, maybe we could include a scenic overlook someplace on the turnpike where it rises above Inverness as it goes across the hills. Ten years from now, nonpolluting electric cars will be coming off the turnpike to visit and Crystal River will also be known as the place where the Florida Turnpike begins and manatees thrive in the crystal clear waters of spring fed King's Bay.

The parkway is already here, it makes sense to connect it directly to the turnpike if it is decided that the turnpike is going to be extended someplace.

Art Jones is founder and president of One Rake at a Time Inc., a nonprofit involved in the cleanup and restoration of Florida springs.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeking a career in trades is admirable

The Withlacochee Technical College article by Ms. Cortney Stewart, in Sunday's edition is excellent. I cannot overemphasize the need for young men and women to seek certification in the technical fields.

Working with Mr. John Woythaler as a WTC volunteer, I find student interests in the technical fields enjoyable.

I am a semi-retired engineer and throughout my career technicians were most helpful.

Francis Booth

Inverness

Be courteous, wear a mask

We just went into our local grocery store. We went in late hoping it wouldn't be too crowded.

We were disgusted that maybe only 10 percent of the customers were wearing masks.

Scientists tell us masks can stop the spread of a deadly virus. You know that means they will help not kill your fellow human beings.

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to protect the lives of your fellow Americans?

Barry Stine
Homosassa

Why the silence from Board over turnpike?

Why are our Commissioners silent while the state appears to be barreling ahead and force another unwanted toll road on us. They have already welcomed the Suncoast extension in with open arms and now not a peep of opposition regarding the Northern Turnpike Extension.

The area known as Mini Farms has already been burdened with the Sabal Trail Pipeline and will likely lose more properties when the Suncoast finally heads to U.S. 19.

This area is the largest priority one recharge area for the aquifer. Let's not pave it over and destroy the last rural area in Northern Citrus County. Our neighboring counties to the north have immediately spoke out against these roads while not a peep from Citrus commissioners.

Stanley Jacoboski
Citrus Springs

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Chauvin pleads guilty to federal charge in Floyd's death

By AMY FORLITI

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal charge of violating George Floyd's civil rights, admitting for the first time that he kept his knee on Floyd's neck — even after he became unresponsive — resulting in the Black man's death.

Chauvin, who is white, was convicted this spring of state murder and manslaughter charges in Floyd's May 25, 2020, death, and was sentenced to 22 1/2 years.

In his federal plea Wednesday, Chauvin admitted he willfully deprived Floyd of his right to be free from unreasonable seizure, including unreasonable force by a police officer, by kneeling on Floyd's neck even though he was handcuffed and not resisting. A second federal count in Floyd's death was dismissed, but Chauvin pleaded guilty to another count in an unrelated 2017 case.

Chauvin appeared in person for the change of plea hearing in an orange short-sleeve prison shirt and was led into and out of the court in handcuffs. He said "Guilty, your honor" to confirm his pleas, and acknowledged that he committed the acts alleged.

Chauvin could have faced life in prison on the federal count, one possible incentive for him to avoid trial. Under the plea agreement, both sides agreed Chauvin should face a sentence ranging from 20 to 25 years, with prosecutors saying they would seek 25. The final sentence will be up to U.S.

District Judge Paul Magnuson, but Chauvin is likely to face more time behind bars than he would on the state charges alone.

Through a combination of good behavior and parole, Chauvin's state sentence is likely to amount to 15 years behind bars. A federal sentence would run at the same time, and good behavior also can reduce time — but

inmates still typically serve about 85 percent of their sentences.

That means if Chauvin gets the 25 years prosecutors want, he would likely spend 21 years and three months in prison — or a little more than six years beyond his state sentence.

Three other former officers — Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao — were indicted on federal charges alongside Chauvin.

Floyd's arrest and death, which a bystander captured on cellphone video, sparked mass protests nationwide calling for an end to racial inequality and police mistreatment of Black people.

Chauvin also pleaded guilty to violating the rights of a 14-year-old boy during a 2017 arrest in which he held the boy by the throat, hit him in the head with a flashlight and held his knee on the boy's neck and upper back while he was prone, handcuffed and not resisting.

That was one of several cases mentioned in state court filings that prosecutors said showed Chauvin used neck or head and upper body restraints seven times dating back to 2014, including four times state prosecutors said they went beyond the point force was needed.

Several members of Floyd's family were present Wednesday, as was the teenager in the 2017 arrest. As they left the courtroom, Floyd's brother Philonise said to the teen: "It's a good day for justice."

Nine people came to support Chauvin, including family members. He waved and smiled at them as he entered and left the courtroom.

George Floyd's nephew, Brandon Williams, afterward called Chauvin a "monster" who should have been arrested in 2017.

"Had he been held accountable for what he did in 2017 to that minor, George Floyd would still be here," Williams said. "Today he had a chance to blow kisses and give air hugs to his family. We can't do that."



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Philonise Floyd, George Floyd's brother, and Brandon Williams, George Floyd's nephew, react during a news conference after former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin has pleaded guilty to a federal charge of violating George Floyd's civil right on Wednesday in St. Paul, Minn.

Top Fox hosts lobbied Trump to act on Jan. 6

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — The revelation that Fox News Channel personalities sent text messages to the White House during the Jan. 6 insurrection is another example of how the network's stars sought to influence then-President Donald Trump instead of simply reporting or commenting on him.

Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham and Brian Kilmeade all texted advice to Trump's chief of staff, Mark Meadows, as a mob of pro-Donald Trump loyalists stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, according to Republican Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, vice chair of the congressional committee probing the riot.

"Mark, the president needs to tell people in the Capitol to go home," texted Ingraham, host of "The Ingraham Angle." "This is hurting all of us. He is destroying his legacy."

"Please get him on TV," texted Kilmeade, a "Fox & Friends" host. "Destroying everything you have accomplished."

Hannity, like Ingraham a prime-time host, wondered

whether Trump could give a statement and ask people to leave the Capitol.

Cheney's release of the text messages late Monday came a day after the most prominent hard-news journalist at Fox, Chris Wallace, announced he was leaving after 18 years for a new job at CNN. Wallace had grown privately frustrated by Fox's amplification of its conservative opinion hosts, particularly since the network's ratings took a brief dive following the election of President Joe Biden.

The network had no immediate comment Tuesday about the texts.

For journalists, the ethical lines are clear: Your job is to report the news, not try to influence the actions of newsmakers.

Fox has always tried to distinguish between "news" and "opinion" programming, even though those lines are often nonexistent and many viewers don't make the same distinctions. The network considers Hannity, Ingraham and Kilmeade hosts of opinion shows.

Fox has argued in court that its prime-time hosts can't be held to the same factual standards as actual journalists.

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President Joe Biden surveys storm damage from tornadoes and extreme weather in Dawson Springs, Ky., Wednesday.

Biden pledges 'whatever it takes' to assist tornado victims

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE

and ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

DAWSON SPRINGS, Ky. — President Joe Biden on Wednesday pledged to do "whatever it takes, as long as it takes" to help Kentucky and other states after a series of deadly tornadoes that he said left a trail of unimaginable devastation. "You will recover and rebuild," he said.

"The scope and scale of this destruction is almost beyond belief," he said as he stood before a home reduced to a few walls and piles of rubble in Dawson Springs, one of two Kentucky towns he visited.

Biden spoke of the stress felt by victims of natural disasters such as the weekend storms that swept across eight states and said it was urgent that people be moved from emergency shelters in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

At the same time, the president praised the outpouring of support from reeling communities and said the federal support he has committed will keep flowing.

"Something good has to come out of this," Biden said. "In so many places, destruction was met with compassion."

More than 30 tornadoes tore through Kentucky and seven other states over the weekend, killing at least 88 people. Thousands of residents have lost their houses or are without power.

"I intend to do whatever it takes as long as it takes to support your state, your local leaders, as you recover and rebuild, and you will recover and rebuild," Biden



President Joe Biden bows his head as he holds hands with Jesse Perry, Graves County Judge Executive, right, and Anne Henning Byfield, Presiding Bishop of the AME Council of Bishops, third from right, in Mayfield, Ky., on Wednesday.

said.

In Dawson Springs, Biden walked through mounds of debris. Shattered Christmas decorations were tangled up with shards of furniture and strewn clothing. Trees were uprooted among homes reduced to rubble. Over the sounds of heavy machinery engaged in cleanup just blocks away, the president stopped to speak with storm victims, including a young girl clutching an American flag.

Biden came over to a family sitting before a home without a roof or windows, and also spoke to a group of police officers. He offered hugs to an older couple. And at one point he joked with a woman wearing Green Bay Packers apparel that she should tell star NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers that "he's gotta get the American flag."

Biden also took an aerial tour of the damage and held a briefing with officials in an airport hangar. "I'm here to listen," he said. This kind of tragedy, Biden said, "either brings people together or it knocks them apart."

He added: "There's no red tornadoes and blue tornadoes."

Rodgers' stand against the COVID-19 shot.

Earlier, in Mayfield, the president held hands in prayer with Graves County Executive Jesse Perry and a pastor. A family that had gathered in front of a destroyed home talked with Biden, who told reporters he was "impressed how everybody is working together" on the recovery.

On Mayfield's main street,

Biden spoke with two women in a shattered building. They had a sign that said, "God is good. Beaten but not defeated."

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Despite the president's push for unity in the face of disaster, his visit to the strongly Republican county, which Donald Trump won by a nearly 4-to-1 margin in 2020 — brought out some detractors. Scattered protesters offered up "Let's go Brandon" chants, used by some conservatives to represent a more vulgar epithet against the president, as Biden arrived.

