


TUESDAY

TODAY & next morning
HIGH 79
LOW 52



Sunny and beautiful.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus County COVID-19 cases

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

No new deaths were reported, for a total of 433.

To date in the county, 10,413 people have tested positive (including 91 non-residents).

One new hospitalization was reported, for a total of 676 hospitalized.

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

Register to get COVID vaccine

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for all individuals 18 and older and frontline health care workers is now available.

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

As part of the statewide preregistration system, each county has a designated number that individuals can call and preregister with if they do not have internet access. Citrus County's designated help-line number is 833-540-2058.

Fallen Vietnam vets info sought

Crystal Harley-Davidson will host the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall from April 22 to 25, 1147 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

The gathering will honor veterans, fallen and missing heroes and active duty troops. The wall is a 3/5 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in memory of the 58,282 soldiers who never returned from Vietnam, including eight Citrus County residents: William H. Craig Jr., Stanley G. Hartson, Carl H. Joyner, Richard S. Lowes, Herbert D. Surber, William A. Wicks, James G. Williams and Charles E. Hall.

The Chronicle is seeking family members and friends of those residents killed in action to share stories and photos for a series of stories we are planning. Those with information, can email Managing Editor Jeff Bryan at jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com or Assistant Managing Editor Brian LaPeter at blapeter@chronicleonline.com.

Wildfire burns 105 acres

Threatens Chassahowitzka homes

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A wildfire scorched 105 acres within Chassahowitzka in southwest Citrus County, threatening several homes.

According to the Florida Forest Service, the Riviera Wildfire was the largest of three large brushfires its firefighters responded to Saturday, April 3.

There was a 11-acre commercial wildfire in Hernando County, and a 4-acre wildfire that endangered a Pasco County neighborhood.

Sunday also marked the start of the state's Wildfire Awareness Week, when the dry season heightens and property owners should start getting their evacuation plans in order.

"They need to be ready, set and ready to go," forestry spokeswoman Judith Tear said. "With a wildfire, it happens fast; it's not like a hurricane, where you have 48 hours of warning."

See **WILDFIRE**/Page A2



In this 2019 file photo, dragon boats compete against each other in the Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival. Dragon boat races will descend upon Lake Henderson in Inverness for the inaugural Pan Am Dragon Boat Race and Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Wallace Brooks Park, 321 E. Dampier St.

Dragons to descend on Citrus

Inverness to host dragon boat races, festival

HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Staff writer

The steady pounding of drums will soon echo through Inverness, commemorating the inaugural Pan Am Dragon Boat Race and Festival on Lake Henderson.

The event is free and open to the public and will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Wallace Brooks Park, 321 E. Dampier St.

For those who haven't heard of dragon boat racing, it's an ancient cultural event originating in China and is "more recently, a modern day sport," said Mike Kerkmann, Pan Am Dragon Boat founder, president and CEO. "The sport has flourished."

The typical crew of a dragon boat consists of 20 paddlers,



Each race vessel is adorned with an intricate dragon on the bow.

one drummer and one steerer. The drummer beats on the drum, located at the front of the boat, in keeping with the rhythm of the paddlers. The steerer directs the boat from the back.

"Things started to get going around 2005 and now there's over 20 events that take place in Florida," Kerkmann said.

In fact, dragon boat racing has managed to make its way all the way to Inverness.

"I've certainly had my eye on the development of Wallace Brooks Park," Kerkmann said.

The park underwent major renovation in 2019 under the "Depot District" projects.

"It looked like the ideal venue for the event," Kerkmann said.

See **DRAGON**/Page A5

'Fred the Barber' retires after 42 years

Recovering from motorcycle accident

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Over the past 42 years, Fred "the Barber" Sparkman has cut the hair on thousands of heads.

This past weekend, he set down his scissors and shears for the last time to retire.

He posted on the Fred's Barber Shop Facebook page his goodbye message: "Today was my last day at the barbershop. I'm so very thankful that I had the opportunity to have the barbershop my whole life. I had surrounded my wife and my life at the barbershop. Due to my motorcycle accident in South Dakota (Aug. 14, 2020) I have no choice but to retire. I am very thankful for the 42 years that I have had in Crystal River cutting hair. It was the very best time I ever had in my life."

"I have sold the barbershop to a great guy who's going to open his own business in that store. Unfortunately, he's not a barber but he's a great guy and he will take that building and property to the next level."



Fred "the Barber" Sparkman shown in April 2018, recently retired after 42 years cutting hair in Crystal River. He is still recovering from a serious motorcycle crash he suffered on Aug. 14, 2020, in South Dakota.

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Roughly 20% of Citrus' population fully vaccinated

COVID cases top 10,400

BUSTER THOMPSON
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Almost 50,000 Citrus County residents received at least their first vaccine dose for COVID-19 as Florida expands its vaccination access to each of its adults.

According to the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) on Monday, April 5, 49,552 locals have been vaccinated, with 29,896 — roughly 20% of the county population — completing their series of one- or two-shot doses.

Also on Monday, Florida allowed its residents 18 years and older to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, after reducing the minimum age March 29 to residents 40 years and older.

To preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine with the state health department, visit myvaccine.fl.gov.

Citrus County on Monday reported a total 10,413 COVID-19 cases, according to the FDOH, an increase of 135 infections over the week, at an average 19 transmissions a day.

For its Florida residents, the county's 7-day average positivity rate of novel coronavirus contractions was at 5.81% on Monday, a decrease from the 6.15% reported March 29.

Health officials want to keep positivity rates — the number of positive results out of total test results — below 10%.

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Around the

COUNTY

Friends of library

slate book sale

The Friends of the Homosassa Library will have an outdoor book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6, 7 and 8, at the library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave. It will include fiction and mystery/thriller hardbacks, paperbacks, historical fiction and nonfiction, children and teens', jigsaw puzzles, CD's, DVD's and cookbooks. Books will cost \$2 for hardbacks and 50 cents for paperbacks.

'Managing Pests Wisely' workshop

Citrus County Utilities' Florida-Friendly Landscaping program is offering a free online "Managing Pests Wisely" gardening workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6. Correctly identifying the cause of plant damage is the first step to controlling an infestation. Inspection, scouting, identification, selecting the least harmful control and accurate application are important practices. Register for the workshop at ccufflprogram.eventbrite.com. Call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708 for more information.

Drive-thru only

food giveaways

Beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 7 and April 14, the public can receive boxes of assorted food items at the New Church Without Walls at 300 S. Kensington Ave., Le-canto, next to the Holiday Inn Express. Beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, Drive-thru only Feed Citrus County food giveaway will be at Nature Coast Church, 5113 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa. Monetary donations are needed to continue feeding Citrus County residents. Donate at www.newchurchwithoutwalls.com, www.citrusunitedway.org, www.communityfoodbankofcitruscounty.org or www.wecarefoodpantry.org.

— From staff reports

Clarification

Due to a production error, a quote in the story, "Tod the trooper retires," on Page C1 of the Sunday, April 4, edition warrants clarification. Nikki James said: "Trooper Tod Cloud has ticketed me four times, pulled me over at least six. Every time my heart stops. I know right off the bat not only did I break the law ... but I put my friend and mentor in situations he doesn't like to be in. I can honestly say, I learn something each time. Respect and honesty always win. I've seen both fear, professionalism, kindness, faith and passion for God, family, job and this county from Trooper Cloud more times than I can count. He's constantly teaching me. I have been blessed with the friend my family and I consider him. Trooper Tod (mama only thought he needed one "d") Cloud; you will be missed. Not only by my kids, but by the many kids in Citrus County. From YMCA Halloween Trunk or Treats with Lil Johnny Roll-over Car, to Nature Coast EMS Trunk or Treats, and all the behind the scenes stuff you do ... you changed lives here, especially mine ... for the better." Readers can alert the Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing community@chronicleonline.com or by calling 352-563-5660.

Inverness considers priorities

City council to look at park security

cameras, Manning's Bar, arts planning

FRED HIERS

Staff writer

For years, Inverness has marketed itself as a friendly and inviting city with inviting downtown shops and businesses, quiet, family-oriented parks, and safe neighborhoods. But times change, and sometimes not always for the better. Following a string of vandalism at the renovated Liberty Park, including a February robbery at gunpoint, the city council will decide during its meeting Tuesday, April 6, whether to spend \$68,028 for 18 security cameras to be posted throughout the park and for the security firm to manage and store the camera data for the next 10 years. "Since the redevelopment and reopening of the Depot District parks, there has been an unfortunate increase in undesirable activities," City Manager Eric Williams wrote to his council bosses. "In taking proactive measures to address these unwelcomed activities and to increase public safety and visibility, the city has engaged Howard Technologies to recommend, engineer, and install wireless camera systems (at Liberty Park)." While Inverness markets itself as a Florida version of Mayberry, Williams told the Chronicle the world has changed and is more litigious than when the fictitious town was created for television during the early 1960s. "It's put Mayberry in the business of needing security

cameras," Williams said. The city is responsible for trying to ensure people's safety at the park and because there's already been vandalism, the time has come for security cameras. The expectation of some measure of privacy will unfortunately be a casualty, he said. The park and its parking lot don't have gated entrances and are open, which allows people to come and go as they please despite when the park and parking lot are closed, Williams said. Williams said the city will eventually also install security cameras at Wallace Brooks Park. There are no such plans for Whispering Pines Park because that park is gated with a single entrance and exit. The security cameras will also act as a deterrent, Williams said. People are less likely to do something wrong if they know they're being recorded, he said. "And if someone got hurt ... someone would hold the city accountable for not having security cameras," he said. Inverness city hall already has security cameras. If the city council agrees to the cameras, Williams said they could be installed and operational by the first part of the summer. In other city business, the council will: ■ Consider whether to hire Florida-based Civic Icon Arts to help the city in public arts planning and Art Festival management services. "As council is aware public art



MATTHEW BACK/Chronicle file

The Inverness city council will decide during its meeting Tuesday, April 6, whether to spend money for security cameras to be posted throughout the park and a security firm to manage and store the camera data.

adds value to the cultural, aesthetic and economic vitality of a community and is also increasingly part of quality urban design," Williams wrote the city council. "The city's historic downtown is well positioned to add public art as an additional enhancement to its recent streetscape improvement initiatives," he wrote. The city has many artist strengths and art potentials, but the city needs a plan, he told the Chronicle. "Public art is the embodiment ... and the first thing people see (when they come to Inverness)," he said. Creating a larger artistic plan is beyond the city's staff abilities, so outside help from someone steeped in the art community is needed, Williams said. Under the proposed contract Civic Icon Arts would also oversee the city's Festival of the Arts program. Williams said he wanted the Festival of the Arts to have an

impact on the community throughout the year and serve as a springboard for art in the community. "It's an investment in the future," he said. ■ Will consider William's request to demolish the long-time eyesore known as Manning's Bar on State Road 44. The bar closed about 35 years ago, but many know the dilapidated building with a fallen roof by its old Manning name. If approved, the city could demolish the structure as soon as April 12. The city in 2016 directed owners Milton and Nadeen Kongquee, of Hernando, to fix the dilapidated property, but the couple did not comply. Williams said efforts to fine the owners and force compliance to repair the property have not succeeded. The cost to demolish the building will be \$6,000.



JUDITH ENGLERT/Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Fire Rescue units and other emergency crews respond the afternoon of Saturday, April 3, 2021, to a three-vehicle collision at the intersection of North Bedstrow Boulevard and West Hampshire Boulevard in Citrus Springs. Florida Highway Patrol troopers cited a Crystal River woman for running a stop sign.

Woman cited for running stop sign, causing 3-vehicle collision

BUSTER THOMPSON

Staff writer

Florida Highway Patrol troopers cited a Crystal River woman for running a stop sign at a Citrus Springs intersection, causing a three-vehicle collision. Of the five motorists, which included a child, involved in the 12:35 p.m. crash from Saturday, April 3, two were hospitalized with possible and non-incapacitating injuries, according to highway patrol (FHP), which didn't release identifications. According to FHP, the 23-year-old woman was driving a gray Nissan Altima

north on North Bedstrow Boulevard, approaching the intersection with West Hampshire Boulevard. At the same time, a gray Dodge Durango and its driver, a 72-year-old Crystal River woman, were traveling east on Hampshire Boulevard while a bronze Toyota RAV4 and its three occupants were westbound. According to FHP, the Altima's driver told troopers she was looking at her GPS device and didn't notice the intersection's stop sign, causing her car to crash into the front of the passing Durango, which, along with the Altima, collided with the front of the oncoming RAV4.

Following the crash, the Durango went off of Hampshire Boulevard and came to rest near a house, while the RAV4 spun alongside it. Emergency responders transported the drivers of the Altima and Durango to Ocala Regional Medical Center. None of RAV4's occupants — a 28-year-old Hernando woman, a 28-year-old Inverness man and a 7-year-old Hernando boy — were transported by responders to a hospital after suffering non-incapacitating injuries, according to FHP. Troopers cited the Altima's driver for running a stop sign.

Rural leaders worry about 'devastating' prison closures

DARA KAM

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A plan to shutter up to four state prisons is alarming officials in Florida's rural regions where correctional institutions have played an outsized role in providing jobs and supporting businesses for decades. Senate President Wilton Simpson's proposal to consolidate prisons and demolish four facilities drew bipartisan pushback when it was released recently as lawmakers began to piece together next

year's state budget. Simpson, R-Trilby, has defended consolidation and closures, saying the plan is designed to resuscitate a prison system in crisis. The Department of Corrections for years has grappled with decaying infrastructure, an exceedingly high worker turnover rate and staffing vacancies so dire they now pose security threats to employees and inmates. But local officials say the potential closures could have a devastating impact in rural counties, where prisons for generations

have been woven into the fabric of the local culture. "You could literally kill a community overnight by closing a prison, if it's in the right location. You're talking about generational changes that would affect our citizens," Levy County Commissioner John Meeks, chairman of the state's Small County Coalition, told The News Service of Florida in a phone interview. The Senate included a requirement to shutter four state prisons by Dec. 31 — and raze the buildings by 2024 — in a

proposed \$2.75 billion budget for the Department of Corrections for the fiscal year that begins in July. The Senate plan, which calls for the elimination of 6,000 prison beds, doesn't target specific institutions. Instead, it would require the corrections agency to "develop a comprehensive facility consolidation plan to adjust prison capacity" based on the final state budget. Senate and House leaders will negotiate a final spending plan before the scheduled April 30 end of the legislative session. Under the Senate

approach, facilities would be considered for closure based on a variety of factors, such as the ages and "facility maintenance needs" of institutions; proximity to other prisons; the "local labor pool and availability of workforce for staffing the institution;" historical correctional officer vacancy rates at the prisons; and "the impact of closure on the local community's economy." Florida has more than 145 correctional facilities — including prisons, annexes and work camps — throughout the state.

