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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Two killed in single-vehicle crash**

Two people died in a single-vehicle crash late in the evening hours Saturday, Dec. 4, when the driver lost control of a sports utility vehicle, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

The driver, a 46-year-old male from Inverness, and his passenger, a 12-year-old male, who was not wearing a seat belt, both died at the scene of the crash. The FHP report did not release their names.

According to the report, the driver was traveling westbound at 9:40 p.m. in a 2020 Jeep Wrangler on State Road 44, east of South Marlene Point near Fisherman's Cove.

While attempting to change lanes, the driver lost control of the vehicle, which departed the roadway and entered the north shoulder where the vehicle struck a traffic sign, then overturned multiple times before coming to final rest.

**County seeks applications for advisory board**

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking applications for the Citrus Springs Advisory Board. They are seeking three qualified regular members to fill the two-year terms that will expire on Jan. 31, 2024.

Eligible applicants must reside full-time and own property within the boundaries of the Citrus Springs Municipal Service Benefit Unit as approved by the BOCC.

The Citrus Springs Advisory Board meets at 9 a.m. the first Wednesday monthly at the Citrus Springs Community Building, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd. The purpose of this board is to provide facilities, street lighting, beautification and other essential facilities and municipal services for the Citrus Springs area.

Applications are due by Dec. 9 and can be accessed at citrusboocc.com/boardapplication. Completed applications should be sent to Citrus County Administration, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461.

— From staff reports

**ONLINE POLL**

**Your choice?**

Christmas is less than three weeks away, what will your spending habits be like?

**A.** Due to the economy, spending less than past years.  
**B.** Due to supply issues, chose a vacation over presents.  
**C.** Despite the economy and supply issues, it's full speed ahead for Christmas.  
**D.** Everyone was going to get coal, but re-gifting last year's fruitcake.

To vote, visit www.chronicleonline.com. Scroll down the home page and look for the poll box in the right-hand column.

Results will appear next Monday. Find last week's online poll results. /Page A3

**Turnpike meetings this week**

State will explore potential corridors which could take toll road to U.S. 19

SEAN ARNOLD  
*Riverland News*

The state has called for an extension of the Florida Turnpike from its current terminus near Wildwood to "a logical and appropriate terminus" as determined by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

New alignments are out that show that terminus

could be on U.S. 19, either north of Crystal River or somewhere in Levy County.

This week, folks can view those plans for themselves during two public meetings.

But first, the background:

The passage of state legislation this year repealing the M-CORES program aimed at

extending three major toll roads in Florida, including the Florida Turnpike toward the north through Marion or Citrus County, didn't end the possibility of an expansion.

A Florida Turnpike extension plan is still being developed, but now it's called the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, and it's under the management of FDOT.

This week, FDOT will be holding its first public meetings on the project.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, there will be a virtual and an in-person meeting held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Levy Campus of the College of Central Florida Levy Campus in Chiefland (15390 U.S. 19).

For Citrus County residents, the meeting is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at

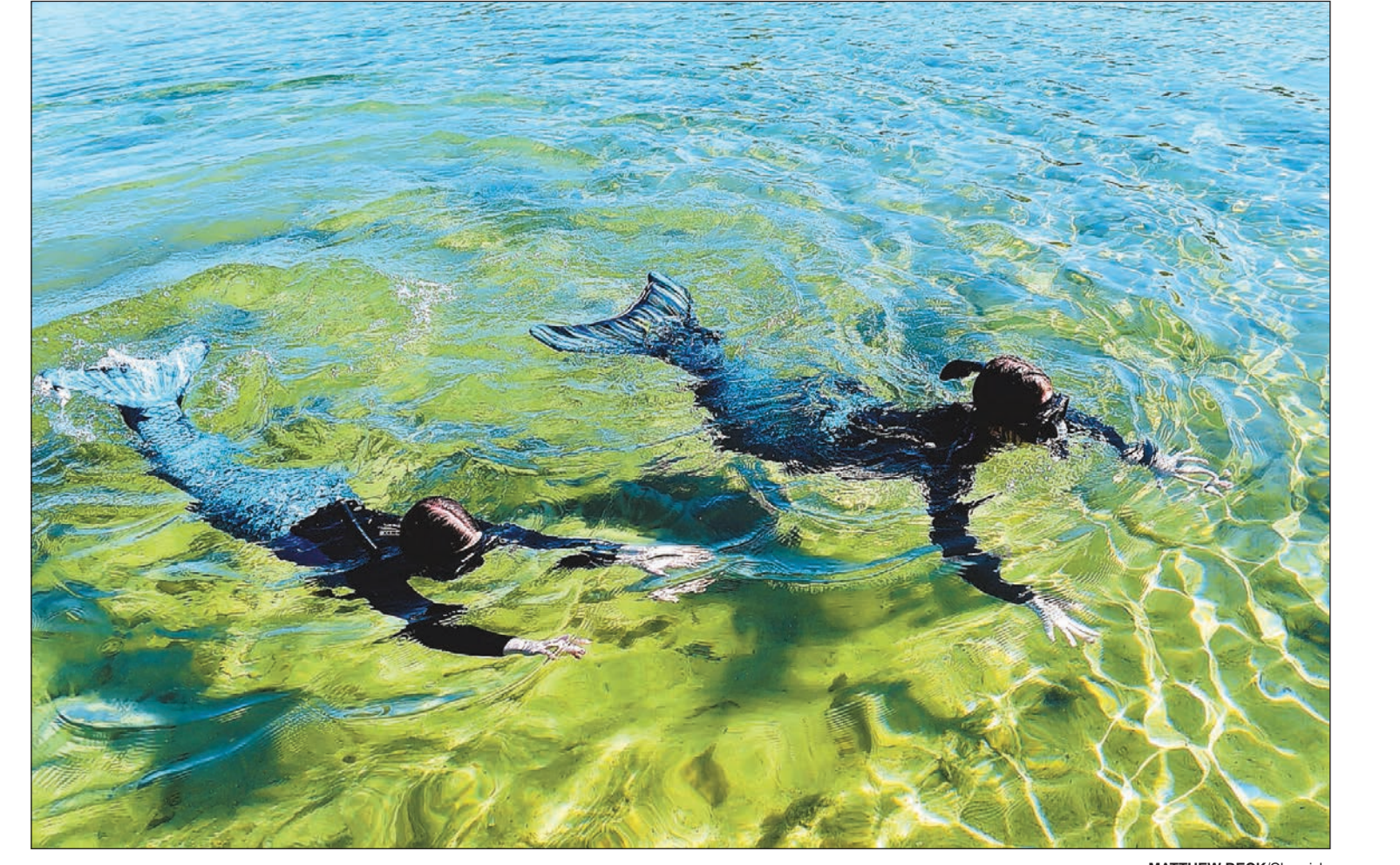
the College of Central Florida, 3800 County Road 491 in Lecanto.