But Biden's stop was met with optimism by many residents, who said they hoped the president would help get their communities back on their feet.

"I want to see if he's going to help individuals who have been affected by this," said Michelle Anderson, 68, who took cover in her bathtub with her cat when the tornado ripped the roof off the second floor of her apartment building in Mayfield. "I hope he does."

U.S. faces a double coronavirus surge as omicron advances

By LAURA UNGAR and

CARLA K. JOHNSON

Associated Press

The new omicron coronavirus mutant speeding around the world may bring another wave of chaos, threatening to further stretch hospital workers already struggling with a surge of delta cases and upend holiday plans for the second year in a row.

The White House on Wednesday insisted there was no need for a lockdown because vaccines are widely available and appear to offer protection against the worst consequences of the virus. But even if omicron proves milder on the whole than delta, it may disarm some of the lifesaving tools available and put immune-compromised and elderly people at particular risk as it begins a rapid assault on the United States.

"Our delta surge is ongoing and, in fact, accelerating. And on top of that, we're going to add an omicron surge," said Dr. Jacob

Lemieux, who monitors variants for a research collaboration led by Harvard Medical School.

"That's alarming, because our hospitals are already filling up. Staff are fatigued," leaving limited capacity for a potential crush of COVID-19 cases "from an omicron wave superimposed on a delta surge."

Most likely, he and other experts said at a news briefing Tuesday, an omicron surge is already under way in the United States, with the latest mutant coronavi-

rus outpacing the nation's ability to track it.

Based on specimens collected last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said omicron accounted for about 3 percent of genetically-sequenced coronaviruses nationally. Percentages vary by region, with the highest — 13 percent — in the New York/New Jersey area.

But Harvard experts said these are likely underestimates because omicron is moving so fast that surveillance attempts can't keep up.

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Kids and adults wait for their booster or second dose of COVID-19 vaccine at Northwest Community Church in Chicago, Saturday.

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Create a healthier routine with a better-for-you favorite

By FAMILY FEATURES

Taking time to nurture your health and well-being starts with building healthier habits. As the seasons change, challenge yourself to make small yet consistent choices that help you and your family through transitions at school, the office or wherever your days take you.

To help you establish (or re-establish) healthy habits during mealtime and beyond, consider these tips.

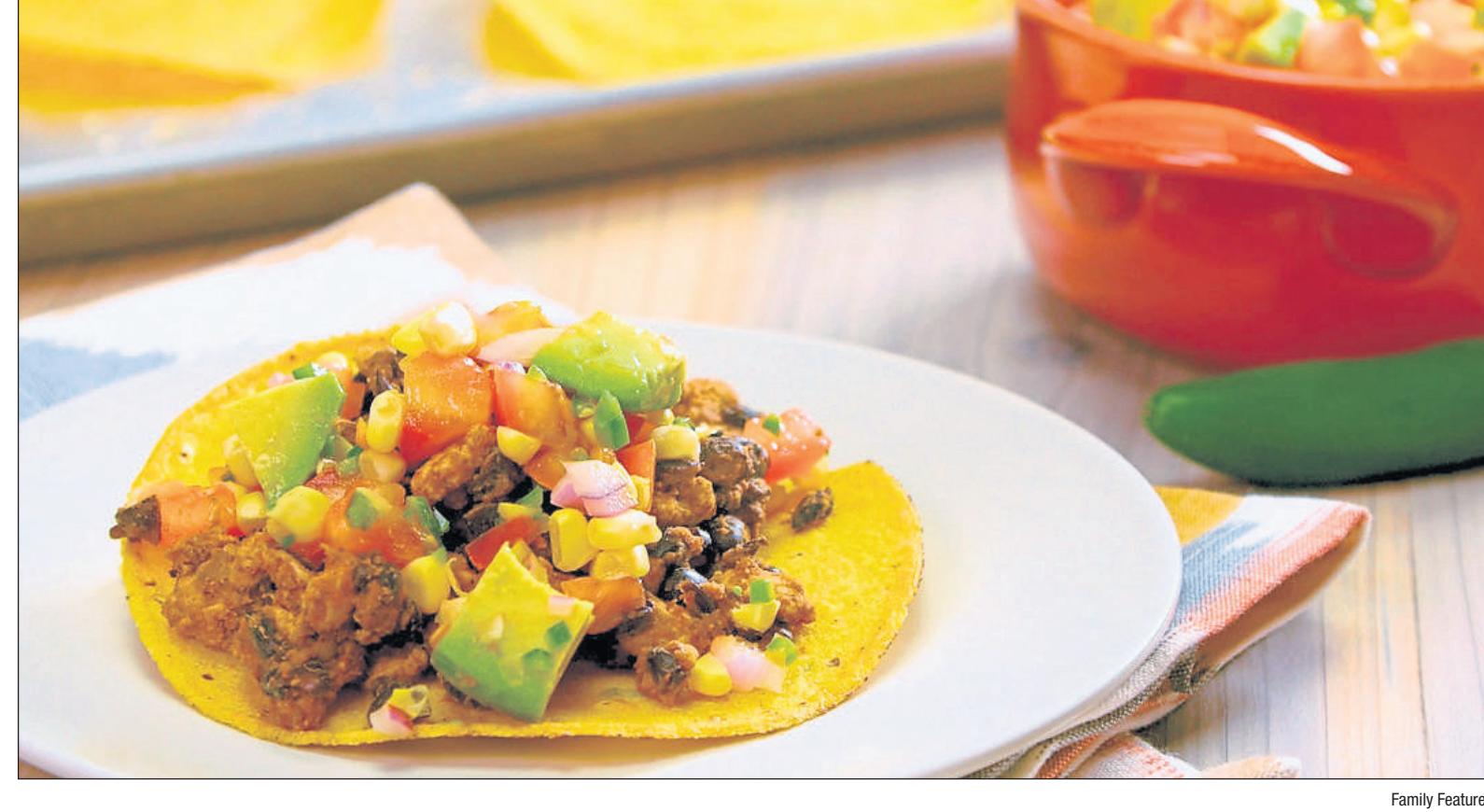
Eat meals together

"Making time for meals together as a family provides a chance to connect and decompress," said Bridget Wojciak, director of nutrition at Kroger Health, a national sponsor of the American Heart Association's Healthy for Good initiative. "In fact, regular meals at home can help reduce stress, boost self-esteem and improve feelings of connection." Bring everyone together with a better-for-you seasonal favorite like Turkey and Bean Tostadas.

Make time for yourself

Chronic stress can have a negative impact on mental and physical health, but turning lost moments – like a meal by yourself spent mindlessly scrolling through social media – into mindful moments can help. Try practicing gratitude at the table by thinking of three things you're grateful for or putting your fork down between each bite to savor the flavor and consider the nourishment you're receiving. Enjoy the cooler temperatures.

Cooler temperatures can make it more enjoyable to take advantage of outdoor exercise, which is a good way to soak in vitamin D



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to improve your mood and boost immunity.

Going for a brisk walk after mealtime (solo or with your pet), jogging and even raking leaves are examples of activities that count toward the American Heart Association's recommended 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week.

Visit heart.org/healthyforgood to download more heart-healthy recipes and find more tips for a healthier you in mind, body and heart.

Turkey and Bean Tostadas

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association's Healthy for Good initiative

Servings: 5

Salsa:

2 cups chopped tomatoes (about 2 medium tomatoes)
1 medium avocado, halved, pitted and diced
1 large ear of corn, husks and silk discarded, kernels

removed 1-2 medium fresh jalapeños, seeds and ribs discarded, finely chopped

2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

Tostadas:

Nonstick cooking spray

5 corn tortillas (6 inches each)
8 ounces ground skinless turkey breast

2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander

1 can (15 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained

2 tablespoons water

To make salsa: In small bowl, stir tomatoes, avocado, corn, jalapeños, onions and lime juice. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

To make tostadas: Line baking sheet with aluminum foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Place tortillas on baking sheet. Lightly spray tortillas with nonstick

cooking spray. Using fork, pierce tortillas several times to prevent from filling with air.

Bake tortillas 5-6 minutes on each side, or until golden brown.

In medium nonstick saucepan over medium-high heat, cook turkey, chili powder, cumin and coriander 5-6 minutes, or until turkey is no longer pink, stirring occasionally to turn and break up turkey.

Add beans and water. Cook 5 minutes, or until beans are heated through. Using potato masher, coarsely mash beans. Remove from heat.

To assemble tostadas, spread turkey mixture over each tortilla. Top with salsa.

Nutritional information per serving: 260 calories; 7.5 g total fat; 1 g saturated fat; 0 g trans fat; 1 g polyunsaturated fat; 4.5 g monounsaturated fat; 18 mg cholesterol; 60 mg sodium; 33 g carbohydrates; 8 g dietary fiber; 7 g sugars; 19g protein.

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Lopsided equations make us think

Have you ever seen an equation that didn't look equal? I have.

As December keeps winding down, there is the joy and anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth. The children are constantly chattering about the upcoming trip to visit Daniel's family in Ohio over Christmas.

Menus and game ideas float around; everyone feels special and loved as we marvel at the greatest gift of all, the Lord Jesus, who rescued us from misery and made it possible to be adopted as God's dear children.

OK, so that's the bright side of the equation. The opposite side droops as we look at Christmas through the eyes of the countless families facing the first holidays minus their loved ones. It doesn't look fair or equal. How can it be?