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Set your sights on what excites you. Believe in yourself and do whatever it takes to achieve happiness. Put your heart and soul into life, love and being the best you can be.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Running your ideas by people who offer encouragement along with common sense will help you navigate your way through any pitfalls you encounter.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Keep your thoughts to yourself until you have a clear picture of how you want to proceed. Thorough research will prevent negative results.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Don't waste time. A chance to get ahead is coming, and preparation will help build the confidence you need to dazzle the powers-that-be.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Concentrate on what you need to do to succeed. Refuse to let personal matters interfere with your responsibilities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Press people for answers. Use your communication skills to your advantage. Get the lowdown, and make decisions based on the facts you receive.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take action if you want to bring about change. Don't make excuses when it's up to you to make things happen. Don't play the blame game.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Take care of responsibilities, and free up time to enjoy with a loved one. Don't make unnecessary purchases. Fitness and physical improvements are favored.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Put everything in place before you leap into action. Understanding what's possible will help you avoid a costly mistake.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Size up whatever situation you face, and put a strategy in place that will eliminate outside interference.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll face opposition if you initiate a change without going through the proper channels.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A moneymaking opportunity looks promising. Don't miss out because you've taken on responsibilities that don't belong to you.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep your plans secret, and you'll avoid a disagreement. Don't make a premature move in an emotional situation.

ENTERTAINMENT

New this Week:
'Kung Fu,' 'Rebel'
and 'Thunder Force'

Here's a collection curated by The Associated Press' entertainment journalists of what's arriving on TV, streaming services and music platforms this week.

MOVIES

■ Against the odds, **Melissa McCarthy** and her husband, filmmaker **Ben Falcone**, have managed to put out two movies during the pandemic. Last November came HBO Max's "Superintelligence," about a regular woman (McCarthy) joined with a megalomaniacal artificial intelligence (voiced by **James Corden**). This time, in "Thunder Force," McCarthy is again thrust into saving the planet. In the Netflix film, McCarthy and **Octavia Spencer** play women given superpowers — accidentally in the case of McCarthy's character — to defend Chicago from supervillains (**Bobby Cannavale**, **Jason Bateman**).

— AP Film Writer Jake Coyle

MUSIC

■ **Taylor Swift's** defining 2008 album, "Fearless," helped her break through onto the pop charts with successes like "You Belong with Me" and "Love Story." The album went on to win four Grammys, including her first album of the year honor. So it's fitting that "Fearless," though it was her sophomore release, is the first project she has re-recorded after her masters were sold off. "Fearless: Taylor's Version" will be released Friday and includes 27 songs, including 13 from the original album. **Keith Urban** appears on the songs "That's When" and "We Were Happy," while "You All Over Me"



Associated Press

This combination of photos shows promotional art for "Kung Fu," a TV series premiering April 7 on The CW, left, "Rebel," a TV series premiering April 8 on ABC, center, and the film "Thunder Force," a comedy premiering April 9 on Netflix.

features **Maren Morris**.

■ On Friday, the legendary **Merry Clayton** is releasing her first album in over 25 years. Aptly titled "Beautiful Scars," the album arrives seven years after Clayton had both her legs amputated following a car accident. "Beautiful Scars" features new songs written by **Diane Warren** and **Chris Martin** and covers of classics by **Sam Cooke** and **Leon Russell**.

— AP Music Editor Mesfin Fekadu

TELEVISION

■ **Ernest Hemingway** and doctor-writer **Oliver Sacks** get the Burns' touch in new PBS documentary films — the latter from **Ric Burns**, the former from his brother, **Ken**, and collaborator **Lynn Novick**. "Hemingway," airing Monday through Wednesday, delves into the famed novelist's works and life to reveal the "complicated man behind the myth." Friday brings "Oliver Sacks: His Own Life," airing on PBS' "American Masters." Ric Burns interviewed Sacks shortly after he was diagnosed with the cancer that claimed his life in 2015, and spoke to many who knew him.

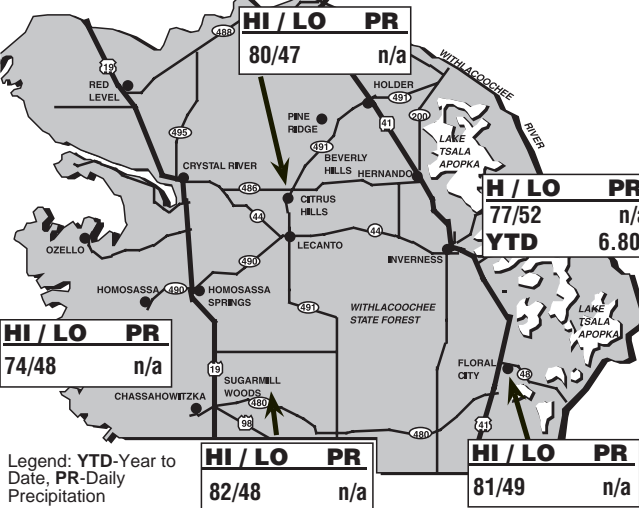
■ **Olivia Liang** stars in CW's "Kung Fu," a reimagining of the

1970s series in which **David Caradine** played a Shaolin monk in the Old West. In the reboot debuting 8 p.m. Wednesday, Liang plays Nicky, a contemporary Chinese American who traded college for education at a monastery in China. Returning to her San Francisco hometown, she discovers it and her parents are at the mercy of a gang. Joining her to fight them are her sister (played by **Shannon Dang**), an ex-boyfriend (**Gavin Stenhouse**) and new love interest (**Eddie Liu**). Oh, and the assassin who killed Nicky's Shaolin mentor is after her.

■ **Katey Sagal** is a woman on a mission, or missions, in "Rebel," an ABC drama series debuting 10 p.m. Thursday. Sagal plays Annie "Rebel" Bello, a legal advocate who lacks a law degree but has an abundance of passion for causes and people in need of a champion. **John Corbett** plays her husband, with **Andy Garcia** as the lawyer Rebel is teamed with. The series takes inspiration from Erin Brockovich, who was portrayed in a 2000 film by Oscar-winning **Julia Roberts**, as the real-life activist is today.

— AP Television Writer Lynn Elber
— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 79° Low: 52°
Sunny and beautiful.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 82° Low: 52°
Mostly sunny and milder.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 80° Low: 57°
Mostly sunny and pleasant.

ALMANAC				Data from Crystal River Airport
TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT		
Yesterday	82/46	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	48°	
Record*	93/36	HUMIDITY		
Normal	81/52	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	32%	
Mean temp.	67	POLLEN COUNT**		
Departure from mean	-3	Today's active pollen:		
PRECIPITATION		Oak, juniper, bayberry		
Yesterday	0.00"	Today's count: 9/12		
Total for the month	0.00"	Wednesday's count: 9.6		
Total for the year	5.19"	Thursday's count: 9.7		
Normal for the year	10.74"	AIR QUALITY		
*Official record values from Tampa International		Yesterday observed	Good	
UV INDEX: 9		Pollutant	Ozone	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high				
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE				
	30.14			

SOLAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
04/06	TUESDAY	7:13	9:38	7:50	10:03
04/07	WEDNESDAY	7:12	10:28	7:51	10:51

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK				
Apr 11	Apr 20	Apr 26	May 3	
SUNSET TONIGHT				7:50 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW				7:12 am
MOONRISE TODAY				4:18 am
MOONSET TODAY				3:01 pm

BURN CONDITIONS
Today's Fire Danger Index is: **HIGH. 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.citrusbocc.com/departments/water_resources/watering_restrictions.php

TIDES						
*From mouths of rivers		**At King's Bay			***At Mason's Creek	
TUESDAY						
City		High		Low		
Chassahowitzka**	2:09 a.m.	0.6 ft	None	n/a	10:48 a.m.	0.1 ft
Crystal River**	3:38 p.m.	1.2 ft	None	n/a	7:51 a.m.	0.3 ft
Withlacoochee*	12:02 p.m.	2.4 ft	10:44 p.m.	2.9 ft	5:54 a.m.	0.2 ft
Homosassa***	3:34 p.m.	0.6 ft	None	n/a	10:32 a.m.	0.0 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	76	54	s	Miami	78	68	pc
Fort Lauderdale	79	65	pc	Ocala	81	53	s
Fort Myers	83	59	s	Orlando	83	59	s
Gainesville	81	53	s	Pensacola	73	61	s
Homestead	81	63	pc	Sarasota	79	58	s
Jacksonville	82	55	s	Tallahassee	82	54	s
Key West	79	70	pc	Tampa	81	60	s
Lakeland	82	57	s	Vero Beach	78	52	s
Melbourne	77	54	s	W. Palm Bch.	78	67	s

MARINE OUTLOOK

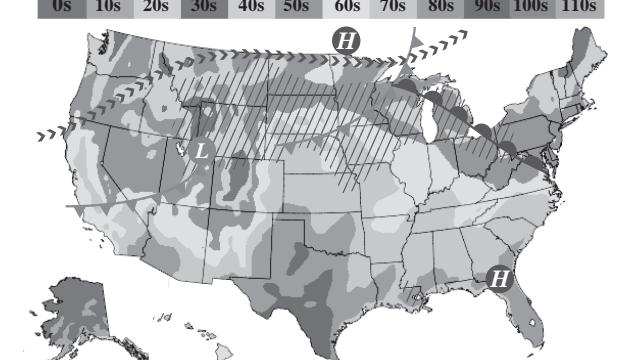
Today: Southeast winds around 10 knots then becoming west late in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: North winds around 10 knots then becoming east after midnight.

Gulf water temperature
70°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	MON	SUN	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	27.26	27.28	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.02	37.04	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.09	38.11	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.32	39.34	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Tuesday

Friday													
City	MON			TUE			City	MON			TUE		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst
Albany	63	37	0.00	62	37	s	New Orleans	76	57	0.00	78	65	pc
Albuquerque	81	48	0.00	78	40	s	New York City	68	48	0.00	68	46	s
Asheville	74	36	0.00	76	48	s	Norfolk	71	49	0.00	73	53	s
Atlanta	79	40	0.00	78	54	s	Oklahoma City	77	54	0.00	78	53	mc
Atlantic City	69	41	0.00	63	46	pc	Omaha	85	61	Trace	76	55	sh
Austin	80	59	0.00	85	67	mc	Palm Springs	99	73	0.00	90	65	s
Baltimore	72	44	0.00	70	50	pc	Philadelphia	70	48	0.00	69	47	s
Billings	59	42	0.00	50	33	rs	Phoenix	97	64	0.00	90	60	s
Birmingham	78	45	0.00	80	55	s	Pittsburgh	72	39	0.00	75	55	sh
Boise	54	41	Trace	62	35	s	Portland, ME	47	37	0.02	52	41	mc
Boston	57	47	0.00	56	42	mc	Portland, OR	61	36	0.00	65	41	s
Buffalo	59	33	0.02	62	48	sh	Providence, RI	63	45	0.00	58	40	pc
Burlington, VT	56	37	0.00	58	39	s	Raleigh	75	42	0.00	80	53	s
Charlotte, SC	82	41	0.00	80	58	s	Rapid City	68	47	0.00	40	33	rs
Charleston, WV	77	39	0.00	78	53	s	Reno	66	44	Trace	68	36	s
Charlotte	79	39	0.00	81	54	s	Rochester, NY	55	32	0.00	60	46	s
Chicago	77	59	Trace	78	56	pc	Sacramento	50	49	0.00	77	46	s
Cincinnati	76	40	0.00	78	53	s	Salt Lake City	73	53	0.00	52	37	rs
Cleveland	72	46	Trace	70	57	sh	San Antonio	82	59	0.00	87	67	mc
Columbia, SC	81	44	0.00	82	55	s	San Diego	66	58	0.00	68	54	mc
Columbus, OH	74	46	0.00	79	55	s	San Francisco	56	52	0.00	61	48	pc
Concord, NH	55	43	0.00	58	37	pc	Savannah	79	47	0.00	82	57	s
Dallas	79	55	0.00	82	67	cl	Seattle	54	33	0.00	58	42	pc
Denver	77	47	0.00	56	35	sh	Spokane	56	34	0.02	62	38	s
Des Moines	82	61	0.00	75	60	sh	St. Louis	81	48	0.00	81	62	s
Detroit	57	44	0.03	73	53	pc	St. Ste Marie	54	42	Trace	52	41	t
El Paso	91	57	0.00	87	57	pc	Syracuse	57	33	0.00	61	38	s
Evansville, IN	78	50	0.00	81	58	s	Topeka	81	55	0.00	76	56	mc
Harrisburg	72	43	0.00	71	50	pc	Washington	73	46	0.00	74	52	mc
Hartford	65	41	0.00	62	40	s	YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW						
Houston	79	54	Trace	81	68	mc	HIGH 101, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.						
Indianapolis	76	50	0.00	81	55	pc	LOW 14, Gorham, N.H.						
Kansas City	81	55	0.00	77	60	mc	WORLD CITIES						
Las Vegas	92	61	Trace	79	56	s	CITY	MON	H/L/SKY	Lisbon	69/55/mc		
Little Rock	76	49	0.00	79	63	pc	Acapulco	96/69/s		London	43/33/pc		
Los Angeles	71	55	0.00	76	55	mc	Amsterdam	39/35/sn		Madrid	72/49/s		
Louisville	76	54	0.00	81	56	s	Athens	67/55/mc		Mexico City	74/58/ra		
Memphis	78	50	0.00	79	62	s	Beijing	70/49/mc		Montreal	52/39/ra		
Milwaukee	74	48	0.02	75	53	pc	Berlin	42/30/sn		Moscow	48/33/pc		
Minneapolis	84	46	0.00	63	50	sh	Bermuda	66/63/s		Paris	44/34/pc		
Mobile	75	48	0.00	75	60	pc	Cairo	93/63/s		Rio	80/69/s		
Montgomery	77	42	0.00	80	54	s	Calgary	55/34/s		Rome	64/46/ra		
Nashville	79	46	0.00	79	58	pc	Havana	79/69/mc		Sydney	75/67/ra		
							Hong Kong	74/71/ra		Tokyo	57/47/ra		
							Jerusalem	83/60/s		Toronto	48/41/ra		

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Today in
HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 6, the 96th day of 2021. There are 269 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On April 6, 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.

On this date:
In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.
In 1917, the United States entered World War I as the House joined the Senate in approving a declaration of war against Germany that was then signed by President Woodrow Wilson.
In 1974, Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest held in Brighton, England, with a performance of the song "Waterloo."
In 1985, William J. Schroeder became the first artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital as he moved into an apartment in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ten years ago: Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi appealed directly to President Barack Obama in a letter to end what Gadhafi called "an unjust war"; he also wished Obama good luck in his bid for re-election.

Five years ago: A federal judge in Charleston, West Virginia, sentenced former coal executive Don Blankenship to a year in prison for his role in the 2010 Upper Big Branch Mine explosion that killed 29 men in America's deadliest mining disaster in four decades; Blankenship maintained that he had committed no crime.

One year

DRAGON

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Pan Am alone produced more than 45 events in the U.S. in 2019, dozens of which occur in Florida. They also sell and lease dragon boats to various clubs.