Why, just tonight after the children were tucked in bed, I sat across the kitchen table from Daniel when he told me the shocking news of his aunt. She's still so young, only 63 years old, and now they just discovered she has cancer. Ugh. Ouch. Why?

My mind reeled. Daniel's family has all won a special place in my heart, and indeed, this dear aunt is no exception. I stared at Daniel in disbelief. "How can it be?" I wondered.

His answer caught me off guard. "That is really what life is about." I saw his grief yet got a glimpse of the bigger picture he was conveying.

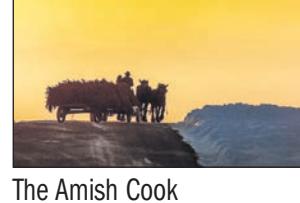
Digesting it, I couldn't help but see that God created us to have a love relationship with Him, winning souls to Him. In the end, spend an entire eternity with Him.

So in my mind, I'm again seeing this lopsided equation; there are the holidays with joy and laughter, then the drooping side with the heartache many of you are facing.

Then I wonder: What would it look like if I would see the entire picture the way our Creator does? Would I perhaps get glimpses of his grace and provision going deeper than I ever knew possible for all who open their heart to Him?

About a year ago, I mentioned a friend of mine, Lucy, fighting thyroid cancer. I am happy to say that she's doing better, yet the cancer is not entirely gone despite her surgery and all she's been doing to fight it. Now take this as an inspirational example; her smile is brighter and bigger than it's ever been before, and I dare say even bigger than anyone else.

Her life is a vivid example



The Amish Cook
Gloria Yoder

of God's provision in an extremely adverse situation. She is not robbed of joy even though she does not know what her next days will hold.

Looking at the equation, I shake my head. The only way I get settled in thinking about the holidays with the lopsided slant is to ask God to help me see it through His eyes.

I marvel at the children's simple way of adapting and embracing family traditions about the holidays, about life, or what have you. Daniel's family had a family tradition of making large batches of caramel corn every December and mailing it to his parents and 15 siblings in Delaware and Iowa.

Daniel fondly recalls chipping in with the family project over 20 years. During that time, they blessed their family with caramel corn to be enjoyed at the family gatherings, which they were often unable to attend due to distance.

Let's all take a moment to thank God for all little blessings, be it family, friends, good food, or even just another moment of life.

Caramel Corn

1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup corn syrup
1/2 cups brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
3 quarts popped popcorn

Melt butter in a saucepan, stir in brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Next boil without stirring for five minutes. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla and soda.

Pour over freshly popped popcorn, immediately mix well. Dump into a 9- by 13-inch cake pan and bake at 225 degrees or one hour, stirring every 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and dump onto a cookie sheet or flat container. Immediately spread out caramel corn to prevent it from sticking together.

Cool completely and put in an air-tight container. Enjoy!

Gloria Yoder is a young Amish mother, writer and homemaker in rural Illinois. The Yoders travel primarily by horse-drawn buggy and live next to the settlement's one-room schoolhouse. Readers with culinary or culture questions or stories to share may write Gloria directly at: Gloria Yoder, 10510 E. 350th Ave., Flat Rock, IL 62427.

Happy 100th, bloody mary: Paris marks cocktail's birthday

By ALEX TURNBULL

Associated Press

PARIS — Harry's Bar in Paris is celebrating the 100th birthday of the bloody mary, the vodka-tomato juice cocktail believed to have been invented at the iconic watering hole in 1921.

The centenary events this week bring a welcome respite from winter gloom and worries about the omicron variant of the coronavirus.

The bar is carefully checking COVID-19 health passes as foreign visitors gather to sample the drink closely associated with Harry's Bar, whose patrons over the past century have included writers Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

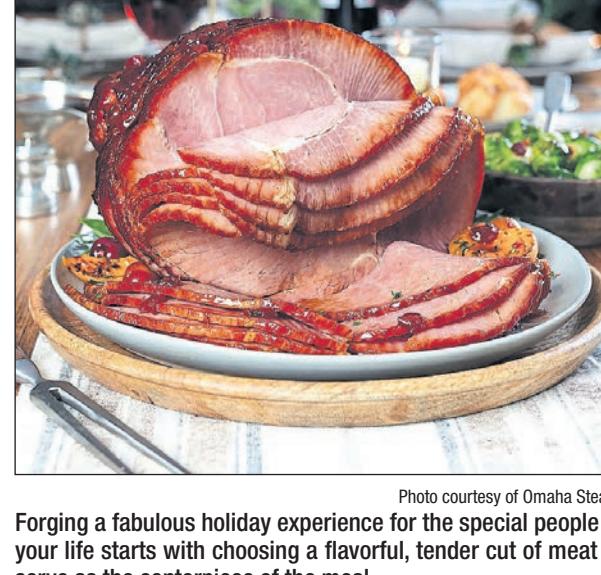
Celebrate the holidays with special centerpieces

By FAMILY FEATURES

Few things bring family and friends together quite like the holidays, and serving up an elegant, seasonal meal centered around a mouthwatering main dish is a recipe for creating lasting memories with the ones you love.

Forging a fabulous holiday experience for the special people in your life starts with choosing a flavorful, tender cut of meat to serve as the centerpiece of the meal. Hand-cut by expert butchers, an option like Spiral-Sliced Ham from Omaha Steaks can serve as the focal point of a memorable holiday dinner. Flash-frozen to capture freshness and flavor, you can select a standout cut of meat from the comfort of your home and have it delivered directly to your door in time to put together a tender, juicy main course.

Find more holiday recipe inspiration at OmahaSteaks.com/blog/recipes.



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Rum and Cola Holiday Ham

Recipe courtesy of Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 80 minutes
Servings: 10-12

Ham:

1 Omaha Steaks Spiral-Sliced Ham (8 pounds)

Glaze:

1 cup cherry fruit spread

3/4 cup dark spiced rum

3/4 cup cola

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

To make ham: Thaw frozen ham in refrigerator 24 to 48 hours.

Remove from refrigerator and let ham come to room temperature, about 30 to 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Remove ham from foil and film. Return ham to foil wrapping and place in oven-safe roasting pan. Roll foil down leaving 2 inches of foil around bottom of ham.

Place roasting pan with ham in oven on lower rack and heat uncovered 60-75 minutes, until ham starts to brown. While ham cooks, make glaze.

To make glaze: In medium saucepot, whisk fruit spread, rum, cola, Worcestershire sauce, Dijon mustard and salt until well incorporated. Bring to boil then reduce heat to medium. Simmer over medium heat 10 minutes then remove from heat. Cool to room temperature.

During last 15 minutes of cooking, glaze ham every 5 minutes.

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SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE
Papa J's server Brittany Wilson, left, owner Susan Sowell, center, and general manager Annette Short deliver warm smiles with their breakfast and lunch orders at the popular Inverness restaurant.

When your goal is to make people in your beloved hometown happy, your instinct is to feed them — especially when you've been a long-time server at Papa J's Diner, one of Citrus County's landmark cafés.

So when the owner of the Inverness eatery decided to sell early this year, "who better to buy the place than us?" said Susan Sowell.

Mike Zarro and Susan, who just happens to have a three-decade friendship with the previous owner, bought Papa J's in April, added to it and — along with general manager Annette Short — got to work re-establishing the café as the place to go for the best breakfast and comfort food around.

Located in Colonial Plaza at 2056 W. Hwy. 44 in Inverness and open for breakfast, lunch, and early dinner, Papa J's specializes



SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE
Chili Dog with Cheese and Fries

include freshly made muffins, cookies, and brownies.

Papa J's uses the highest quality ingredients in all their menu items, said Susan.



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"Our chicken tenders are cut fresh, not frozen, and we grind our coffee every day using fresh coffee beans. People love our hamburgers, too, because we use only top-quality ground beef."

Prices range from \$6.99 to \$10.99 for meals, and the portions are generous. Papa J's takes pride in catering to the county's First Responders.

Mike and Susan expanded the restaurant to include the former Mama J's store. They use the space as a party room for up to 30 people and offer it at no extra charge. If

you've got 30 people coming, be sure to give Papa J's a week's notice to make sure the room is available. For smaller groups, call that day to reserve the space.

They may have added space, fresh paint, and new signage, but the Papa J's name remains the same, said Susan.

"Papa J's has had a following for more than 20 years. We want to build on that by keeping our regular customers happy and bringing in new diners. The great food, service, and friendly atmosphere will keep them coming back."



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Vail wins 4th annual Fall Brawl 200 at CCS

Final division titles settled for 2021 season

By KIMBERLY KELLY
For the Chronicle

INVERNESS — Jason Vail proved it wasn't about how fast you are in practice, nor how fast you are in qualifying that determines the outcome of a race. It's about being at the right place, at the right time, and being there in the end.

"We had a really tight car in the beginning," the noticeably exhausted race winner said from victory lane.

Vail started inside the sixth row after posting p11 in qualifying, 0.159 seconds off the fast time of Devin McLeod's 64.176 mph lap.

Through the first 100 laps, Vail remained consistently in the top 10. By lap No. 100 he was seventh.

After the mid-way break, Vail began to make his move and was fifth by lap No. 124, fourth six laps later, third by lap No. 174.

After the fourth and final caution of the event, Vail was inside the front row behind race leader Brandon Morris and Jesse Henley.

When the field went back to race action the front row battle landed Henley up against the front-stretch wall. Vail was able to pass on the next lap and move in for a heated battle for the race lead.

"I needed like three laps after



Kimberly Kelly / For the Chronicle

Jason Vail takes a break in victory lane to catch his breath and thoughts after winning the fourth annual Fall Brawl 200 Saturday night at Citrus County Speedway in Inverness.

each restart to get the car to turn," Morris said. "I was extremely tight on restarts."