Pan Am was originally planning to conduct the Inverness race and festival in 2020, but due to COVID-19, it was postponed.

The upcoming event "will be the first dragon boat festival to take place in the country since COVID," said Kerkmann.

"It's a lot of fun for the community," event manager Jennifer McCafferty said.

There will be 22 teams competing at Wallace Brooks Park on a 300-meter course.

Racing classes include Breast Cancer Survivors (BCS), Festival Community/Corporate Open, Premier Mixed, Premier Open, Premier Women, Senior Mixed, Senior Open and Senior Women.

Kerkmann explained that BCS teams frequently

get together and race against each other.

"This community has adopted the sport for a lot of good reasons," he said. He also commented that it provides a place for social and personal support for survivors.

In addition to the dragon boat races, there will be craft and food vendors for spectators to enjoy.

"We have a couple of food trucks coming," McCafferty said. Mini donuts, slushies, lemonade, breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, pulled pork, Philly cheesesteaks and Italian sausages are among the foods available for purchase.

Other vendors will be there with health products, jewelry, home décor, swimwear and aquatic related items.

"We're still looking for vendors," said McCafferty, noting interested parties can even register up until the day of the event. To do so, visit jens-market.com or call McCafferty at 813-846-1316.

"We're really thankful that Inverness is letting us come out," McCafferty added.



Special to the Chronicle
The inaugural Pan Am Dragon Boat Race and Festival on Lake Henderson will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Wallace Brooks Park, 321 E. Dampier St.

COVID

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COVID-19 data from the FDOH is subject to change as epidemiological investigations reveal new information on cases.

Six more locals were also admitted to hospital for COVID-19 over the week, totaling 676 hospitalizations on Monday, and five more died, increasing the county's death count to 433.

Since starting school Aug. 20 for the 2020-21 school year, the school district recorded 654

cases — 192 staff, 462 students — as of March 31, an increase of 14 since March 26.

Here are the number of COVID-19 cases reported April 5, ranked by Citrus County's 15 ZIP codes:

■ 34452 (Inverness, Floral City, Inverness Highlands North and Inverness Highlands South): 1,169, an increase of 25 since March 29.

■ 34461 (Black Diamond, Citrus Hills, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto, Pine Ridge and Sugarmill Woods): 1,122, up eight.

■ 34465 (Beverly Hills, Black Diamond, Citrus Springs, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 658, up nine.

Ridge): 1,092, up 14.

■ 34446 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Sugarmill Woods): 1,031, up 12.

■ 34442 (Citrus Hills, Citrus Springs, Hernando, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 963, up 13.

■ 34429 (Crystal River, Ozello, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Black Diamond): 873, up eight.

■ 34453 (Inverness, Citrus Hills, Hernando, Inverness Highlands North and Lecanto): 739, up eight.

■ 34434 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): 658, up nine.

■ 34428 (Crystal River, Red Level and Inglis): 658, up four.

■ 34448 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Sugarmill Woods, Lecanto and Crystal River): 548, up 14.

■ 34450 (Inverness and Inverness Highlands South): 548, up 10.

■ 34433 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs and Pine Ridge): 403, up two.

■ 34436 (Floral City): 371, up five.

■ 34445 (Holder, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): 12, no change.

■ 34449 (Inglis and Yankeetown): six, no change.

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Obituaries

Daniel Hoffman, 70
HOMOSASSA

Daniel Hoffman, 70, of Homosassa, FL, passed into the arms of God and the angels on Saturday morning, March 27, 2021 under the loving care of the HPH Citrus Hospice Care Center in Lecanto FL.

Dan was born in New York City to the late Donald and Lucy (New - some) Hoffman. Danny moved to Camden, NJ as a child, and joined the Camden Police Dept. in 1972. He retired in 1997 after attaining the rank of Captain. He continued his education after retirement and graduated from Rutgers University with a Masters Degree in Social Work. Dan moved to Florida in 2005 where he continued his counseling practice.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 27 years, Maureen (Willard) Hoffman; loving father of Gina (Jason) Hoffman; Anthony (Crystal) Hoffman; Lindsey (Brooke) Hoffman; loving stepfather of Kerry (Ginene) Mahoney and Colleen Mahoney. Dan adored his grandchildren Cheyenne, Gianna, Joey, Gabe, Lori, Nathan, Ella, Zoey and Rina. Also survived by many good friends and relatives.

Dan never lost his sense of humor throughout his battle with Parkinson's Disease and his cancer diagnosis, and he kept on battling until the Lord told him it was time to come home. Memorial services are Friday April 9th at 11 AM Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, with Fr. Glenn Diaz officiating. There will also be a memorial service at Falco, Caruso & Leonard Funeral Home, 6600 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ



Daniel Hoffman

Jimmie Nell Douglas, 99
CITRUS SPRINGS

Jimmie Nell Douglas, age 99, Citrus Springs, FL, formerly of Hernando, FL, died at home on April 5, 2021 under the care of her family and HPH Hospice.

Mrs. Douglas was born in Winfield, AL on January 22, 1922 to the late Earley and Myriel (Cook) Pate. She moved to Citrus County with her late husband, Almer L. Douglas in 1976. She was a homemaker and a long time member of the Inverness Church of God.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Alma Nell Tankersley, Citrus Springs, FL; 1 brother, Ernest Pate, Riviera Beach, FL; 4 grandchildren, several great and great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Almer L. Douglas on October 18, 1989; her son, Wyman Blair Douglas; 2 sisters: Willie Paulk and Bonnie Bowers.

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 2:00 PM from the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home of Inverness with Rev. David Lucas, pastor of the Inverness Church of God officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday from 1:00 PM until the hour of service.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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Jimmie Nell Douglas

Salvatore Pellegrino, 88

Salvatore Pellegrino, age 88, passed away peacefully at his home on March 28, 2021.

Sal was born to Nicholas and Jennie Pellegrino in Girardville, Pennsylvania on January 26, 1933. He was raised by his loving parents Rose and Joseph Pellegrino in Ozone Park, New York. He was known by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren as Poppy or Popsi.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 65 years Lucy Pellegrino, his parents and his brothers and sisters. Sal is survived by his three children, Roseann Piccione, Phyllis Triolo and husband Frank, Joseph Pellegrino and wife Nancy. Also ten grandchildren Danielle Sheffield (Scott), Laura McGee (Kevin), Christina Perry (Joshua), Nicole McGan (Sean), Kristopher Triolo (Shelly), Kimberly Grafton (Dale), Jessica Pellegrino, Joseph Pellegrino (Nicci), Nicholas Pellegrino and Maria Pellegrino. Seventeen great-grandchildren Logan, Alexis, Rachel, Andrew, Victoria, Ashlyn, Lucy, Grace, Emma, Troy, Trevor, Dominic, Pearson,



Salvatore Pellegrino



June, Ella, Gavin and Gianna.

Sal served in the US Army. He loved spending time his family, and serving up his famous meatballs. Sal loved being outdoors, water skiing and boating, and watching the Tampa Bay Rays with his wife Lucy. His favorite place was the beach.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Salvatore will be held at 11:00am on Wednesday April 7, 2021, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, FL. Visitation will be held from 10:00am until the service begins. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Citrus County Animal Shelter in Sal's honor. Arrangements made by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Inverness, FL

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OBITUARIES

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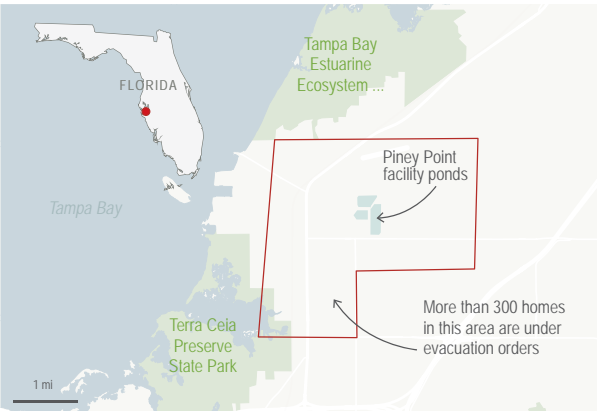
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Wastewater leak prompts evacuations

A leak was detected in a large wastewater pond in the Tampa Bay area.



Source: Manatee County, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

AP

Officials: 2nd breach concern found in Florida phosphate reservoir

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — A drone discovered a possible second breach in a large wastewater reservoir as more pumps were headed to the site to prevent a catastrophic flood, officials said Monday.

U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, a Republican, toured the area by helicopter Monday and said federal resources were committed to assisting the effort to control the 77-acre Piney Point reservoir in Manatee County.

Among those are the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers, Buchanan said at a news conference.

"I think we are making some progress," Buchanan said. "This is something that has been going on too long. Now, I think everybody is

focused on this."

Fears of a complete breach at an old phosphate plant led authorities to evacuate more than 300 homes, close portions of a major highway and move several hundred jail inmates nearby to a second floor of the facility.

Scott Hopes, the Manatee County administrator, said the additional pumps should increase the capacity for a controlled release of the water from about 35 million gallons a day to between 75 million and 100 million gallons a day.

"This has become a very focused local, state and national issue," Hopes said.

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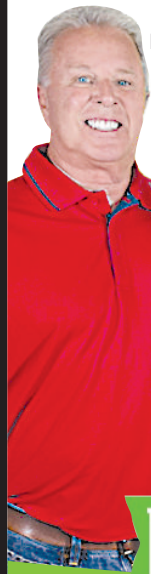
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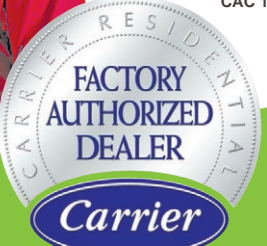
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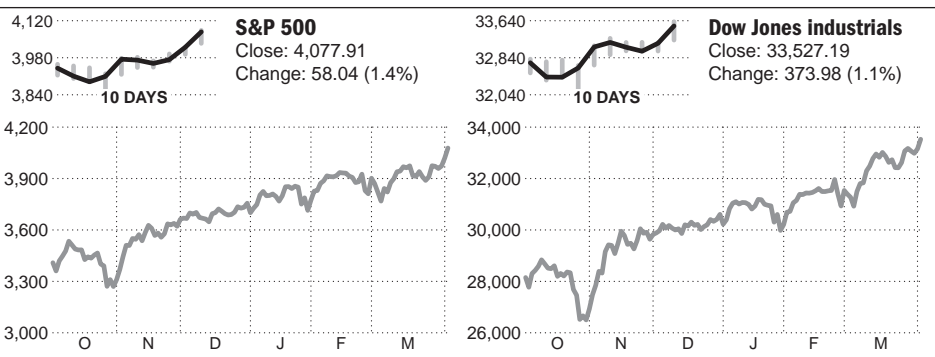
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Stocks of Local Interest

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Table with 5 columns: TREASURIES, LAST, PVS, NET CHG, 1YR AGO. Rows include 3-month T-bill, 6-month T-bill, 52-wk T-bill, 2-year T-note, 5-year T-note, 10-year T-note, 30-year T-bond.

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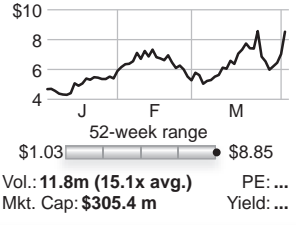
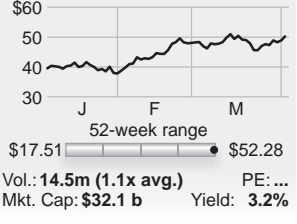
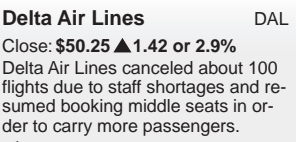
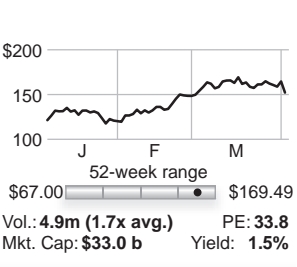
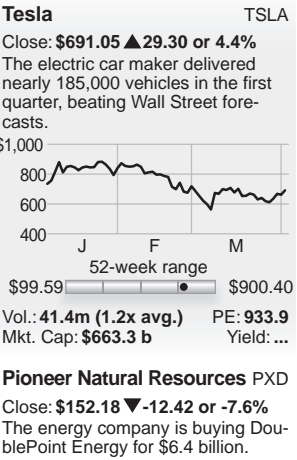
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StoryStocks

Stocks closed higher on Wall Street Monday as the economy showed more signs of recovery. The S&P 500 rose 1.4% to another record high. The gains came after the government reported that employers added 916,000 jobs in March.



Company Spotlight

Famous Dave's shares smokin'

Shares in BBQ Holdings hit a 5-year high after the owner of Minnesota-based barbecue chain Famous Dave's reported strong sales growth in March. The company, which also operates the Granite City Brewery chain, said same-store sales soared in the first quarter as pandemic restrictions were lifted. "Given our most recent performance in Q1, we are feeling very positive about



2021 and what it means for all our stakeholders," CEO Jeff Crivello said. Sales at Famous Dave's jumped nearly 44% in March, and Granite City sales soared over 60% last month, on a same-store basis as of March 25. Famous Dave's founder Dave Anderson opened his first restaurant in Hayward, Wisconsin in 1994. The chain now has 145 restaurants in 31 states.

Table with 2 rows: BBQ Holdings (BBQ) and summary statistics. Row 1: BBQ Holdings (BBQ), Monday's close: \$9.07, +1.14, Total return 1-yr 453.1%, 3-yr* 7.0, 5-yr* 9.8. Row 2: 52-WEEK RANGE \$1.62 to \$9.40, Price-earnings ratio: 17 (Based on past 12-month results), Market value: \$84.2million.

Stocks close higher

Following job gains in March

DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA Associated Press

Stocks on Wall Street notched broad gains Monday as investors welcomed more signs that the economy is on the path to recovery. The S&P 500 rose 1.4% to an all-time high after closing above the 4,000-point mark for the first time last Thursday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average also set a record high, as the market extended its recent run of gains. Technology companies powered much of the rally, which was a reaction to encouraging data on the economy. The U.S. government reported last week that employers went on a hiring spree in March, adding 916,000 jobs, the most since August. Traders had a delayed reaction to the encouraging jobs report, which was released on Friday when stock trading was closed. Investors were further encouraged by a report Monday showing that the services sector recorded record growth in March as orders, hiring and prices surged. Both employment and the services industry have been lagging other areas of the economy throughout

the recovery. Analysts have said that both need to show signs of growth in order for the recovery to remain on track. COVID-19 and the potential for a spike in cases remains a concern, but the strong rollout of vaccinations is making an eventual return to normal for many people seem clearer and closer. "The jobs report underscored the rebound in the labor market," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. "The only thing that can stymie this rebound, this recovery, will be that COVID-19 launches another wave." The S&P 500 rose 58.04 points to 4,077.91. The benchmark index is coming off two straight weekly gains. The Dow picked up 373.98 points, or 1.1%, to 33,527.19. The Nasdaq composite gained 225.49 points, or 1.7%, to 13,705.59. Small company stocks, which are outgaining the broader market so far this year, also rose Monday. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies added 10.98 points, or 0.5%, to 2,264.89. The index is up 14.7% so far this year, while the broader market S&P 500 index is up 8.6%. The gains were widespread Monday, with

nearly every sector closing higher. Companies that stand to benefit from a broader reopening of the economy and economic growth also did well. Norwegian Cruise Line jumped 7.2% for the biggest gain in the S&P 500 as it seeks permission to restart cruises out of U.S. ports in July with a vaccination requirement for passengers and crew members. Rival Carnival rose 4.7% and Royal Caribbean gained 2.9%. Technology and communications stocks accounted for a big slice of the gains Monday. Apple rose 2.4%, Microsoft gained 2.8% and Facebook climbed 3.4%. Tesla surprised investors with a report that vehicle deliveries doubled during the first quarter. Its shares surged 4.4%. Energy companies lagged the broader market as crude oil prices fell, including a 4.6% slide in the price of U.S. crude. Occidental Petroleum dropped 7.6% and Marathon Oil slid 5.1%. GameStop fell 2.4% after announcing a stock sale. Treasury yields were mostly lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which influences interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans, slipped to 1.71% from 1.72% last last week.

Business BRIEFS

Billionaires John, Laura Arnold to give 5% of wealth yearly

Billionaire philanthropists John and Laura Arnold have committed to donate 5% of their wealth annually as part of an effort to encourage increased, timelier donations to charities. The Arnolds, who live in Houston, are the first billionaires to sign on to the advocacy organization Global Citizen's "Give While You Live" campaign, which calls on the world's billionaires to give at least 5% of their wealth every year to a cause. The Arnolds' pledge Monday came as part of an alliance between Global Citizen and the Arnold-led Initiative to Accelerate Charitable Giving — a coalition of donors, experts and nonprofits who want Congress to raise giving requirements. By agreeing to give 5%, the Arnolds are voluntarily subjecting their assets to the same minimum payment standard private foundations must donate annually to maintain their tax-exempt status. But there's been an ongoing debate during the coronavirus pandemic on whether foundations and donor advised funds — similar to charitable investment accounts — should be required to give more because of increased needs. "Right now, many charities are in danger of not surviving the pandemic. Yet, more than \$1 trillion promised to them remains warehoused in tax-free investment accounts," John Arnold, the former hedge fund executive turned philanthropist, said in the announcement. "America's charities cannot afford to wait for some larger crisis to arise. Business as usual is simply not good enough." Donor-advised funds aren't required to make donations in any given year — a hot-button issue in philanthropy since donors are able to take immediate tax deductions before charities get any of the money. The Initiative to Accelerate Charitable Giving has been calling for these assets to be

donated within 15 years. But this, and its other calls for reforming tax benefits for donors, have gotten pushback from groups opposing more government involvement in giving. The latest pledge is not the first giving commitment made by the Arnolds. They've already signed the Giving Pledge, a commitment developed by Bill Gates, his wife Melinda, and Warren Buffett to get the world's richest to give a majority of their wealth during their lifetimes or in their wills.

US consumer watchdog eyes rules to prevent foreclosures

LOS ANGELES — The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said Monday it is considering new rules aimed at averting a wave of foreclosures later this year when millions of homeowners are no longer allowed to put off making their mortgage payments. Last year, the federal government suspended foreclosures and evictions for mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration as the coronavirus pandemic left millions of people unemployed. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac did the same for borrowers in single-family

homes with loans backed by the two mortgage buyers. The initiatives offered borrowers relief for up to one year and suspended late charges and penalties. As of February, nearly 3 million U.S. homeowners were behind on their home loans, with about 2.1 million mortgages in forbearance and at least 90 days late, according to the CFPB. If current trends continue, there still may be 1.7 million such loans by September, the CFPB said. One rule proposed by the agency would prohibit mortgage servicers from starting the foreclosure process before Dec. 31. The CFPB is also considering whether to permit servicers to initiate foreclosures before the end of this year, in certain cases, such as if they've made efforts to contact an unresponsive borrower. The CFPB is also weighing a rule that would allow servicers to offer "certain streamlined loan modification options" to borrowers with hardships caused by the pandemic, and changes to ensure servicers are notifying borrowers of their options in a timely basis. The agency is seeking public input on its proposed rule changes through May 11. — From wire reports

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More training needed on open gov't rules

The school board for the charter school known as the Academy of Environmental Science is a group of dedicated volunteers donating their time to manage an exciting educational opportunity in our community.

At the same time, they are a public agency and use Florida tax dollars to get the job done. Because of that, all of the official Florida rules and regulations apply to what they do. That includes the Florida Government in the Sunshine laws.

Florida voters adopted the Government in the Sunshine laws because too many politicians back in the day were hiding behind closed doors. Government corruption was rampant and too many decisions made by government officials favored the friends of politicians and not the taxpayers. Secrecy led to corruption.

The idea of the Government in the Sunshine Amendment was — let in the Sunshine and Floridians can keep an eye on what is happening.

The school board of the Academy of Environmental Science recently held a private meeting that was in violation of the state sunshine laws.

They were not doing anything corrupt or deceitful; they were simply trying to protect the feelings of two candidates who had made application for the leadership job at the charter school. Board members wanted to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates without the individuals (or the press) hearing the conversation.

It was innocent, but still clearly a violation of the intent of the law. Those who make application for leadership jobs at a public agency, and those who make the hiring decisions, sacrifice a degree of privacy. When you are doing the public's business and spending tax dollars, it is the law that you do it in front of the taxpayer.

The board chair thought she was acting within the law because the final vote was planned to be in the public. She thought confidential conversations were permitted among the board members if no vote was taken. That is obviously not true.

The larger problem here is the understanding of the Sunshine Laws and the amount of training offered to these volunteer members. The county's public school board would never make such a mess, because they are routinely trained and reminded about compliance.

It is obvious that a higher level of training is needed for those boards, especially the volunteer groups with the county, the two cities and the school board.

In the case of the Academy of Environmental Science, regular Sunshine Law training was delayed because there is a cost associated with it and they were trying to save money. Saving money is a commendable goal — but in the end, the results reduced taxpayer confidence.

The public demands that its business be done in the Sunshine. All public boards and government entities should learn from this unfortunate misstep.

THE ISSUE:

Government in the Sunshine.

OUR OPINION:

Law applies to all levels of local government.

Croft Avenue is getting out of control

I really think the county should do something about the traffic on Croft Avenue. It is awful. People speed. Traffic backs up on Croft and Bryant. A lot of people just fly down that road. There must be something they can do about it. It is getting hard to pull out, not to mention the traffic noise.

Barbara Young
Inverness

Path would add a level of safety

I would like to applaud those responsible for recognizing the safety added value of constructing a multi-use path from U.S. 19 to Fort Island Beach.

Citrus County has always been a very popular destination for outdoor activities such as bicycling, kayaking, boating/fishing/scalloping and hiking. With this comes an obligation to create and maintain a level of safety required to mitigate risk for those of us who enjoy these activities. Residents and visitors who enjoy these activities support our local economy and many businesses benefit directly and indirectly from these activities.

When COVID-19 arrived, tourism took a significant hit, but for many of us locals it increased the activities above as a way of enjoying our lives in a safer and more healthy manner. Moving forward many believe this could be the new normal, and with the summer season rapidly approaching, I would expect to see even greater outdoor activities.

A multi-use path is also being discussed connecting Sugarmill Woods to the existing Suncoast Parkway path network, another great idea. This prompted me to call three of our county commissioners that I know personally to request information regarding the possibility of constructing a path running parallel to Halls River Road from U.S. 19 to the entrance of Riverhaven and possibly extending the new sidewalk recently completed in Old Homosassa, again as a matter of safety. I was told the commission would consider this initiative provided there was support from the immediate area's residents and frequent visitors. I and several others initiated a campaign to do just that, gauge the level of support and the results are thus far very positive. To date we have obtained 150-plus signatures in support of this initiative as well as a 90% positive response to a poll created online using the Nextdoor app.

I and several others plan to attend the April 13 commission meeting to offer the

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support of many in hopes of gaining the support of the board to move this initiative forward. As one commissioner told me, there is no better time than now with money coming from the CARES fund for capital improvements and infrastructure projects.

Stuart Bozeman
Homosassa

Keep dollars in Citrus County

This week I needed a hose-end sprinkler to cover some newly installed sod. My choices to purchase were online through Amazon, big box store — you pick the name — or a locally owned and operated hardware store.

I chose the ACE Hardware on U.S. 41 — great service, great selection, good pricing — and locally owned. I got just what I needed for \$8.

Let's shop local and keep our dollars circulating within our community.

Jim Green
Hernando

Have some pride in the community

Thank you Sheriff Prendergast for stopping a local man you witnessed throwing trash on the roadway from his vehicle while driving, and making him pick it up or get a ticket. I am surprised our municipalities and legislators don't do more to curtail its citizens from illegal littering by having more signs or billboards and ad campaigns depicting trash as the mark of "pigs!"

Shame on those who toss cans and lunch sacks out of car windows, toss litter in store parking lots and allow trash to blow out of the back of a pickup truck. The cost of cleanup should not be necessary, and penalties and fines should be increased when these pigs are caught littering

our neighborhoods and roadways when reported to local authorities.

How about a little more pride in the beautiful area we all call home and land we live in! I will say that I put my trash grabber where my mouth is and can be seen along South Croft Avenue and Dawson regularly picking up and bagging litter. Please join me anytime! And you're welcome!

Crystal Chasan
Inverness

Thanks for the loyal support

As president of the American Canadian Snowbird Club, I greatly appreciate the loyal support of all our members, may they be just joining or have been with the Snowbird's Club for several years, and within these troubling times behind us and what may lay ahead. I am happy that our club has enjoyed a positive season, even with many uncertainties, so with fingers crossed hopefully the rest of the season and into the next we all shall enjoy the new friends we have met along the way and have many laughs with the old friends.

Also, the club would like to thank everyone who helped with their donations to our club this past season, those places are:

Crystal Liquor store; Subs, Salad & More; Breakfast Station, Crystal River; Outback; Schiano's Pizza; Elegant Pelican; Steak Out Subs; Norton's Riverside; Riviera; Denny's; Signature Nails; Sea The Source; Dan's Clam Stand, Crystal River; Hardwood Smokehouse; Los Marqueyes, Crystal River; Nicky's B; Copp Wine; Southern Babe Boutique; Fish Tales, Ace's, Crystal River; KC wine; Skipper's Whiskey Saloon; Biscuit barn; Art's Diner; Super Discount Liquor; Cavallo; Bubba Q's; JAM; Grannies; and Citrus Sports Apparel.

Also we would like to say a very large thank you to the Inverness Moose for being so generous with our club, for allowing us the use of the extra space for our Monday night euchre games, and the nice areas so we can hold our annual parties. Plus a nice thank you to all the ladies of the Moose for taking their time to work with our club to prepare the tasty meals at our parties.

So again myself along with the American Canadian Snowbird Club just wanted to thank everyone for much enjoyment.

And to all the snowbirds have a healthy and safe travels on your journey northward.

Linda Houston-Pribble
president of the
Snowbird's Club

▶ *"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty."*

Mahatma Gandhi

LETTERS



to the Editor

YOUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Spend money on basic problems

Citrus County has not been wealthy. Now that money is coming in, we need to address the basics. We have a lot of problems here, including many homeless, drug problems and prostitution, not to include the fact that our Humane Society is not addressed. There are many problems with having problems with animals. They include disease and other issues that could cause problems with humans. We need to spend the money coming in to address basic problems, not for the frills and

luxuries of such things as Riverwalk or adding to the airport, which do not generally address the issues of our population.

Make fixing roads main priority

In reference to the money we're getting from the government — what is it, \$33 million? — and they're asking what to do with it. Here's a perfect example in Chronicle's Online Poll (Monday, March 29), they want to charge a 1-cent sales tax to do the roads. Take the \$33 million and put it in our roads. Why should we pay extra taxes for the roadways? They have it in

the budget. Cut some areas to fix the roads. That should be the main priority, not taxing.

Stop speeders in construction zones

Sure nice of the sheriff to get himself a photo-op of stopping and making the man pick up litter. How about he gets out there and shows a photo-op of him stopping one of the people speeding through our construction areas every day? You know, I never felt my life endangered by

litter, but I have by the sheriff's not controlling the traffic in our county.

I'll take Citrus County over all the traffic

I'm responding to Sound Off because people keep complaining we need this here and that here. Let me tell you something: I used to reside in Brevard County, which I left. It was like Citrus County — a nice place to live, really nice. But then they wanted everyone to come in and,

believe me, they all came in. It used to take me half an hour to get to one store — a Publix that was not even four miles away — but it took that long to get there. Ironically yesterday, I went there to visit my son. The traffic was unbearable, unbelievable. On top of that, I went to the store to by a Florida Today newspaper. To my surprise, one Florida Today newspaper (cost) \$2.58. Really, for a newspaper? You can have it. I'll take Citrus County any day over all that traffic and all those high prices. Be careful what you wish for because you're not going to like it when it comes.



Nation BRIEFS



Associated Press

In this March 4, 2021, file photo, a sign reading “Welcome Back Now Open” is posted on the window of a Morton’s Steakhouse restaurant as a man works inside in San Francisco. The Institute for Supply Management reported Monday, April 5, that the U.S. services sector, which employs most Americans, recorded record growth in March.

U.S. services surge in March

WASHINGTON — The U.S. services sector, which employs most Americans, recorded record growth in March as the easing of coronavirus restrictions released pent-up consumer demand.

The Institute for Supply Management, an association of purchasing managers, reported Monday that its nonmanufacturing index rose to an all-time high 63.7 last month from 55.3 in February. The old record of 60.9 was set in October 2018.

New orders also hit a record, and hiring and prices grew faster.

Anything above 50 signals growth, and the services sector is on a 10-month winning streak since rebounding from the economic impact of the pandemic last spring.

Although debate on economic policy often focuses on manufacturing, services — such as banks, retailers and restaurants — account for 71% of all U.S. jobs and 83% of private jobs.

Norwegian Cruises aims for US in July

The Norwegian Cruise Line is seeking permission to resume trips from U.S. ports on July 4, requiring passengers and crew members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 at least two weeks before the trip.

The Miami company said its precautions go well beyond steps taken by others in the travel and leisure industry that have already reopened, including airlines, hotel, restaurants and sporting events.

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd plans to begin U.S. sailings at 60% of capacity and raise that to 80% in August and 100% in September. Norwegian also operates Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises.

The CDC said Monday that it “is committed to working with the cruise industry and seaport partners to resume cruising” following a phased approach. “Cruising safely and responsibly during a global pandemic is difficult,” especially with concern over new variants of COVID-19, the agency added.