Morris had led 174 laps up to that point but could not hold off Vail and fell back to third.

"He drove a hell of a race," Morris said of Vail. "He did what he had to do to win it. We had a really good car, a fast car. If we wouldn't have had that late caution we would have won."

Jake Perkins followed Vail to the line 1.777 seconds back, for second.

"We finished second in the biggest race of the year," Perkins

said. "We're happy."

By the end of the race, Perkins was in the mix to have a shot at winning the \$10,000 prize.

"I was just kind of hoping they would take care of each other," he said of the battle between Vail and Morris. "We were saying on the radio just be in position if something happens, but they all drove a great race. It's always fun racing with these guys."

Rounding out the top 10 included LJ Grimm, Rex Struble, Devin McLeod, Anthony Cataldi, Henley, Tim Sozio, and early race leader Aaron Williamson.

Vail won the inaugural Fall Brawl 200 in 2016, and this year's Frostbite 200 and Wheel Man Sportsman championship.

In local race action, the race for a championship turned into a race of a lifetime as Peanut Waller drove to his first Street Stock win and Travis Blotz to the championship title.

Cody Struble came off the pole to lead the first lap before Waller was able to take control before Blotz was able to get around and clear Waller eight laps into the 25-lap event.

Despite losing the lead, Waller kept pace with the new leader and by the next lap was able to regain control of the race.

Blotz took another shot at the lead eight laps later but wobbled as he exited turn No. 2.

Jonathan Appleby, who needed to finish the event four positions

in front of Blotz to be the Street Stock champion, moved in to battle with Blotz for second.

The contest turned into a high-contact, overly aggressive turn of events that landed both cars into a spin on the front stretch. To make matters worse, Appleby never let off the gas and continued to drive into Blotz's left rear quarter panel and forced track officials to disqualify Appleby from the event.

Waller went on to win the event with Cody Struble and Robert Kuhn Sr. in second and third, respectively, after Blotz and AJ got together as they drove to the checkered flag.

Jason Waller scored his eighth win in Pure Stock action over Karlin Ray, James Johnston, Bubba Martone and Joe Winchell.

Brayden Boardman earned his second Crockett's Towing Ford Outlaw win of the season after taking the lead from Richie Smith and holding off the veteran driver to the finish. Division champion Jesse Veltman finished third, Michael Veltman fourth, Michael Autentie fifth.

CITRUS COUNTY SPEEDWAY

Official Results

Fall Brawl 200 Sprintman

1. 407 Jason Vail; 2. Jake Perkins; 3. 56 Brandon Morris; 4. 25W LJ Grimm; 5. 69 Rex Struble; 6. 23M Devin McLeod; 7. 00 Anthony Cataldi; 8. 3 Jesse Henley; 9. 16 Tim Sozio; 10. 13 Aaron Williamson; 11. 41 Stephen Darvalics; 12. 11x Richard Elkins Jr.; 13. 73 Mark Patterson; 14. 14 Adam Briggs; 15. 92 Joe Winchell; 16. 21 Eric Sharrone; 17. 28x Keith Zavrel; 18. 9 Brooke Storer; 19. 10 Joe Hamilton. DIVISION STATS: 19 of 19 cars. 200 of 200 laps. Margin of Victory: 1.777 seconds. Avg. Speed: 34.305 mph.

Best Lap by 56 Brandon Morris, 14.395 sec., 62.522 mph, lap No. 3. Lap Leaders: 13 Aaron Williamson (1-6, 114), 56 Brandon Morris (7-101, 103-113, 115-182), 00 Anthony Cataldi (102), Jason Vail (183-200). DISQUALIFICATIONS: None. Fast Qualifier. QUALIFICATION RESULTS: 1. 23M Devin McLeod, 64.176 mph; 2. 56 Brandon Morris, 64.025; 3. 16 Tim Sozio, 63.970; 4. 13 Aaron Williamson, 63.957; 5. 00 Anthony Cataldi, 63.934; 6. 9 Brooke Storer, 63.902; 7. 3 Jesse Henley, 63.726; 8. 92 Joe Winchell, 63.690; 9. 59 Jake Perkins, 63.640; 10. 10 Joe Hamilton, 63.559; 11. 407 Jason Vail, 63.456; 12. 21 Eric Sharrone, 63.498; 13. 14 Adam Briggs, 63.376; 14. 69 Rex Struble, 63.118; 15. 25W LJ Grimm, 63.105; 16. 41 Stephen Darvalics, 62.783; 17. 11x Richard Elkins Jr., 62.718; 18. 73 Mark Peterson, 62.630; 19. 16 Keith Zavrel, 62.310.

Crockett's Towing Ford Outlaw 25

1. 3b Brayden Boardman; 2. 71 Richie Smith; 3. 551 Jesse Veltman; 4. 55 Michael Veltman; 5. 32 Michael Autentie; 6. X3 Scott Hendrickson; 7. 15 Keith Zavrel; 8. 115 Shawna Senokosoff; 9. 3 Eric Sharrone; 10. 20 Joshua Ryani; 11. 7up Scott Grossenbacher; 12. 88 Jason Simons; 13. 47x Sport Wilson; 14. 95 William Waymire; 15. 27 David Bailey; 16. 13 Neil Herne; 17. 19 Corey Zavrel; 18. 00 James Collins; 19. Frank Manese; 20. 48 Dora Thorne; 21. 112 Clayton Coe; 22. Thomas Peet; 23. 8 Martin Mott; 24. 131 Corey Butler. DIVISION STATS: 25 of 26 cars. 15 Jesse Henley did not start. 25 of 25 laps. Margin of Victory: 0.673 sec. Avg. Speed: 11.474 mph. Best Lap by 3b Brayden Boardman, 17.383 sec., 51.775 mph, lap No. 12. Lap Leaders: 115 Shawna Senokosoff (1-6), 71 Richie Smith (7-16), 3b Brayden Boardman (17-25). Heat Race Winner. DISQUALIFICATIONS: 83 Charles Herne, for unsafe actions while race was under caution. Original finishing position: p21.

Signfast Pure Stock 25

1. 3 Jason Waller; 2. 51 Karlin Ray; 3. 45 James Johnston; 4. 98 Bubba Martone; 5. 82 Joe Winchell; 6. 94 Sport Wilson; 7. 38 Caleb Grossenbacher; 8. 80 Cody Struble; 9. 10 Gregory Dick; 10. 22x Rob Pope; 11. 27 Daniel Wilson; 12. 72 Jeremy Simpson; 13. 56 Jonathan Appleby. DIVISION STATS: 13 of 13 cars. 25 of 25 laps. Margin of Victory: 3.085 sec. Avg. Speed: 35.224 mph. Best Lap by 3 Jason Waller, 15.982 sec., 56.313 mph, lap No. 4. Lap Leaders: 45 James Johnston (1), 3 Jason Waller (2-25). Heat Race Winner. DISQUALIFICATIONS: None.

Street Stock 25

1. 62 Peanut Waller; 2. 19 Cody Struble; 3. 78 Robert Kuhn; 4. 51h Jase Henley; 5. 51 Joe Gerard; 6. 4 Lauren Lanier; 7. 7 Travis Blotz; 8. 8 AJ Waller; 9. 862 Austin Dinkins; 9. 10 Jeffery Rock; DIVISION STATS: 11 of 11 cars. 25 of 25 laps. Margin of Victory: 3.295 sec. Avg. Speed: 26.226 mph. Best Lap by 7 Travis Blotz, 15.133 sec., 59.473 mph, lap No. 6. Lap Leaders: 19 Cody Struble (1), 62 Peanut Waller (2-25). Heat Race Winner. DISQUALIFICATIONS: 69a Jonathan Appleby, for unsportsmanlike conduct.

SPOTTING A FAMILY OF BOBCATS IN PINE RIDGE

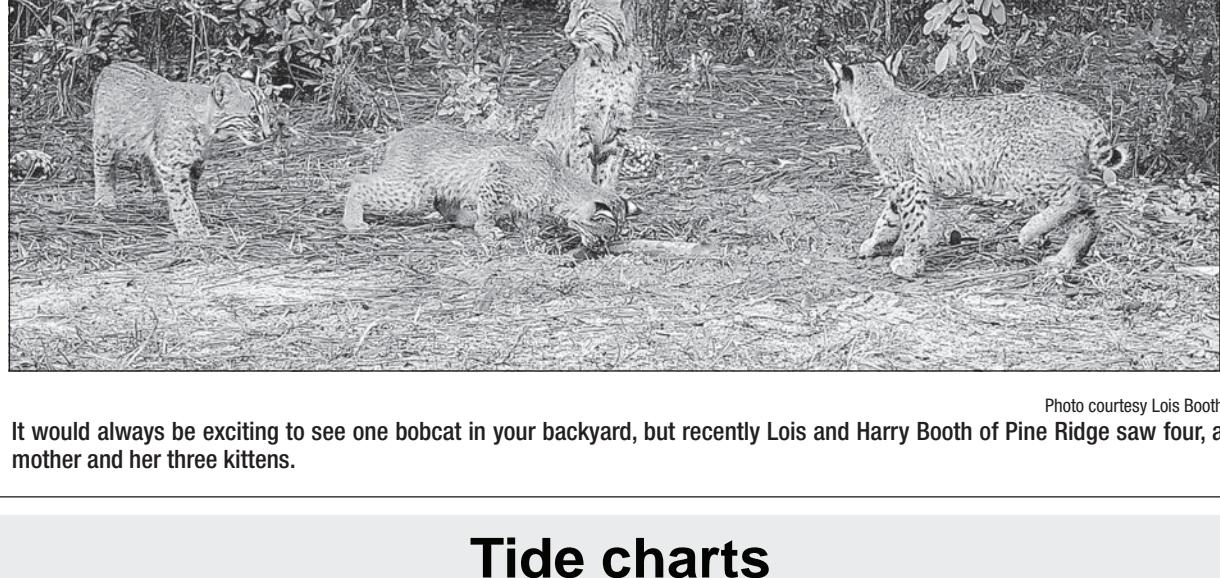


Photo courtesy Lois Booth

It would always be exciting to see one bobcat in your backyard, but recently Lois and Harry Booth of Pine Ridge saw four, a mother and her three kittens.

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WRESTLING

From page B1

Barker and I will have to prove ourselves as coaches and the wrestlers will have to elevate their effort in order to see success."

Lecanto hasn't had a state qualifier since Jonah Nightengale placed 6th in Class 2A at 195 pounds in the 2012-13 campaign. But a pair of Panthers got as close as you could last season and return for one last shot as seniors.

Diego Mendez is a two-time district champion, a Gulf Coast 8 Conference champ and three-time regional qualifier. He fell one win short of state last season and bumps up a couple weight classes to 138.

Fellow senior Zach Williams also was one win away from state last season for Lecanto and returns at 170. He is off to a 13-1

start this season after taking third at Hernando last weekend.

Other key returners for the Panthers are regional qualifier Jacob Cameron (195) along with James Greene (120), Trevor Rueck (126) and Amani Houston-Dunn (152).

A few newcomers to keep your eyes on are Lorenzo Macatol at 106, Aiden Moore at 113 and Joseph Darnell at 182.

"Strong returning team with a lot of experience and some new wrestlers that are athletic and bring a lot of energy to the team," head coach Jose Mendez said.

Crystal River brings back several wrestlers who got a taste of regional action last year.

Leading the way for the Pirates is 113-pounder Blaine Reed, who lost 5-4

at Hernando last weekend, with only two of his five matches making it to the second period.

"I believe he has got the right mindset. I think he's looking at trying to get a scholarship to college," head coach Bruce Stull said. "Winning Kiwanis (at Hernando) is a pretty big deal. Usually if you place there, you're going to place at state."

Tim Gray, an honorable mention All-GC8 selection last season along with Reed, was a regional qualifier at 220 a season ago and is up at heavyweight this year to start the season, but will be back at 220 soon.

Kaije Youngstrom qualified for regionals at 113 last season and drops down to 106. Other returning regional qualifiers are Angel Merchant (126), Mason Cosgrove (132) and Jayden

Jobe (170).

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New York	12	16	.429	8		
Southeast Division						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	GB
Miami	17	12	.586	—		
Washington	15	13	.536	1½		
Charlotte	16	14	.533	1½		
Atlanta	14	14	.500	2½		
Orlando	5	24	.172	12		
Central Division						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	GB
Milwaukee	19	11	.633	—		
Chicago	17	10	.630	½		
Cleveland	18	12	.600	1		
Indiana	12	18	.400	7		
Detroit	4	22	.154	13		
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Southwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	GB
Memphis	17	11	.607	—		
Dallas	14	14	.500	3		
San Antonio	10	17	.370	6½		
Houston	9	19	.321	8		
New Orleans	9	21	.300	9		
Northwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	GB
Utah	19	7	.731	—		
Denver	14	13	.519	5½		
Minnesota	12	15	.444	7½		
Portland	11	17	.393	9		
Oklahoma City	8	19	.296	11½		
Pacific Division						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	GB
Golden State	23	5	.821	—		
Phoenix	22	5	.815	½		
L.A. Clippers	16	12	.571	7		
L.A. Lakers	16	13	.552	7½		
Sacramento	11	17	.393	12		

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Buffalo at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Columbus at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Toronto at Calgary, ppd

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

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Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 2
Vegas 4, Boston 1
Tampa Bay 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
Philadelphia 6, New Jersey 1
Ottawa 8, Florida 2
Detroit 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Buffalo 4, Winnipeg 2
St. Louis 4, Dallas 1
Toronto 5, Edmonton 1
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Vancouver 4, Columbus 3
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Calgary at Nashville, ppd
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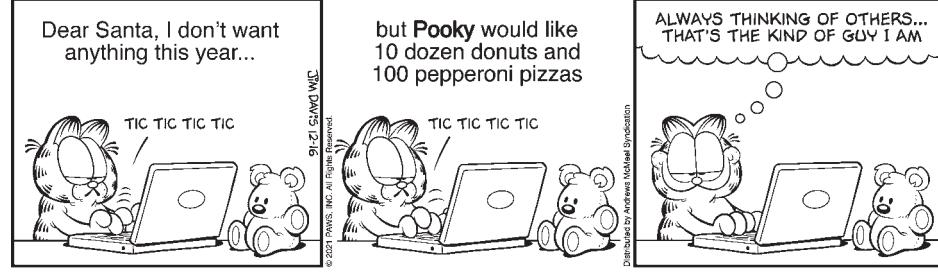
THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 16, 2021