— From wire reports

Floyd death trial continues

Police chief: Kneeling on neck violated policy

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minneapolis police chief testified Monday that now-fired Officer Derek Chauvin violated departmental policy in pinning his knee on George Floyd’s neck and keeping him down after Floyd had stopped resisting and was in distress.

Continuing to kneel on Floyd’s neck once he was handcuffed behind his back and lying on his stomach was “in no way, shape or form” part of department policy or training, “and it is certainly not part of our ethics or our values,” Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said on Day Six of Chauvin’s murder trial.

Arradondo, the city’s first Black chief, fired Chauvin and three other officers the day after Floyd’s death last May, and in June called

it “murder.”

While police have long been accused of closing ranks to protect fellow members of the force who have been accused of wrongdoing — the “blue wall of silence,” as it’s known — some of the most experienced members of the Minneapolis department have taken the stand to openly condemn Chauvin’s treatment of Floyd.

As jurors watched in rapt attention and scribbled notes, Arradondo testified not only that Chauvin, a 19-year veteran of the force, should have let Floyd up sooner, but that the pressure on Floyd’s neck did not appear to be light to moderate, as called for under the department’s neck-restraint policy; that Chauvin failed in his duty to render first aid before the ambulance arrived; and that he violated policy

requiring officers to de-escalate tense situations if they can to avoid or minimize the use of force.

“That action is not de-escalation,” the police chief said. “And when we talk about the framework of our sanctity of life and when we talk about our principles and the values that we have, that action goes contrary to what we are talking about.”

On cross-examination, Chauvin attorney Eric Nelson asked Arradondo the last time he actually arrested a suspect.

“It’s been many years,” the chief acknowledged.

Arradondo’s testimony came after the emergency room doctor who pronounced Floyd dead testified that he theorized at the time that Floyd’s heart most likely stopped because of a lack of oxygen.

Dr. Bradford Langenfeld, who was a senior

resident on duty that night at Hennepin County Medical Center and tried to resuscitate Floyd, took the stand as prosecutors sought to establish that it was Chauvin’s knee on the Black man’s neck that killed him.

Chauvin, 45, is charged with murder and manslaughter in Floyd’s death May 25. The white officer is accused of pressing his knee into the 46-year-old man’s neck for 9 minutes, 29 seconds, outside a corner market, where Floyd had been accused of trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill for a pack of cigarettes.

The defense argues that Chauvin did what he was trained to do and that Floyd’s use of illegal drugs and his underlying health conditions caused his death.

Find AP’s full coverage of the death of George Floyd at: <https://apnews.com/hub/death-of-george-floyd>

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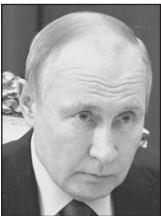


Associated Press

Surfers brave high winds to speed on the waves Monday at lake Ammersee in front of the Alps near Herrsching, Germany.

Putin gets 2 more terms as leader

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday signed a law allowing him to potentially hold onto power until 2036, a move that formalizes constitutional changes endorsed in a vote last year.



Vladimir Putin

The July 1 constitutional vote included a provision that reset Putin’s previous term limits, allowing him to run for president two more times. The change was rubber-stamped by the legislature and the relevant law signed by Putin was posted Monday on an official portal of legal information.

The 68-year-old Russian president, who has been in power for more than two decades — longer than any other Kremlin leader since Soviet dictator Josef Stalin — said he would decide later whether to run again in 2024 when his current six-year term ends.

He has argued that resetting the term count was necessary to keep his lieutenants focused on their work instead of “darting their eyes in search for possible successors.”

The constitutional amendments also emphasized the primacy of Russian law over international norms, outlawed same-sex marriages and mentioned “a belief in God” as a core value. Nearly 78% of voters approved the constitutional amendments during the balloting that lasted for a week and concluded on July 1. Turnout was 68%.

Turkey details 10 ex-admirals

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish authorities on Monday detained 10 retired admirals after a group of more than 100 former top navy officers declared their commitment to an international shipping treaty, a statement that government officials tied to Turkey’s history of military coups.

The retired admirals were held as part of an investigation into whether they had reached “an agreement with the aim of committing a crime against the security of the state and the constitutional order,” Turkey’s state-run Anadolu Agency reported. The chief prosecutor in Ankara launched the investigation Sunday.

Four other former navy officers were asked to report to authorities within three days but not detained because of their advanced ages, Anadolu reported.

Turkey experienced coups in 1960, 1971 and 1980, and a 1997 military intervention caused the resignation of an Islamist-led coalition government. In 2016, a failed coup led to more than 250 deaths.

— From wire reports



Associated Press

In this April 23, 2020, file photo, a child looks at the camera as Haitians who were deported from the U.S. line up as they arrive at a hotel where they will be quarantined as a measure against the spread of the new coronavirus in Tabarre, Haiti.

Haiti awaits vaccines

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti does not have a single vaccine to offer its more than 11 million people over a year after the pandemic began, raising concerns among health experts that the well-being of Haitians is being pushed aside as violence and political instability across the country deepen.

So far, Haiti is slated to receive only 756,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine through a United Nations program aimed at ensuring the neediest countries get COVID-19 shots. The free doses were scheduled to arrive in May at the latest, but delays are expected because Haiti missed a deadline and the key Indian manufacturer is now prioritizing an increase in domestic demand.

“Haiti has only recently completed some of the essential documentation that are prerequisites for processing of a shipping order,” said Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, a

Geneva-based public-private partnership that is co-managing the U.N.-backed COVAX effort.

The country also didn’t apply for a pilot program in which it would have received some of its allotted doses early, according to the Pan American Health Organization. However, a spokeswoman commended its other pandemic efforts, including reinforcing hospital preparedness.

Meanwhile, a human rights research center cited in a new U.S. State Department report found Haiti’s government misappropriated more than \$1 million worth of coronavirus aid. The report also accused government officials of spending \$34 million in the “greatest opacity,” bypassing an agency charged with approving state contracts.

Laure Adrien, general director of Haiti’s Health Ministry, blamed the vaccine delay on scrutiny of the AstraZeneca shots and concerns that the country lacks the necessary infrastructure to

ensure proper vaccine storage, adding that his agency prefers a single-dose vaccine. AstraZeneca requires two doses.

“It’s no secret that we don’t have excellent conservation facilities,” he said. “We wanted to be sure that we had all the parameters under control before we received vaccine stocks.”

Adrien also noted all the money his agency received has been properly spent, but said he could not speak for other agencies. A presidential spokesman did not return calls for comment.

Many poorer countries have experienced long waits in getting COVAX vaccines as richer countries snapped up supplies, though most have received at least an initial shipment. Some took matters into their own hands, securing shots through donations and private deals.

Haiti’s lack of vaccines comes as it reports more than 12,700 cases and 250 deaths, numbers that experts believe are underreported.

UK to ease lockdown next week, will test vaccine passports

Associated Press

LONDON — Britain’s slow but steady march out of a three-month lockdown remains on track even as coronavirus cases surge elsewhere in Europe, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced Monday, as he confirmed that businesses from barbers to bookstores will be allowed to reopen next week.

Johnson said it’s too soon to decide, however, whether U.K. residents will be able to have summer trips abroad. He confirmed that the government will test out a contentious “vaccine passport” system — a way for people to offer

proof they have protection from COVID-19 — as a tool to help travel and large events return safely.

Four weeks after England took its first step out of lockdown by reopening schools, Johnson said Britain’s vaccination program was proceeding well and infections were falling. He said the next step would come as planned on April 12, with the reopening of hairdressers, beauty salons, gyms, nonessential shops and bar and restaurant patios.

“We set out our road map and we’re sticking to it,” Johnson said



Boris Johnson

during a news conference.

But, he added, “We can’t be complacent. We can see the waves of sickness afflicting other countries, and we’ve seen how this story goes.”

A ban on overnight stays away from home in England will also be lifted April 12, and outdoor venues such as zoos and drive-in cinemas can operate again.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are following similar but slightly different paths out of lockdown.

The government said vaccine

passports were all but unavoidable, since many countries were certain to demand proof of COVID-19 status for entry. And it said barring British businesses from asking customers for similar proof would be “an unjustified intrusion on how businesses choose to make their premises safe.”

The government said, however, that vaccine passports would never be needed to access “essential public services, public transport and essential shops.”

Johnson acknowledged that vaccine passports raised “complicated ethical and practical issues” and stressed their introduction wasn’t imminent.

Loading up on fruits and veggies in a female diet

Will dietary health practices lower the recurrence of breast cancer?

There are many reasons women should eat a healthy diet, but for breast cancer, there is little evidence that the foods you eat impact risk.

What is important is how much you eat, because being overweight is an established risk factor for developing postmenopausal breast cancer, and it also increases the risk of recurrence. That's the message that all breast cancer survivors should know, watching your weight is really important.

A study called the Women's Healthy Eating and Living (WHEL) Trial, was led by a team from the University of California, San Diego, and included

researchers from seven other institutions. The participants were more than 3,000 women, pre- and post-menopausal, who had been treated for stage I, II, or III breast cancer.

The women were randomly assigned to two diet groups: The control group was told to follow U.S. dietary guidelines, which recommend

eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day, more than 20 grams of fiber, and no more than 30% of calories from fat.

The second group was told to boost their fruit and veggie intake to include five vegetables, three fruits, 16 ounces of

vegetable juice, and 30 grams of fiber each day. They were also supposed to cut their fat intake to 15-20% of total calories. The women in this group got periodic telephone counseling, cooking classes, and newsletters aimed at helping them stick with this eating plan.

Researchers tracked the women's progress for more than seven years on average. They saw clear differences in the amount of fruits and vegetables the women in the two groups ate, although after year four of the study, the gap between the two groups tended to narrow. On average, the women in the second group never achieved their goal of getting only 15-20% of their calories from fat, and in fact, by year six, they were eating a higher percentage of fat than at the beginning of the study.

Despite the difference

in fruit and vegetable consumption, the two groups had very similar cancer experiences during the seven years. About 17% of women in each group had a recurrence during the study period, and about 10% of women in each group died.

But it may be that diet is important in the context of weight control. For instance, the Women's Intervention Nutrition Study (WINS) also looked at dietary factors, fat intake, in particular, although in a slightly different group of breast cancer survivors. Early results showed that a low-fat diet seemed to result in benefits, especially for women with estrogen receptor-negative tumors. However, most of the women on the low-fat diet also experienced significant weight loss.

While the studies aren't directly comparable, the

difference in weight loss may contribute to the different findings in the WINS and the WHEL studies, as women in the WHEL study actually experienced a small increase in weight. So if loading up on fruits and vegetables does not affect breast cancer recurrence, is there any reason for a survivor to go out of her way to incorporate them into her diet? Absolutely! Fruits and vegetables are packed with nutrients and low in calories, and more evidence suggests they can help with weight control.

Plus, other studies have shown that eating more than five a day can reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke, and can help keep blood pressure under control. The current analysis of the WHEL data did not look specifically at whether the women on the high

fruit-and-veggie diet saw improvement in these other health areas.

For now, women should know that we hope to be able to identify a subgroup of breast cancer survivors who clearly do benefit from making these more intense changes in their diet and will report this once the data have undergone the important step of scientific peer review and approval. Furthermore, the final WINS data has not yet gone through this process either, which means the fruit and vegetable jury may yet still be out on this issue.

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Dr. C. Joseph Bennett
NAVIGATING CANCER

HEALTH NOTES

RBOI has supplies for cancer patients

If you are in need of scarfs, wigs, or other helpful items for those going through cancer treatments, call Medical Social Worker Wendy Hall, LCSW, at 352-527-0106. Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute in Lecanto has a resource room with more than 100 wigs available for free. Stop in the Lecanto office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call to make an appointment.

Medical Social Workers at RBOI will assist individuals needing support through the emotional turmoil caused by cancer with resources, including application for Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation assistance. Many services including Zoom meetings for support and education are available for patients with cancer, and their loved ones. Call 352-527-0106.

GriefShare meets in Citrus Springs

A GriefShare support group is meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at North Oak Church, 9324 N. Elkcarn Blvd.

The seminar teaches practical information that will help individuals recover from grief and loss. Participants will get the chance to talk about their experiences in a low pressure environment among individuals with similar experiences.

Participants will also be given a workbook, which provides the opportunity for personal study and reflection on the grief process.

The GriefShare group can be joined at any time. For additional information, call 352-489-1688.

CMH to have sepsis seminar

Citrus Memorial Hospital is offering a free sepsis seminar at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA in Lecanto.

"Sepsis Awareness, Prevention and Management" will feature a presentation from Citrus Memorial Hospital's sepsis coordinator, Jane Sabuya.

The seminar will teach community members about sepsis risks, how to identify signs and symptoms of sepsis, management and prevention.

Sepsis is the body's extreme response

to an infection. It is life-threatening and without timely treatment, sepsis can rapidly cause tissue damage, organ failure and death. It can happen when an infection you already have triggers a chain reaction throughout your body.

Those interested in learning more about sepsis prevention and management are welcome to attend.

Seating is limited. To RSVP, call 352-637-3337 or visit CitrusMH.com.

Community center has Zumba

The Central Citrus Community Center is hosting Zumba classes at 11 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto.

The classes will be taught by certified instructor, Donna Scarpello. Classes are low impact and designed for basic to intermediate.

There is a \$5 charge, masks are required and pre registration is recommended.

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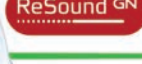
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Aging changes of larynx, voice

As we age, our body ages as well, and this includes the larynx (voicebox and vocal cords) as well as quality of our voice.

Older voices have several describable characteristics including “hoarse,” “raspy,” “weak and breathy” and “shaky,” to name a few. Some vocal quality changes are a normal part of aging but sometimes there are other factors.

As a population we are living longer, healthier and more productive lives; therefore, communicating and socializing is an important component to quality of life. Depending on the research and articles cited, presbyphonia can be seen in between 10-35% of older individuals.

Hearing loss also coexists with voice changes. This can impact not only quality of life but socialization, creating isolation, anxiety and depression if serious enough.

Retirees sometimes have duties such as volunteering and up to one third use of their voice for work. This illustrates the importance of good voice quality.

Patients who are healthy and physically fit have less obvious issues with their voice quality. Aging changes of the voicebox include vocal cords that start bowing, (not unlike someone who has bowed legs), have less contact as a result of the bowing which affects the voice quality.

Other changes include calcification of the laryngeal cartilage structure, degenerative changes of the joints that are part of the laryngeal structure as well as weakness of the muscles involved in speech reduction.

Other indirect factors include reduced blood flow due to hardening of the arteries and impaired metabolic and hormonal functions also can affect voice quality.

Physical conditions that we commonly called comorbidities that can affect the quality of the voice include poor nutrition and dehydration. Respiratory problems such as chronic lung disease, smoking and use of inhalers can affect the quality of the voice.

Acid reflux and indigestion reticulate fits poorly controlled have deleterious effects on the throat and voice quality. Certain medications sometimes can have side effects that will cause changes in the voice.

Voice changes and presbyphonia should be worked up and more serious problems such as throat cancer have to be ruled out.