	C	S	D/I	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2 (WESH) NBC 19	19	19	News	NBC News	Ent. Tonight	Hollywood	Women of Worth (N)		*** "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors" (2015)				News	J. Fallon	
3 (WEDU) PBS 3	3	3	World News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)	WEDU Arts Plus 'G'	WEDU Quest 'G'		Doc Martin Bert hides a heartbreaking secret. 'PG' -- Private	Shakespeare and Hathaway		Vera	The body of a fisherman is found. 'PG' (S)		
5 (WUFT) PBS 5	5	5	DW News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (S)	Old House	Old House	Eat Your Medicine: The Pegan Diet With Mark		Easy Yoga for Arthritis					
8 (WFLA) NBC 8	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt	NewsChannel 8 at 7PM (N)	Women of Worth (N) (In Stereo) (DVS)		*** "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors" (2015, Docudrama) Alyvia Alyn Lind. (In Stereo) 'NR' (S)	NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show					
9 (WFTV) ABC 20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G' (S)	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Jeopardy! (N) 'G' (S)	Station 19 "All I Want for Christmas Is You" (N) '14'	Grey's Anatomy (N) (In Stereo) '14' (S)	Big Sky Cassie confronts Tonya. (N) (In Stereo) '14'		Eyewitness News 11PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!		
10 (WTSP) CBS 10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Young Sheldon 'PG' of AI	United States Ghosts '14' (S)	B Positive 'PG' (S)	Bull Izzy thinks her friend was murdered. '14' (S)		10 Tampa Bay	Late Show-Colbert		
13 (WTVI) FOX 13	13	13	FOX13 6:00	FOX13 6:30	FOX13 NFL Pre Game	NFL on FOX Pregame (N)	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Los Angeles Chargers. (N) (In Stereo Live) (S)					FOX13 11:30 News			
20 (WCJB) ABC 11			TV20 News	World News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Ed.	Station 19 (N) '14' (S)	Grey's Anatomy (N) '14'	Big Sky (N) '14'			News at 11	J. Kimmel		
22 (WCLF) IND 2	2	2	2	Christian Bridges	Bay Focus	Great Awakening with Steve	Man360 Andrew	Abu.Life Cele	Phil Driscoll	The Great A					
24 (WYKE) FAM 16	16	16	16	Vegas Unveiled	Daily Flash	Citrus Sully's Biz Brew	OVM Wrestling	Championship Wrestling	Citrus Court	Citrus					
28 (WFTS) ABC 11	11	11	News	World News	Inside Ed.	The List (N)	Station 19 (N) '14' (S)	Grey's Anatomy (N) '14'	Big Sky (N) '14'			News	J. Kimmel		
32 (WMOR) IND 12	12	12	Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Last Man	Last Man Creek	Big Bang		Sheldon			
33 (WTTA) MNT 6	6	6	Extra 'PG'	Ent. Tonight	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8	Noticias Seinfeld	Dateline 'PG'	Chicago P.D. '14'						
40 (WAXX) TBN 21	21	21	Vic Show	The 700 Club (S)	Involved Impact	Action/Life	Morris Jeffress	SuperChannel Presents	Faith Build.	Prince					
44 (WTG6) CW 4	4	4	4	'14'	Mike & Molly	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Dogs of the Year 2021 (N) (In Stereo) (S)	Legacies Lizzie sets out to make things right. '14'	CW44 News (N) (S)	CW44 News (N) (S)	Dateline The death of a school superintendent.			
50 (WVEA) UNI 15	15	15	15	Noticias	Noticiero	¡Qué le pasa a	La Rosa de Guadalupe	Vencer el pasado (N)	La desalmada (N) '14'			Noticias	Noticiero		
51 (WOGX) FOX 13			Fox 51 at 6	Fox 51	Big Bang	Pregame	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Los Angeles Chargers. (N) (In Stereo Live) (S)					News			
66 (WXPX) ION 17			Chicago P.D. '14'		Chicago P.D. '14'		Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'						
(A&E) 54	48	54	The First 48 '14' (S)		The First 48 '14' (S)		The First 48: Rookie Year	The First 48 (N) 'PG'	City Confidential (N) 'PG'	The First 48 'PG' (S)					
(ACCN) 99			Women's College Basketball Georgia at NC State. (N)		Women's College Basketball: Colonels at Cardinals				All ACC	All ACC	All ACC	All ACC			
(AMC) 55	64	55	★ "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. (S)		★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"				★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"						
(ANI) 52	35	52	North Woods Law '14'		North Woods Law 'PG'		North Woods Law: Wildside 'Bear Trouble' (N)	North Woods Law 'PG'	North Woods Law 'PG'	North Woods Law 'PG'					
(BET) 96	71	96	★★ "Barbershop" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube. 'PG-13' (S)					★★ "American Gangster" (2007, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington. 'R' (S)							
(BIGTEN) 742	809		B1G Today (S)		College Hockey Bowling Green at Ohio State. (N) (Live) (S)		B1G Mom.	B1G Show	B1G Show	Campus	B1G Show				
(BRAVO) 254	51	254	Real Housewives		Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Project Runway "The Last Straw" 'PG'		Watch What	"Live Free or Die Hard"					
(BSFL) 35	39	35	Marlins	NBA Basketball			NHL Hockey	Panthers	TBA	Marlins Club	World Poker				
(CC) 27	61	27	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	South Park			
(CMT) 98	45	98	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom 'PG'		
(CNN) 40	29	40	Situation Room With Wolf		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)						
(ESPN) 33	27	33	SportsCenter (S)		Women's College Volleyball		Update	Women's College Volleyball					SportsC.		
(ESPN2) 37	28	34	Daily Wager		College Basketball Appalachian State at Duke. (N)		UFC Unleashed '14' (S)	UFC	Betebiev	SEC Storied 'G'					
(FBN) 106	149	106	The Evening Edit (N)		Kennedy (N) (S)	How America Works	American Gold	American	American	American Home	Home	Home			
(FLIX) 118	170	170	★★ "Carlito's Way" (1993) Al Pacino. 'R' (S)		★★ "Kindergarten Cop" (1990) 'PG-13' (S)		Hannity (N) (Live) (S)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Gutfeld! (N) (S)	★★ "Twins" (1988) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'PG'					
(FNC) 44	37	44	Special Report		FOX News Primetime (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight									
(FOOD) 26	56	26	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Christmas Cookie	Christmas Cookie	Christmas Cookie			Holiday Baking	Christmas Cookie				
(FREEFORM) 29	52	29	★★ "Home Alone" (1990, Children's) Macaulay Culkin. 'PG' (S)		★★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) 'PG' (S)					The 700 Club (S)					
(FS1) 732	112	732	Boxing (S)		PBC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown 'PG, D,L,S,V (S)			Undisputed	Boxing					
(FX) 30	60	30	★★ "Ad Astra" (2019)		★★ "Kingsman: The Secret Service" (2014) Colin Firth. (In Stereo) 'R' (S)		★★ "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" (2017) 'R'								
(GOLF) 727	67	727	Golf Central		2021 AIG Women's Open Final Round. (S)					2021 Open Championship Final Round.					
(HALL) 59	68	39	Christmas CEO" (2021) Marisol Nichols. 'NR'		Christmas CEO" (2021) Marisol Nichols. 'NR'		A Royal Queens Christmas" (2021) Megan Park.	A Kiss Before Christmas" (2021) Teri Hatcher. 'NR'							
(HBO) 302	201	302	★★ "Magic Mike XXL" (2015) Channing Tatum.		Music Box "Juice WRLD: Into the Abyss" (N) 'MA'		Landscape Succession "All the Bells Say" 'MA'								
(HBO2) 303	202	303	★★ "Lady in the Water" (2006) Paul Giamatti. (S)		Murders, Rock		Succession 'MA' (S)	★★ "Taken 2" (2012) Liam Neeson. 'PG-13' (S)							
(HGTV) 23	57	23	Love It or List It 'PG'		Love It or List It 'PG'	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Tarek & Heather	House	Hunters	Hunters Int'l				
(HIST) 51	54	51	Pawn Stars 'PG' (S)		Pawn Stars 'PG' (S)	Pawn Stars 'PG' (S)	Pawn Stars 'PG' (S)	Pawn Stars 'PG' (S)	Pawn Stars 'PG' (S)	Pawn Stars 'PG' (S)					
(LIFE) 24	38	24	★★ "Reba McEntire's Christmas in Tune" (2021) 'NR'		"Christmas by Chance" (2020) Winnie Clarke. 'NR'		"My Favorite Christmas Melody" (2021) Ma. 'NR'								
(LMN) 119	50	119	Homekilling Queen" (2019) Ashley Jones. 'NR' (S)		Do You Trust Your Boyfriend?" (2021) 'NR' (S)		"Her Boyfriend's Deadly Secret" (2021) 'NR' (S)								
(MSNBC) 42	41	42	The Beat With Ari Melber		The ReidOut (N) (S)	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word		The 11th Hour					
(NBCSN) 448	26	730	Triathlon Clash Daytona.		American Ninja Warrior	American Ninja Warrior "Denver Finals" 'PG' (S)	Chess	Chess	American Ninja Warrior						
(NGEO) 109	65	109	Life Below Zero 'PG'		Life Below Zero 'PG'	Life Below Zero 'PG'	Life Below Zero (N) '14'	Called to the Wild 'PG'	Called to the Wild 'PG'						
(NICK) 28	36	28	★★ "The Croods"		To Be Announced	Side Hustle SpongeBob	To Be Announced								
(NEWSNTN) 18	18	18	The Donlon Report (N)		On Balance	Dan Abrams Live (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	Banfield (N) (S)	On Balance						
(OWN) 125	24	103	20/20 on OWN '14'		20/20 on OWN '14' (S)	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	20/20 on OWN '14'			20/20 on OWN '14'					
(OXY) 123	44	123	Buried in the Backyard		Buried in the Backyard	Buried in the Backyard	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' (S)			Dateline: Secrets					
(PARMT) 37	43	37	Two Men	Two Men	Movie (In Stereo) (S)		Movie (In Stereo) (S)								
(SEC) 745	72		The Paul Finebaum Show		College Football Texas A&M at Missouri. (Taped)					College Football South Carolina at Tennessee.					
(SHOW) 340	241	340	★★ "Silver Linings Playbook" (2012) 'R' (S)		★★ "Queerpins" (2021) Kristen Bell. 'R' (S)		Dexter: New Blood 'MA'	Desus	Smoke						
(SUN) 36	31	36	Rays	Pregame	MLB Baseball		Postgame	Rays	Rays	Postgame					
(SYFY) 31	59	31	★★ "xXx: Return of Xander Cage"		★★ "Battleship" (2012, Science Fiction) Taylor Kitsch. Premiere. 'PG-13'			★★ "xXx: Return of Xander Cage"							
(TBS) 49	23	49	Sheldon												

Peanuts



Garfield



Pickles



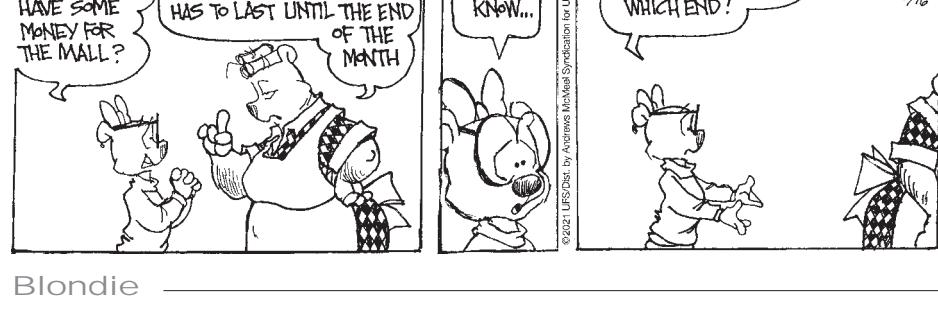
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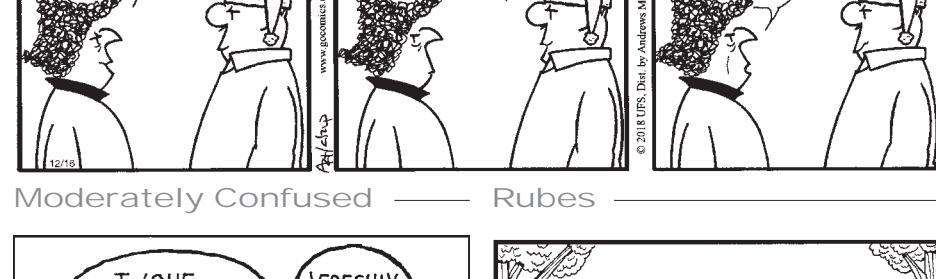
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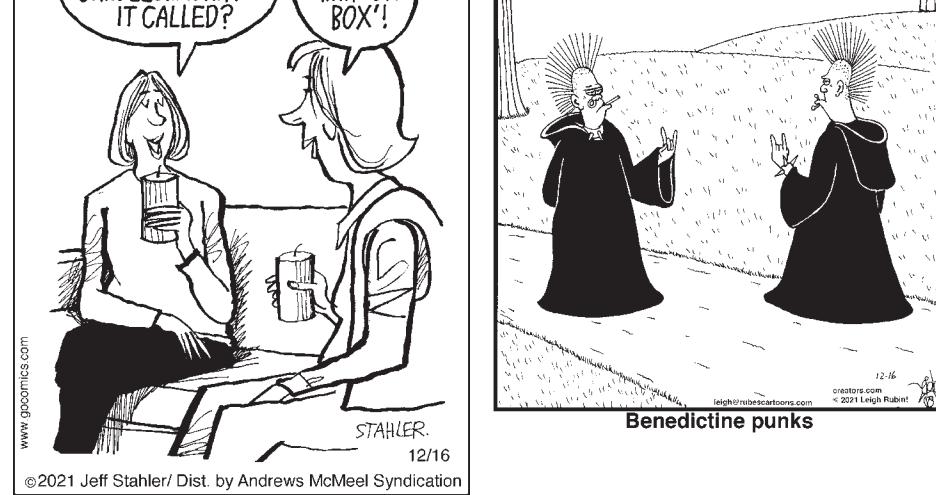
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The Born Loser



Moderately Confused



The Family Circus

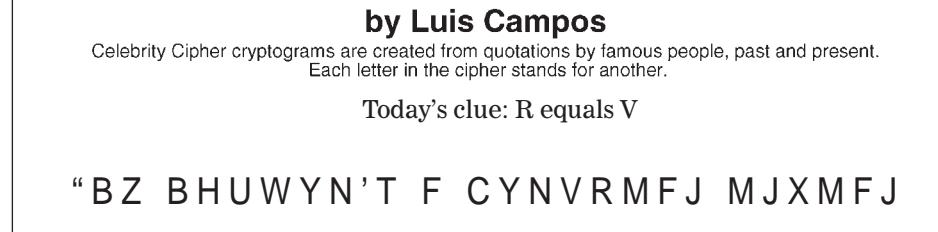
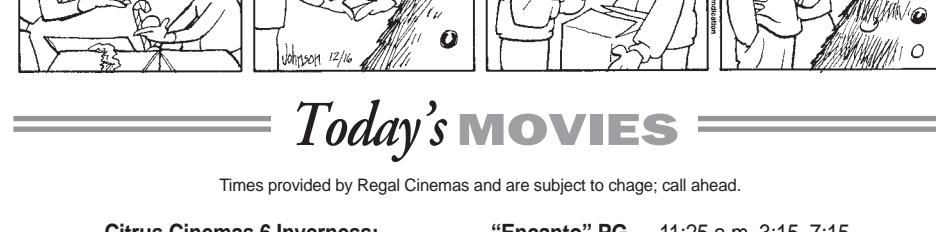
Doonesbury Flashbacks



Big Nate



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

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Thursday, Dec. 16

"Spider-man: No Way Home" PG13 — 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30, 6, 6:30 7, 8, 9:30, 10, 10:30 p.m.

"Encanto" PG — 11:40 a.m., 3:30, 8:10, 11 p.m.

"House of Gucci" R — 11:15 a.m.

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife" PG13 — noon, 2:45, 7:10, 10:20 p.m.

"King Richard" PG13 — 11:30 a.m.

"Clifford The Big Red Dog" PG — 12:15 p.m.

"Eternals" PG-13 — 11 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 17

"Spider-man: No Way Home" PG13 — 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m., noon, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 6, 6:30 7, 7:30, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11 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.

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

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present.

Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: R equals V

"BZ BHUWYN'T F CYNVRMFJ MJXMFJ

ANHB IMBF OWH NFMTYX BY FJX BZ

AHVN GNHUYNT FJX TMTUYNT FT F

TMJEIY BHB. — GYJLFBMJ GNFUU

Previous Solution: "I really do believe that if you don't challenge yourself and risk failing, that it's not interesting." — Director Julie Taymor

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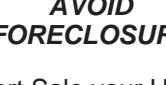
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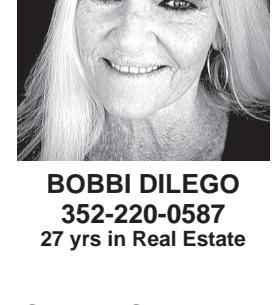
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FORECLOSURE

5027-1223 THCRN Debra Picucci PHH16140-20
2020 CA 00435 A Notice of Foreclosure Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2020 CA 000435 A
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
FOR ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST,
SERIES 2005-HE1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTI-
FICATES,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DEBRA PICUCCI; ROBERT PICUCCI, JR., et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Mortgage Foreclosure entered September 9, 2021 in Case No. 2020 CA 000435 A in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for CITRUS County, Florida. HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-HE1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES ("Plaintiff") and DEBRA PICUCCI; ROBERT PICUCCI, JR., CITRUS SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Defendants"). Angela Vick, Clerk of Circuit Court for CITRUS, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash [Via the Internet at www.citrus.realfclose.com](http://www.citrus.realfclose.com), at 10:00 a.m., on the **13TH** day of **JANUARY 2022** the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 4, BLOCK 795, CITRUS SPRINGS, UNIT 7, ACCORDING
TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6,
PAGES 33 THROUGH 39, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RE-
CORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

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Dated this 10th day of December, 2021.

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PRIMARY EMAIL: Pleadings@vanlawfl.com

/s/ Ian D. Jagendorf

Ian D. Jagendorf, Esq. Florida Bar #: 033487

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Published December 16 & 23, 2021

5026-1223 THCRN Janice K. Mass
2020 CA 000478 A Re-Notice of Foreclosure Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 2020 CA 000478 A
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE
FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST

I TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JANICE K. MASS, DECEASED; JOSEPH BROWN; THOMAS BROWN; TIFFANEY BENSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendant(s)

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale filed November 30, 2021 and entered in Case No. 2020 CA 000478 A, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for CITRUS County, Florida, wherein BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST is Plaintiff and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JANICE K. MASS, DECEASED; JOSEPH BROWN; THOMAS BROWN; TIFFANEY BENSON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

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MISCELLANEOUS

5030-1223 THCRN Aaron Smith
2021-CA-412 Notice of Forfeiture Proceedings
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021-CA-412

In RE: FORFEITURE OF
2014 CHRYSLER 300S SEDAN,
VIN NO.: 2C3CCABG8EH340203

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

TO: Aaron Smith, and
any other persons who may claim an interest in the following
property:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for the forfeiture of the following property in Citrus County Florida:

2014 CHRYSLER 300S SEDAN,
VIN NO.: 2C3CCABG8EH340203

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Robert W. Batsel, Jr. Esquire and Sydney M. Simmons, Esquire, the Petitioner's attorneys, whose address is: Gilligan, Gooding, Batsel, Anderson & Phelan, P.A., 1531 SE 36th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471, within twenty (20) days of this publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the Petitioner's attorneys or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

GILLIGAN, GOODING, BATSEL,
ANDERSON & PHELAN, P.A.

By: /s/ Sydney M. Simmons
Robert W. Batsel, Esquire

Florida Bar No. 71459

Sydney M. Simmons, Esquire

Florida Bar No. 1025753

1531 S.E. 36th Avenue

Ocala, Florida 34471

(352) 867-7707 Phone

(352) 867-0237 Facsimile

Attorneys for Petitioner

Primary: rbatsel@ocalalaw.com

ssimmons@ocalalaw.com

Secondary: hcarlman@ocalalaw.com

Published December 16 & 23, 2021

FORECLOSURE

5018-1216 THCRN Kimberly Gardner 1000004481

09-2019-CA-000783 A Notice of Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 09-2019-CA-000783 A

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH RURAL
HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Plaintiff,

v.
KIMBERLY GARDNER A/K/A KIMBERLY ANN GARDNER
A/K/A KIMBER A. GARDNER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KIM-
BERLY GARDNER A/K/A KIMBERLY ANN GARDNER A/K/A
KIMBER A. GARDNER; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN
TENANT 2; CITRUS SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.;
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 09, 2021, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, the office of Angela Vick, Clerk of the Circuit Court, shall sell the property situated in Citrus County, Florida, described as:

LOT 6, BLOCK 951, CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT 13, ACCORDING
TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6,
PAGES 98 THROUGH 108, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS
COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 409 W OBERLIN PL, CITRUS SPRINGS, FL 34434-8022

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Online at www.citrus.realforeclose.com, on **January 06, 2022** beginning at 10:00 AM.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated at St. Petersburg, Florida this 3rd day of December, 2021.

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, Florida 34450, Telephone (352) 341-6700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Published December 9 & 16, 2021

5023-1216 THCRN Loretta E. Heyboer 21-001567

09-2021-CA-000296 Notice of Action

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 09-2021-CA-000296

DIVISION:

AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGN-
EES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER
CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR
AGAINST, LORETTA E. HEYBOER, DECEASED, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To:

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGN-
EES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER
CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR
AGAINST, LORETTA E. HEYBOER, DECEASED

Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown

ROSENNA MAE RITCHIE A/K/A ROSEANNA MAY SANDERS
Last Known Address: 832 CRICKLEWOOD ST SW
WYOMING, MI 49509

Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Citrus County, Florida:

LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 202, INVERNESS HIGHLANDS
SOUTH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED
IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 51 THROUGH 66 OF THE PUB-
LIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 122 CABOT ST INVERNESS FL 34452

has been filed against you and you are required to file written defenses with the clerk of court and to serve a copy within 30 days after the first publication of the Notice of Action, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the **Citrus County Chronicle**.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 12th day of November, 2021.

ANGELA VICK

Clerk of the Circuit Court

{County Court Seal}

By:/s/ Amy Holmes
Deputy Clerk

**See the Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the Courts within 2 working days of your receipt of your notice to appear in Court at:

Citrus County

John Sullivan

(352) 341-6700

Published December 9 & 16, 2021

FORECLOSURE

5024-0106 THCRN Tammy Mowat

2020-CA-471 Notice of Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY FLORIDA

Case No.: 2020-CA-471

MAHALEY, LLC.