Treatment options include not screaming, yelling or over-projecting the voice. If you are singing in church or other settings consider doing warm-ups and cool downs. How-to information is available on the internet.

Drinking 6-8 glasses of water a day ensuring adequate hydration and use of oral care products that do not contain lots of chemicals, alcohol will help.

Vocal exercises are another option and have proven to be quite helpful. In rare situations, surgery of the voicebox can be beneficial.

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Don't 'dis' your loved one's abilities



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When a dementia patient can be given a safe and useful task — no matter how simple — they feel needed and have more of a sense of normalcy.

Finding tasks that meet a dementia patient's abilities is possible

Dementia creates such shocking changes in the ones we love, it is not surprising that we become fixated on the skills and abilities they are losing.

Often, as our loved one declines in skill and cognition, they become annoying. They seem to be always under you have just put in order, asking the same question over and over again.

I encourage care partners to view these disruptive behaviors as their loved one's attempt to communicate.

People with dementia often lose language skills, and may not even know what they want, but they clearly sense that their world is going wrong. They are frightened, and perhaps they even understand that they are no longer holding up their side of the partnership.

The last thing they need at these moments is to be reminded or criticized for what they CAN'T do.

Shifting our focus to their abilities — the things they still CAN do — requires compassion, patience and even practice. But if we can do it, both of our lives will be better.

A woman in one of my support

groups complained that her husband was driving her crazy; always under foot and interfering with her daily chores, which had become even more time-consuming, thanks to his disease.

I told her, “He may be telling you that he wants to help. On an emotional lever, he may sense that he is no longer working with you like he used to.”

She responded, “But he can't do anything. He no longer knows the difference between a screw driver and a hammer!”

Her husband had been an engineer and had always loved to fix things and keep their property in perfect order.

I said, “I bet he can fold towels. Wouldn't that be helpful?” She looked at me with astonishment.

“He wouldn't do that; he has never done that!” I persuaded her that she could lose nothing by giving it a try.

The next time we spoke, she said, “You won't believe this. He spent hours folding towels. They were perfect. Every corner was square and they were stacked perfectly!”

I reminded her, “Your husband was an engineer. An engineer wants things

to be uniform and consistent. This is ingrained into his values, and on an emotional level, he still has that need to do things right. Now you have found something he CAN still do, and he has done it better than you ever would have.”

She agreed that this was true.

Net result: The towels were perfectly folded and she gained several hours of respite without his being under foot and demanding her attention.

I believe that people with dementia can sense on an emotional level that something is wrong; that they are becoming less useful.

When we can give them a safe and useful task — no matter how simple — they feel needed and you gain more private or quiet time.

Let's not focus on the “dis” in “disability,” but rather on what remains. It is a compassionate technique of care that can improve the quality of life for everyone involved.

Debbie Selsavage is a certified trainer and consultant in the Positive Approach to Care, and a certified dementia practitioner. Her company, Coping with Dementia LLC, is dedicated to making life better for individuals living with dementia. Contact Debbie at deb@coping.today to learn about freesupport groups online.



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Health NOTES

Brain health meeting at library

The public is invited to attend the next Building Our Lives Daily (BOLD) meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Central Ridge Library community room, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills.

BOLD is a support group for people recovering from traumatic brain injuries. At the meeting, Dr. Susan Zimmer will talk about the risks to brain health, cognitive side effects of common drugs and

diet-related diseases.

She will also share ways to replace “brain fog” with “brain fit.” A “brain healthy lifestyle depends on how you feed your brain, move your body, sleep, socialize, learn new things and create new memories.

Registration is required. Call 352-746-6622 or use the online calendar at citruslibraries.org.

YMCA to host 'Quit Your Way' program

The YMCA will host a “Quit Your Way” program from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

Participants will learn the benefits of quitting tobacco alongside others who can relate to their experiences.

To register, call 813-929-1000.

Library to host ABC of Dementia

Seats are still available at the free ABC of Dementia workshop that will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, April 19, at the Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills.

The workshop will be conducted by Debbie Selsavage, president of

Coping with Dementia LLC. The workshop will define Alzheimer's and dementia, explain how dementia affects individuals, discuss ways to interpret dementia behaviors and show how compassion and the proper use of voice, approach and touch can result in more effective caregiving.

Because seating is limited, reservations are required. Masks are recommended and social distancing will be practiced. To make a reservation, call 352-422-3663 or email deb@coping.today.

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Red Sox rout Rays

Bogaerts has 4 of Boston's 16 hits

JIMMY GOLEN
AP sports writer

BOSTON — Xander Bogaerts had four hits, including a Little League home run — a double, with two ill-advised throws that allowed him to score — and the Boston Red Sox got on the board on Monday night with 16 hits and their first win of the season, 11-2 over the Tampa Bay Rays.

After being swept by Baltimore in the opening series, never leading in any of the three games and yet to post a multi-run inning, the Red Sox went ahead 1-0 in the second, added two in the fourth and two in the fifth, when the Rays threw the ball around until Bogaerts

sauntered home.

Boston scored two more in the sixth and four in the eighth, when J.D. Martinez banged a three-run homer halfway up the Pesky Pole.

Franchy Cordero, Alex Verdugo and Hunter Renfroe all had two hits apiece after coming into the game batting .000. Nick Pivetta (1-0) gave up two hits in five shutout innings, walking four and striking out four to end the Rays' eight-game winning streak at Fenway Park.

Tampa Bay got three singles in the eighth before Darwinzon Hernandez walked Manuel Margot and pinch-hitter Yandy Diaz with the bases loaded to make it 7-2. But Hernandez fanned Willy Adames to satisfy the three-batter rule, then Adam Ottavino struck out Mike Brosseau on a 3-2 slider to end the threat.

Michael Wacha (0-1) was charged with

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay starter Michael Wacha delivers Monday to a Boston batter during the first inning at Fenway Park in Boston. The Red Sox picked up their first win of the season, 11-2.

Perfection denied



Associated Press

Baylor head coach Scott Drew gets a hug from guard Mark Vital at the end of the championship game against Gonzaga in the men's Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament Monday at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Baylor won 86-70.



Associated Press

New York Jets quarterback Sam Darnold rolls out to pass Jan. 3 against New England in Foxborough, Mass. The Jets traded Darnold to Carolina on Monday for draft picks.

Jets ship QB Darnold to Carolina

For trio of draft picks

DENNIS WASZAK JR.
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK — Sam Darnold was the face of a hopeful franchise, a promising playmaker who might just be the New York Jets' quarterback for at least the next decade.

It took only three years for that dream to fizzle and fade into disappointment.

Darnold was traded Monday to the Carolina Panthers, ending months of speculation and a stint in New York that was marked by a few flashes of brilliance, inconsistent play and unfortunate injuries.

And with the Jets holding the No. 2 overall pick in

the NFL draft, they're likely moving on to another young signal-caller who they hope will deliver the team back to respectability.

New York announced it acquired a sixth-round pick in this year's draft and second- and fourth-round picks in the 2022 draft.

Meanwhile, the 23-year-old Darnold gets a much-needed change of scenery and a new opportunity in Carolina, where he'll also be reunited with wide receiver Robby Anderson. The quarterback could also quickly seek some measure of revenge this season when the Panthers host the Jets.

Darnold was considered an untouchable player on the roster in his second season, but it became clear the Jets could move on when general manager Joe Douglas backed off that stance in March. Douglas

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BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	35	16	.686	—
Philadelphia	34	16	.680	½
Boston	25	25	.500	9½
New York	25	26	.490	10
Toronto	20	30	.400	14½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	26	24	.520	—
Miami	26	24	.520	—
Charlotte	25	24	.510	½
Washington	17	32	.347	8½
Orlando	17	33	.340	9
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	17	.653	—
Indiana	22	26	.458	9½
Chicago	20	28	.417	11½
Cleveland	18	32	.360	14½
Detroit	15	35	.300	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	28	21	.571	—
Memphis	24	23	.511	3
San Antonio	24	24	.500	3½
New Orleans	22	27	.449	6
Houston	13	37	.260	15½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	38	12	.760	—
Denver	31	18	.633	6½
Portland	30	19	.612	7½
Oklahoma City	20	30	.400	18
Minnesota	13	38	.255	25½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	35	14	.714	—
L.A. Clippers	33	18	.647	3
L.A. Lakers	31	19	.620	4½
Golden State	23	27	.460	12½
Sacramento	22	29	.431	14

Monday's Games
Dallas 111, Utah 103
Toronto 103, Washington 101
Cleveland 125, San Antonio 101
Detroit 132, Oklahoma City 108
Minnesota 116, Sacramento 106
Brooklyn 114, New York 112
Phoenix 133, Houston 130

Today's Games
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Boston, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	38	25	9	4	54	132	117			
N.Y. Islanders	38	24	10	4	52	117	90			
Pittsburgh	38	24	12	2	50	126	102			
Boston	35	19	10	6	44	98	89			
Philadelphia	37	18	14	5	41	112	134			
N.Y. Rangers	37	17	15	5	39	117	99			
New Jersey	36	13	17	6	32	88	113			
Buffalo	37	8	23	6	22	82	128			
Central Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Florida	39	26	9	4	56	130	103			
Tampa Bay	38	26	10	2	54	130	93			
Carolina	37	25	9	3	53	120	92			
Nashville	39	20	18	1	41	99	113			
Chicago	39	17	17	5	39	109	122			
Dallas	36	13	13	10	36	98	95			
Columbus	40	14	18	8	36	98	129			
Detroit	40	13	22	5	31	88	125			
West Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Colorado	38	26	8	4	56	137	87			
Vegas	37	25	10	2	52	119	85			
Minnesota	37	23	12	2	48	108	94			
Arizona	38	18	15	5	41	102	116			
San Jose	37	17	16	4	38	105	122			
St. Louis	38	16	16	6	38	104	124			
Los Angeles	36	14	16	6	34	98	102			
Anaheim	39	11	21	7	29	87	130			
North Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Toronto	38	25	10	3	53	125	95			
Winnipeg	39	23	13	3	49	125	107			
Edmonton	39	23	14	2	48	127	112			
Montreal	35	17	9	9	43	114	96			
Vancouver	37	16	18	3	35	100	120			
Calgary	39	16	20	3	35	100	119			
Ottawa	39	13	22	4	30	104	146			
Monday's Games										
Colorado 5, Minnesota 4										
Winnipeg 4, Ottawa 3										
Montreal 3, Edmonton 2, OT										
Philadelphia 3, Boston 2, OT										
Vegas 6, St. Louis 1										
Toronto at Calgary, late										
Arizona at Los Angeles, late										
Today's Games										
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.										
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.										
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.										
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.										
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 7 p.m.										
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.										

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 3 - 8	PICK 5 (early) 2 - 8 - 4 - 7 - 4
PICK 2 (late) 9 - 4	PICK 5 (late) 5 - 1 - 9 - 8 - 2
PICK 3 (early) 9 - 6 - 3	FANTASY 5 16 - 23 - 30 - 31 - 35
PICK 3 (late) 1 - 3 - 0	CASH 4 LIFE 19 - 21 - 26 - 39 - 52
PICK 4 (early) 5 - 4 - 2 - 2	CASH BALL 3
PICK 4 (late) 2 - 4 - 3 - 8	

Sunday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 3 - 22 - 27 - 32 - 34	5-of-5 CB	No winner
5-of-5	1 winner	\$165,116.54
4-of-5	254	\$104.50
3-of-5	6,625	\$11
Cash 4 Life: 11 - 17 - 18 - 26 - 54		
Cash Ball: 1		
Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.		

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MLB

1 p.m. (MLB) Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers
4 p.m. (MLB) Atlanta Braves at Washington Nationals or Houston Astros at Los Angeles Angels
6:30 p.m. (FSNFL) St. Louis Cardinals at Miami Marlins
7 p.m. (ESPN) New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies
10 p.m. (MLB) San Francisco Giants at San Diego Padres or Chicago White Sox at Seattle Mariners

COLLEGE BASEBALL

6 p.m. (ACCN) Kentucky at Louisville
7 p.m. (SEC) North Carolina at South Carolina

NBA

7:30 p.m. (TNT) Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics
10 p.m. (TNT) Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors

NHL

7 p.m. (NBCSPT) Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers
7 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Lightning at Columbus Blue Jackets

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER

6 p.m. (FS1) Marathon vs Portland Timbers. Round of 16, first leg
8 p.m. (FS1) Alajuelense vs Atlanta United FC. Round of 16, first leg
10 p.m. (FS1) Arcahaie FC vs Cruz Azul. Round of 16, first leg

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

4 p.m. (ACCN) Liberty at Virginia

TENNIS

10 a.m. (TENNIS) Volvo Car Open-WTA
7 p.m. (TENNIS) Volvo Car Open-WTA

SWIMMING AND DIVING

7 p.m. (ESPNU) Women's NCAA Championships: TCU at Texas A&M

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

GIRLS TENNIS

3 p.m. GC8 Tournament at Springstead

BOYS TENNIS

3 p.m. GC8 Tournament at Lecanto

BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. Weeki Wachee at Citrus
7 p.m. Springstead at Lecanto
7 p.m. OCA at Seven Rivers
7 p.m. Hernando at Crystal River

SOFTBALL

6 p.m. Hernando at Citrus
7 p.m. Weeki Wachee at Lecanto
7 p.m. OCA at Seven Rivers
7 p.m. Central at Crystal River

FLAG FOOTBALL

6 p.m. Crystal River at Lake Weir
6:15 p.m. Citrus at Lecanto

Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Winnipeg, ppd
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Edmonton at Ottawa, 5 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Colorado at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Vegas at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

Arizona at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Nets lose Harden, beat Knicks 114-112

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kyrie Irving scored 40 points, Jeff Green made two free throws with 3.7 seconds left and the Brooklyn Nets overcome the early loss of James Harden to beat the New York Knicks 114-112 on Monday night. Harden returned after missing two games with right hamstring tightness but lasted just four minutes before having to leave again with the same injury.

But the Nets still have Irving, who wore down the Knicks' defense with his dazzling dribbling moves that freed up space for jumpers, including a 3-pointer with 59 seconds left after New York had closed within two.

Julius Randle had 19 points, 15 rebounds and 12 assists in his fourth triple-double of the season. RJ Barrett scored 22 points and Reggie Bullock added 21.

Mavericks 111, Jazz 103

DALLAS — Luka Doncic scored 31 points and Dorian Finney-Smith added a season-high 23 as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Utah Jazz 111-103 for their season-best fifth straight win.

The NBA-leading Jazz had their nine-game winning streak halted.

Jalen Brunson scored 20 points, Josh Richardson 17 and Tim Hardaway Jr. 16 as Dallas won for the first time in three games versus Utah this season.

Mike Conley scored 28 points to lead the Jazz, who trailed by as many as 18 points.

Raptors 103, Wizards 101

TAMPA — Gary Trent Jr. beat the buzzer with a long 3-pointer and the Toronto Raptors rallied from a 19-point second-half deficit to beat the Washington Wizards 103-101.

Pascal Siakam led Toronto with 22 points.

Russell Westbrook had 23 points,

14 rebounds and 11 assists for the Wizards, who have lost four straight.

Cavaliers 125, Spurs 101

SAN ANTONIO — Darius Garland scored a career-high 37 points, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the San Antonio Spurs 125-101 to snap a five-game skid.

Collin Sexton added 22 points for Cleveland. Isaiah Hartenstein scored a season-high 16, and Taurean Prince finished with 14.

DeMar DeRozan had 25 points for San Antonio. Rudy Gay, Derrick White and Keldon Johnson each had 13 points.

Pistons 132, Thunder 108

OKLAHOMA CITY — Jerami Grant scored 21 points against his former team, and the Detroit Pistons beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 132-108.

Frank Jackson and Sekou Doumbouya scored 14 points apiece for Detroit, which was coming off a 125-81 home loss to the New York Knicks on Saturday — the franchise's worst defeat since a 44-point loss in 1994.

Aleksej Pokusevski scored 19 points for the Thunder, and Svi Mykhailiuk had 17.

Timberwolves 116, Kings 106

MINNEAPOLIS — D'Angelo Russell scored 25 points in his return from knee surgery and Karl-Anthony Towns had 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Minnesota Timberwolves in a 116-106 win against the Sacramento Kings.

De'Aaron Fox had 31 points for the Kings, who lost their fourth in a row.

Suns 133, Rockets 130

HOUSTON — Devin Booker scored 18 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter, and the Phoenix Suns beat the Houston Rockets 133-130 for their sixth straight win.

Deandre Ayton matched a season high with 27 points as Phoenix won for the ninth time in 10 games overall.

RAYS

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five runs — four earned — on eight hits and two walks, striking out six in five innings. The reigning AL champions have lost two straight since opening the season with back-to-back wins over the Marlins.

The Red Sox were outscored 18-5 in the opening series against Baltimore, which finished fourth in the AL East last year — one game ahead of Boston. And things didn't look to improve against the defending division champs, who had won 13 of 14 at Fenway Park since August of 2018.

But Pivetta, who was acquired from the Phillies last season, held Tampa Bay hitless for the first three innings and was staked to an early 1-0 lead.

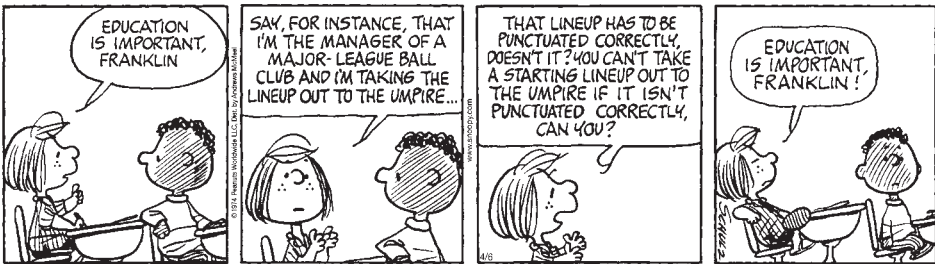
Boston added two in the fourth, but it could have been more if not for Randy Arozarena's diving leap to catch Renfro's liner to right-center. The Rays' defense hurt them in the fifth, though, when Bogaerts hit a line drive to right-center with two on and one out that bounced

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 6, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights							
	C	S	D/I	F	H	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			News	News	ET	Holly	Rock	Kenan (N)	This Is Us (N) '14'		New Amsterdam '14'		News	J. Fallon
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) Ⓢ		Hemingway "The Avatar (1929-1944)" Hemingway reports on Spanish Civil War. '14'				Hemingway "The Avatar (1929-1944)" Hemingway reports on Spanish Civil War. '14'			
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	BBC	PBS NewsHour (N)		Hemingway "The Avatar (1929-1944)" '14'				Hemingway "The Avatar (1929-1944)" '14'			
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Ent. Tonight	Young Rock 'PG'	Kenan (N) '14'	This Is Us (N) '14' Ⓢ (DVS)		New Amsterdam (N) '14' Ⓢ (DVS)		NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	Pooch Perfect "Feliz Navidog!" (N) 'PG'	black-ish (N) 'PG'	mixed-ish (N) 'PG'		Soul of a Nation "Reconstruction"		Eyewit. News	Jimmy Kimmel
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	NCIS COVID compliance duty. (N) '14'	FBI "Checks and Balances" (N) '14' Ⓢ			FBI: Most Wanted "Spiderwebs" '14'		10 Tampa Bay	Late-Colbert
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Ac. Hollywood	TMZ (N) 'PG'	The Resident Cain is struck by a car. '14'	Prodigal Son "Speak of the Devil" '14'			FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) Ⓢ		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) Ⓢ	
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			News	ABC	ET	Inside Ed.	Pooch Perfect 'PG'	black-ish	mixed-ish		Soul of a Nation		News	J. Kimmel
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Kenneth Hagin		Great Awakening with	Word Excellence	Contending Faith	Andrew Wom	Perry Stone 'G'	Watch Therefore	Purpose for Life	The Great Awake
24 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash 'G'	Citrus Today	Jim Parker's Song Writers Series				Vegas Unveiled: A Virtual Vegas		Citrus Court	Citrus Today
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Inside Edition	The List (N) 'PG'	Pooch Perfect "Feliz Navidog!" (N) 'PG'	black-ish (N) 'PG'	mixed-ish (N) 'PG'		Soul of a Nation "Reconstruction"		ABC Action News	Jimmy Kimmel
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' Ⓢ	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing		Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8	Chicago P.D. '14'			Chicago P.D. '14'		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
40 (WACW) CW	21		21			Vic Show	The 700 Club Ⓢ		Babers	SkyWatch [P. Stone	Action	Let's Go!		A. Courte	S.Channel	Faith	Prince
44 (WTOG) BW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	The Flash (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ	Supergirl "A Few Good Women" 'PG'			CW44 News (N)	CW44 News (N)	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls '14'
60 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe	Rosa de Guadalupe	Te acuerdas de mí				La hija		Noticias	Noticiero
61 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Resident '14'	Prodigal Son '14'			FOX 51 News		Dateline 'PG' Ⓢ	
63 (WXPX) ION		17				NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans			NCIS: New Orleans		NCIS: New Orleans	
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'
(ACCN)		99				College Baseball Kentucky at Louisville. (N) (Live)					In Play	In Play		In Play	In Play	College Softball	
(AMC)	55	64	55			*** [Ⓢ] "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. 'R' Ⓢ				*** [Ⓢ] "Demolition Man" (1993) Sylvester Stallone. A frozen cop is thawed out to capture an old nemesis. 'R'			*** [Ⓢ] "Deep Impact" (1998) Robert Duvall. 'PG-13' Ⓢ				
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	Treehouse Masters (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ			Treehouse Masters: Ultimate Builds Pete designs a camouflage treehouse. (N) 'PG'				Crikey! It's the Irwins "Snake Wrangling Showdown" (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'			
(BET)	96	71	96			"A Madea" *** [Ⓢ] "Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club" (2014, Comedy-Drama) Nia Long, Amy Smart. 'PG-13' Ⓢ				Tyler Perry's Ruthless (N) '14' Ⓢ				Tyler Perry's Ruthless (N) 'MA' Ⓢ		Tyler Perry's The Oval '14' Ⓢ	
(BIGTEN)	742	809				B1G Basketball in 60 Ⓢ	B1G Basketball in 60 Ⓢ			Big Ten Elite 'G' Ⓢ		B1G Basketball in 60 Ⓢ		B1G Basketball in 60 Ⓢ		B1G Volleyball in 60 Ⓢ	
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Real House.		Real House.		Watch	Housewives of NJ		Atlanta
(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Office '14' Ⓢ	The Daily Show	South Park 'MA' Ⓢ
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Mom '14' Ⓢ	Mom '14' Ⓢ	Mom '14' Ⓢ	Mom '14' Ⓢ	Mom '14' Ⓢ	Mom '14' Ⓢ	Reba 'PG' Ⓢ	Reba 'PG' Ⓢ
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room		Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)		MLB Baseball New York		Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	Daily Wager (N)		SportsCenter Special		30 for 30				Basketball			
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)		Kudlow Ⓢ		Kennedy (N) Ⓢ		Fox Business		The Evening Edit		Kudlow Ⓢ	
(FLIX)		118	170			"Carrie" (1976) 'R' Ⓢ	* [Ⓢ] "Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers" (1995) 'R'			**** [Ⓢ] "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991) Jodie Foster. (In Stereo) 'R' Ⓢ			*** [Ⓢ] "Hannibal" (2001) Hopkins. (In Stereo) 'R' Ⓢ			Suspense) Anthony	
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report		FOX News Primetime		Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) Ⓢ		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night	
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Chopped 'G' Ⓢ		Chopped 'G' Ⓢ		Chopped 'G' Ⓢ		Chopped (N) 'G'		Chopped 'G' Ⓢ		Chopped 'G' Ⓢ	
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** [Ⓢ] "Shrek" (2001) 'PG' Ⓢ		*** [Ⓢ] "Shrek 2" (2004, Mike Myers. (In Stereo)		Children's Voices of Mike Myers. (In Stereo)		*** [Ⓢ] "Shrek Forever After" (2010) Voices of Mike Myers. (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ				The 700 Club (In Stereo) Ⓢ	
(FS1)	732	112	732			CONCACAF Champions League Soccer		CONCACAF Champions League Soccer		CONCACAF Champions League Soccer				CONCACAF Champions League Soccer			
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Pregame		MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Miami Marlins. (N) Ⓢ		Postgame				Icons	Sports	World Poker	
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** [Ⓢ] "Thor: The Dark World" (2013) Chris Hemsworth.		**** [Ⓢ] "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" (2018) Voices of Shameik Moore. (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ						Mayans M.C. Bishop takes a risk. (N) 'MA' Ⓢ		Mayans M.C. Bishop takes a risk. 'MA' Ⓢ	
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Masters Highlights		Live From the Masters (N) (Live) 'G'		Live From the Masters 'G'							
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"The Secret Ingredient" (2020, Romance-Comedy) Erin Cahill. 'NR' Ⓢ		"One Perfect Wedding" (2021, Romance) Taylor Cole, Jack Turner. 'NR' Ⓢ						Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	*** [Ⓢ] "The Fast and the Furious" (2001, Action) Vin Diesel. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' Ⓢ		REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel 'PG'		*** [Ⓢ] "X-Men: First Class" (2011, Action) James McAvoy. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' Ⓢ				"Tina" (2021) Tina Turner. 'NR' Ⓢ			
(HBO2)	303	202	303			*** [Ⓢ] "The Invisible Man" (2020) Elisabeth Moss. 'R' Ⓢ		*** [Ⓢ] "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel. (In Stereo) 'R' Ⓢ		Last Week To.				Q: Into the Storm 'MA' Ⓢ		Q: Into the Storm 'MA' Ⓢ	
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Property Brothers: Forever Home 'G'		Property Brothers: Forever Home 'G'		Unsellable	Unsellable	Unsellable Houses (N) 'G' Ⓢ		House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	The Curse of Oak Island (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Curse of Oak Island (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Curse of Oak Island (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Curse of Oak Island (N) 'PG'		Assembly Required "Steamed Up" 'PG'		The Curse of Oak Island (In Stereo) 'PG'	
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles 'PG' Ⓢ		Rizzoli & Isles "I Kissed a Girl" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles "Born to Run" '14' Ⓢ		Rizzoli & Isles '14' Ⓢ		Rizzoli & Isles "The Beast in Me" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14' Ⓢ	
(LMN)	119	50	119			"Obsession: Stalked by My Lover" (2020, Suspense) Celeste Desjardins. 'NR' Ⓢ		"Obsession: Escaping My Ex" (2020, Suspense) Celeste Desjardins. 'NR' Ⓢ		"Obsession: Her Final Vengeance" (2020, Suspense) Celeste Desjardins. 'NR' Ⓢ							
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			The Beat With		The ReidOut (N)		All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour	
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Mecum Top 10	NHL Live (N) Ⓢ	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (N)		NHL Overtime (N) (In Stereo Live) Ⓢ				American Ninja Warrior Competitors face six obstacles. 'PG'			
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'		Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'		Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'		Port Protection Alaska (N) 'PG'		Life Below Zero "Total Overhaul" '14'		Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'	
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud		Casagran	Loud	Loud		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
(OWN)	125	24	103			Dr. Phil 'PG' Ⓢ		Queen Sugar '14'		Queen Sugar (N) '14'		Delilah (N) '14'		Underground 'MA' Ⓢ		Queen Sugar '14'	
(OXY)	123	44	123			Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' Ⓢ		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' Ⓢ		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' Ⓢ				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' Ⓢ			
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		*** [Ⓢ] "2 Guns" (2013) Denzel Washington. Undercover agents go on the run after a mission goes bad.		*** [Ⓢ] "The A-Team" (2010) Liam Neeson. Former Special Forces soldiers form a rogue unit. 'PG-13' Ⓢ					
(SEC)	745	72				The Paul Finebaum Show (N) (Live)		College Baseball North Carolina at South Carolina. From Founders Park in Columbia, S.C. (N) (Live)		College Football Quarterback JT Daniels leads Georgia against Cincinnati. 'G'				College Football Quarterback JT Daniels leads Georgia against Cincinnati. 'G'			
(SHOW)	340	241	340			*** [Ⓢ] "Carlito's Way" (1993) 'R' Ⓢ		**** [Ⓢ] "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together. 'R' Ⓢ						City on a Hill "I Need a Goat" 'MA' Ⓢ		Shameless (In Stereo) 'MA' Ⓢ	
(SUN)	36	31	36			Inside Pitch		To Be Announced							Rays All-Access 2020		Rays Prospect
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	"Tomb Raider"		* [Ⓢ] "Death Wish" (2018, Action) Bruce Willis. A man delivers vigilante justice to his family's attackers. 'R'		* [Ⓢ] "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" (2009, Action) Channing Tatum. 'PG-13' Ⓢ (DVS)				Futurama '14' Ⓢ		Futurama 'PG' Ⓢ	
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Chad	Conan (N)	Chad
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	**** [Ⓢ] "The Four Feathers" (1939, Adventure) John Clements. 'NR' Ⓢ		**** [Ⓢ] "The Four Feathers" (1939, Adventure) John Clements. 'NR' Ⓢ		**** [Ⓢ] "The 400 Blows" (1959, Crime Drama) Jean-Pierre L�aud. 'NR' Ⓢ				**** [Ⓢ] "Four Weddings and a Funeral" (1994) Hugh Grant. 'R' Ⓢ			
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Moonshiners (In Stereo) '14' Ⓢ		Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N) '14' Ⓢ		Moon							