A Tennessee Limited Liability Company

Plaintiff,

And

TAMMY MOWAT, Individually, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to that certain Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 3, 2021, and entered in Case No. 2020-CA-471, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Citrus County, Florida in which MAHALEY, LLC is the Plaintiff and in which TAMMY MOWAT, and ESTATE OF MICHAEL COLLIER are the Defendant. The Office of Angela Vick, Clerk of the Circuit Court will offer for sale and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by electronic sale beginning at 10:00 A.M. on January 20, 2022 at www.citrus.realforeclose.com the following described real property as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment:

Lots 8 and 9, Block E, of LEISURE ACRES, UNIT 1

According to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5
Pages 13, 14, 15, and 16, Public Records of Citrus County,
Florida.

Together with: 1985 Mobile Home ID# 33610175U and 1985
Mobile Home ID # SSMFLAC71760

THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE
AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE
PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FIN-
NAL JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLD-
ER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE
SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO
LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO
FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY RE-
MAINING FUNDS.

/s/ STEVEN D. FICHTMAN, ESQ. Fla. Bar No. 0014302
Law Office of Steven D. Fichtman, PLLC
PO Box 4290, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447
352/364-9112
Steven@fichtmanlaw.com, Angela@fichtmanlaw.com,
Service@fichtmanlaw.com

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

Published December 16, 23 & 30, 2021 and January 6, 2022

5005-1216 THCRN Leo J. Bukowski

2021 CA 473 Notice of Action

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2021 CA 473

UNDERWOOD RESIDENTIAL GC, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LEO J. BUKOWINSKI; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LEO J. BUKOW-
INSKI, if any; ALBIN J. BUKOWINSKI; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
ALBIN J. BUKOWINSKI, if any; CITRUS SPRINGS CIVIC ASSO-
CIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES,
GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES,
OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UN-
DER OR AGAINST SAID DEFENDANTS

Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION:
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS - PROPERTY

NOTICE OF ACTION TO ALBIN J. BUKOWINSKI, if any, whose
residences are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title has
been commenced on the following property in Citrus County,
Florida:

PARCEL NO. 14-

CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT 4 PLAT BK 5 PG 133 LOT 20 BLK
349 DESC IN O R BK 555 PG 535 OF THE PUBLIC RE-
CORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NO: 18E17S100040 03490 0200

And has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on RICHARD MUTARELLI, JR., ESQ., the Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is Schatt, McGraw, Rauba & Mutarelli, P.A., 328 N.E. 1st Avenue, Suite 100, Ocala, Florida 34470, on or before December 25, 2021 and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on 19th of November, 2021.

ANGELA VICK

As Clerk of the Court

{County Court Seal}

By: /s/ Hanora N. Cassels

As Deputy Clerk

Richard Mutarelli, Jr., Esq.
Schatt, McGraw, Rauba & Mutarelli, PA
328 N.E. 1st Avenue

Suite 100

Ocala, FL 34470

352-789-6520

Published November 25 and December 2, 9 & 16, 2021

5021-1216 THCRN Jack Edward Stollard 1000004697

2019 CA 000534 A Notice of Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2019 CA 000534 A

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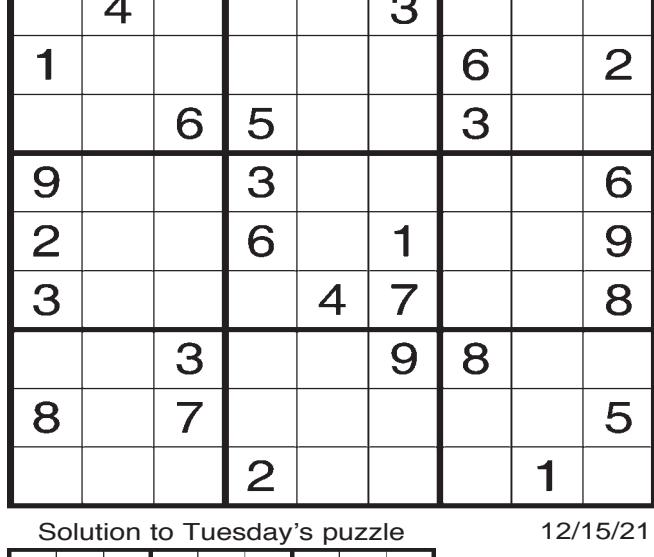
Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIEN

SUDOKU

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Level **1 2 3 4**

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

12/15/21

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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Thursday, December 16, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- BEHOLDEN

(BEHOLDEN: bih-HOLE-den: Under obligation for a favor or gift; indebted.)

Average mark 27 words
Time limit 40 minutesCan you find 37 or more words in BEHOLDEN?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- CAVERNS

cane	crane	earn	save
caner	crave	race	saver
care	craven	rave	scan
carve	acne	raven	scar
case	acre	nave	sear
casern	aver	near	spear
cave	vane	sane	snare
caver	vase	saner	sner

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

1 Stops the car
6 Whimper
10 Headpieces
12 Strut
14 Andes
ruminant
15 Eagerly wish
16 Young
chickens
18 Use a
microwave
19 Go out with
21 Row
23 Puppy noise
24 Rx giver
26 Deliberately
avoid
29 Time span
30 Dress bottom
32 Elevator man
34 Teen outcast
36 Homer-hitter
Mel
37 Rascal
38 Milky Way
unit

40 Jr. naval officer

42 Bashful
43 Loaded for —
45 Not at home
47 Jungle
snake
50 Like cherries
jubilee
52 Foul-tasting
54 Full of
passion
58 — the Hun
59 Diploma
60 Get better
61 Wait on

DOWN

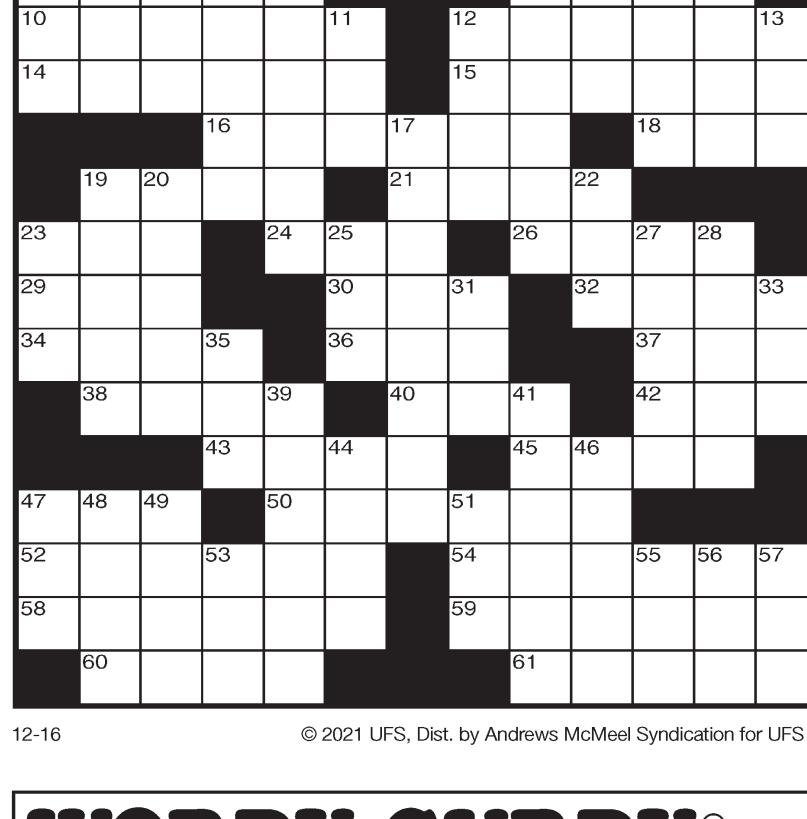
1 Harper Valley
org.
2 Have a cough
3 Hip-hop
music
4 Big name in
cheese
5 Of gods and
goddesses

Answer to Previous Puzzle



9 Zhivago's
beloved
11 State
12 Indian wrap
13 Nope
opposite
17 And so on
(2 wds.)
19 Challenges
20 Separate
22 Sweater letter
23 Hankering
25 Taunting cry
27 City in
New York
28 Spock
porter
31 Geog. feature
33 007
35 Apply makeup
39 Second
helping
41 Buffalo
pucksters
44 Swit co-star
46 Slice of cake
47 Swimsuit
piece
48 Pledge
49 Poker stake
51 Impractical
53 Government
org.
55 Slip up
56 Ore. neighbor
57 Golfer's peg

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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.

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1. Mafia turncoat's spoiled kids (1)



2. Entire small grassy mound (1)



3. Jolted a poet like Shakespeare (1)



4. Door pivot buying spree (1)



5. Primarily bluntly and uncomplicatedly (2)



6. Fop's beer-with-lemonade drinks (2)



7. Expressionlessness lack of genuineness (3)



5. MARTS BRATS 2. WHOLE KNOTT 3. JARRIED BARD 4. HINGE BINGE

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5025-1223 THCRN Dennis C. Colwell 21-F00882
2021 CA 000638 A Notice of Action-Constructive Service
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN THE GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 2021 CA 000638 A

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.
The Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Li-
enors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest
by, through, under or against the Estate of Dennis C. Colwell
a/k/a Dennis Colwell, Deceased; et al

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: Keri S. Colwell a/k/a Keri Colwell
Last Known Address: 6101 Graciosa Dr. Apt. 3 Los Angeles, CA.
90068

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BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 2 TO 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF
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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy
of your written defenses, if any, to it on Julie York, Esquire, Brock
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NW 64th St, Suite 130 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, on or before
January, 15, 2021, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court
either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately
thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the
relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on 6th December, 2021.

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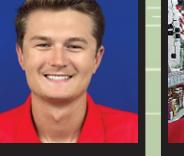




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