Annie offers advice

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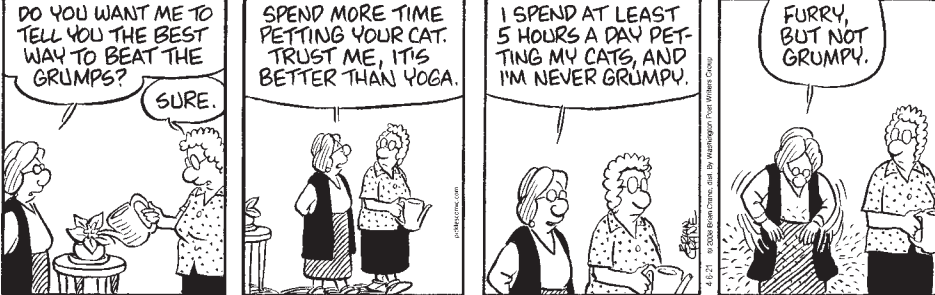
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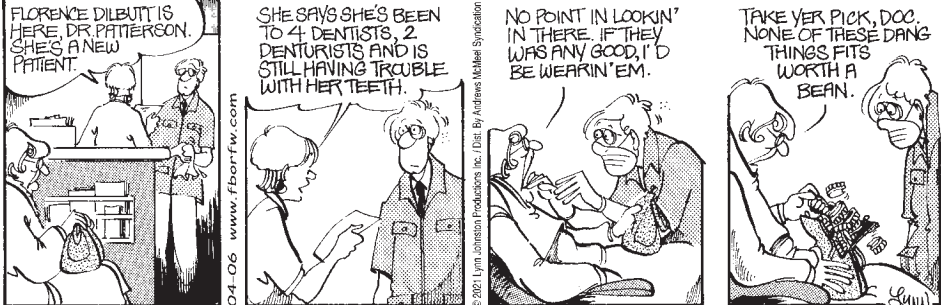
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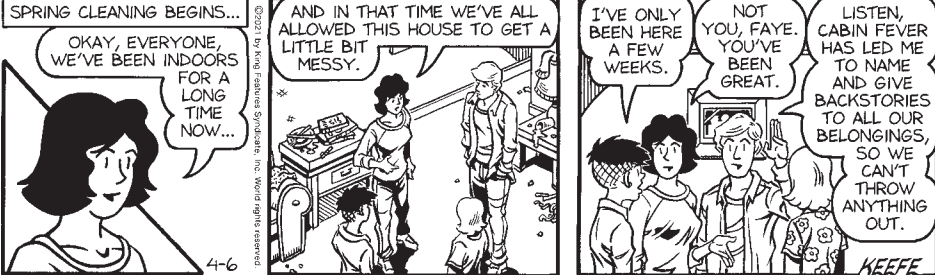
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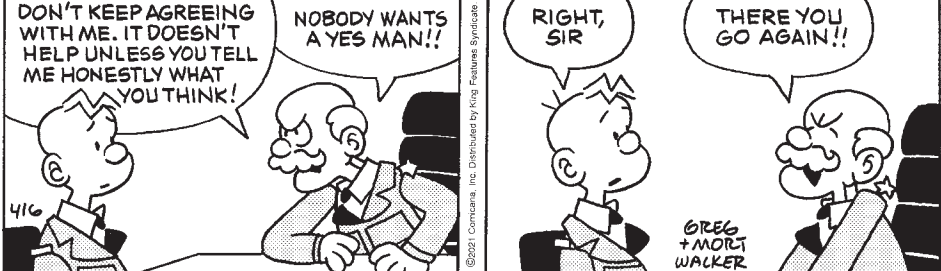
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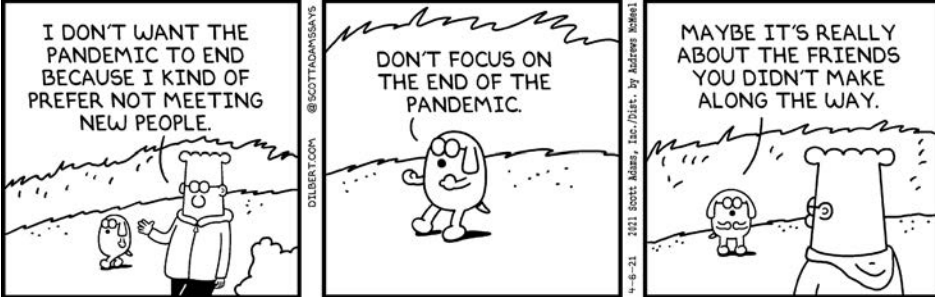
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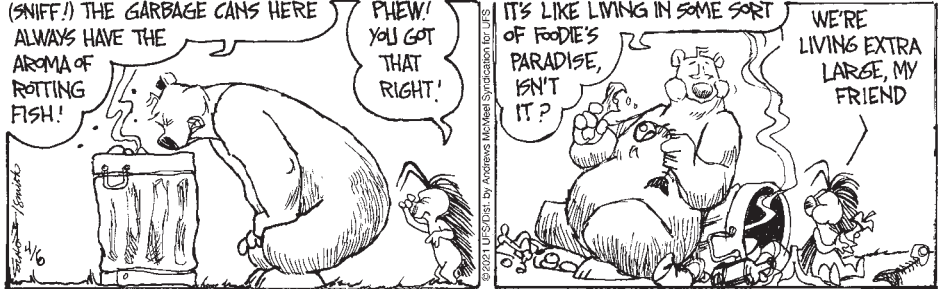
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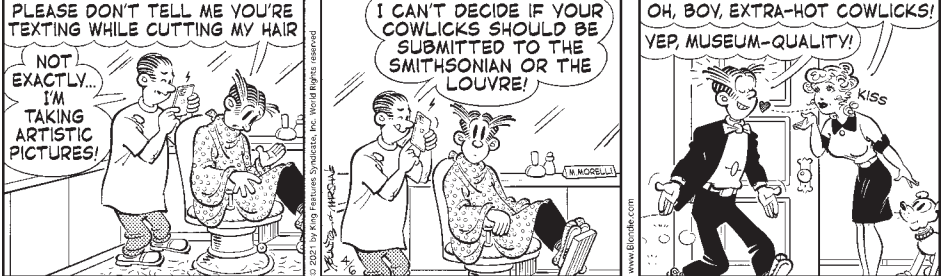
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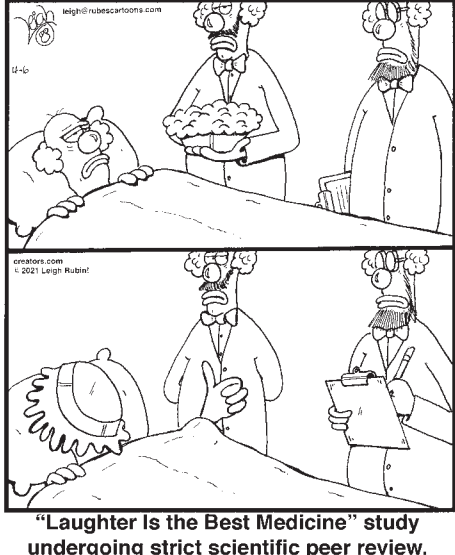
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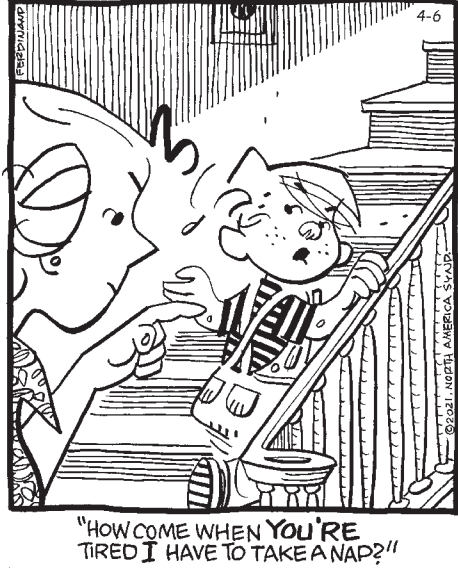
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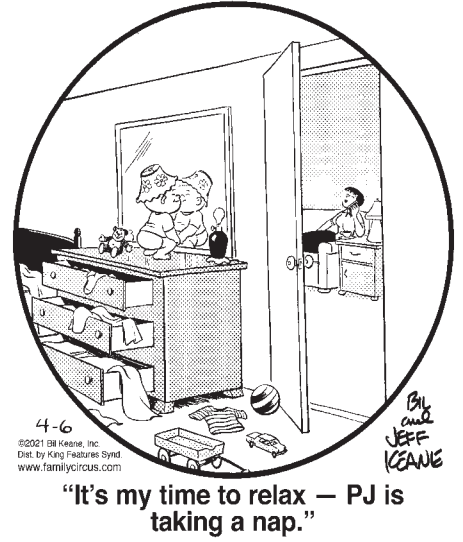
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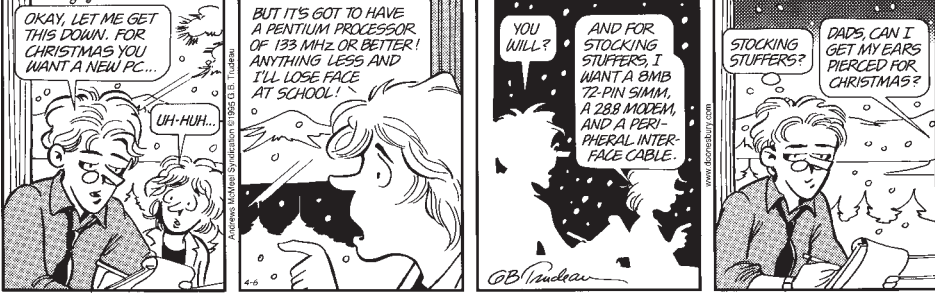
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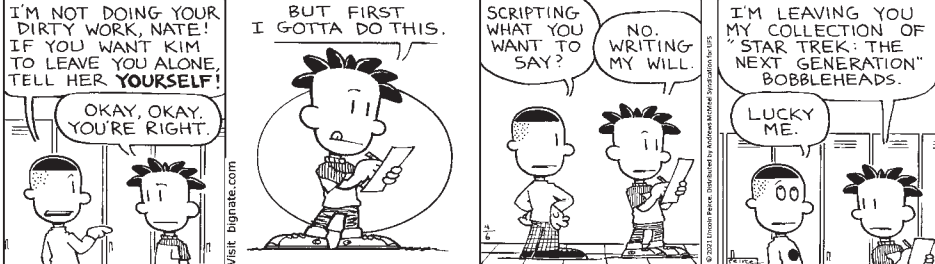
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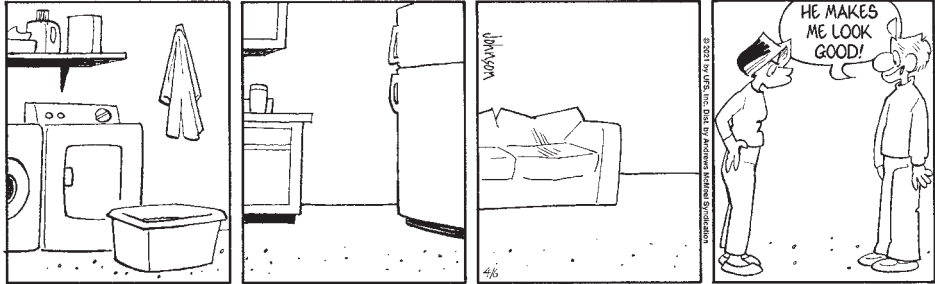
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: L equals W

H.J.C. GMWHJA MPKGDFKI, K GWFJG

NPIJRA ... VPK KHUDRH KIE FKEPMJIP

XKDI KHP LPMGWFJIN DPH UW

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	4						5	
8					1	3		
7	6			4				1
					7		1	9
			5			6		
6	2		9				8	
3				1			6	4
		4	8					5
	8						2	

Solution to Monday's puzzle4/6/21

6	7	2	1	3	5	4	8	9
9	8	1	4	6	2	3	5	7
4	3	5	7	8	9	2	6	1
2	5	8	9	1	7	6	4	3
3	6	9	8	2	4	1	7	5
1	4	7	6	5	3	9	2	8
8	9	3	5	4	6	7	1	2
5	2	6	3	7	1	8	9	4
7	1	4	2	9	8	5	3	6

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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Tuesday, April 6, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- WINDFALL

(WINDFALL: WIND-fall: A sudden unexpected piece of good fortune or personal gain.)

Average mark 20 words
Time limit 30 minutes

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

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- LIPASE

lapse

lase

leap

lisp

isle

pail

pale

peal

pile

plea

plies

aisle

apse

sail

sale

seal

sepal

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slap

slip

spiel

spile

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 Offer
4 Colorless
8 Russell or Vonnegut
12 Gloating cry
13 Waikiki setting
14 Chocolate cookie
15 Least mature
17 Smidgens
18 Fresh growth
19 Festivities
20 Con votes
22 Refuge
23 Power unit
26 Deborah of films
28 Bleater
31 Bombay nanny
32 Cotton gin name
33 Primary color
34 London's Old —
35 Used to be
36 Solemn assent

37 Want ad abbr.
38 Artist — Magritte
39 "Hooray for me!" (hyph.)
40 Brief craze
41 Aught or naught
43 Sweeper
46 Insect stage
50 Gape open
51 India neighbor
54 Evened the score
55 Think tank output
56 Moose kin
57 "Born Free" lioness
58 Look after
59 Where fishes play

Answer to Previous Puzzle

K	E	G			C	A	B			S	O	P
A	Y	N			C	O	R	A	L		O	D
L	E	A			O	U	T	D	O		D	O
E	S	T	U	A	R	Y		B	O	A	R	D
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A	D	A	P	T			Z	E	S	T	F	U
B	E	S			V	A	N				O	R
B	E	A			E	N	S		B	I	N	S
A	P	P	E	A	S	E		W	R	E	S	T
			K	I	T		P	E	A			
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I	D	A			W	Y	O				E	E

5 Issa of "Insecure"
6 Happy sighs
7 Except
8 Early camera
9 Siberian river
10 Ms. McEntire
11 Pitch

16 Beethoven symphony
19 Watchdog's warning
21 Distorted
22 Gotten up
23 Amicable signal
24 Pierre's girl
25 Mexican menu item
27 Panache
28 Humorist — Bombeck
29 Pesky plant
30 Best or Ferber
36 Cartographer's book
38 Meadow grazer
40 Activist and actress Jane —
42 Tale of Helen of Troy
43 Memory unit
44 Banister
45 Charges it
47 Hwy. numbers
48 Hollow
49 "Diana" singer
51 Hole
52 American humorist
53 Tenn. neighbor

DOWN

1 Men-to-be
2 Flapjack franchise
3 Gloomy
4 Lie —

4-6

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1. Bowling target storage receptacle (1)
2. Much less common TLC provider (2)
3. Acorn-tree-based old subway coin (2)
4. Mafia's edible young pigeons (1)
5. Prying person's boats akin to yawls (1)
6. Dreading raising children to adulthood (2)
7. Choosiness difficulty in choosing wisely (3)

5. SNOOPS SLOOPS 6. FEARING REARING 7. PICKINESS TRICKINESS
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