Attendees will be able to comment and ask questions on the new Turnpike evaluation process.

The current planning phase is the first of five phases of what's called the Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE).

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**Classes spread mermaid magic**



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Jodie and Madieson Griffin of Hammersmith, London, use their tails to glide through the clear waters of the Crystal River, Tuesday, Nov. 30. The sisters are taking a mermaid class offered by Crystal River Watersports.

**Dive shop offers courses for fin aficionados**

HANNAH SACHEWICZ  
*Staff writer*

Did you ever pretend to be a mermaid in the pool growing up? Well, the magic doesn't have to end with adulthood. Here's your chance to do it for real.

Crystal River Watersports offers a series of progressive mermaid courses for all ages through Scuba Schools International (SSI). Aspiring mermaids can make their way through the following courses: Try Mermaid (optional), Mermaid, Ocean Mermaid and Model Mermaid.

"Mermaids have been captivating people for thousands of years," SSI

mermaid instructor Lauran Vendetti said. She said mermaids can be anything from cute, seductive, scary to deadly. "It's entirely up to them."

Vendetti lives in Pensacola and has been traveling to Citrus County for about one-and-a-half years to teach classes. She said mermaid courses were legitimized less than two years ago by SSI and Crystal River Watersports began teaching them shortly thereafter.

On Nov. 30, the Chronicle joined Vendetti to observe a Mermaid class, attended by tourists Jodie and Madieson Griffin. The sisters were vacationing in Florida with their mother, Kerriann Hayes, all the way

from Hammersmith, a district of West London, England.

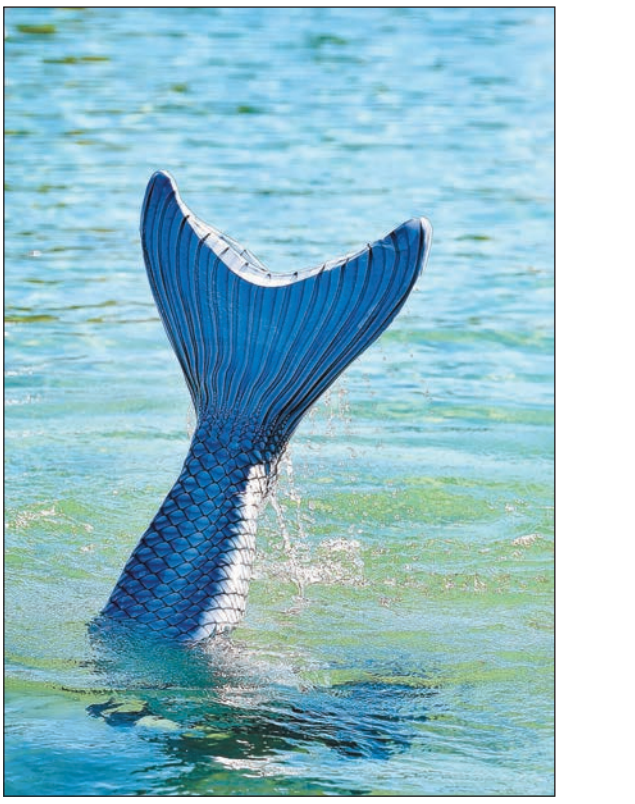
The Mermaid course provides the equivalent of a free-dive certification and gives participants the knowledge and training to conduct mermaid activities with a buddy in a pool or spring with depths up to 15 feet.

With this course, Vendetti said, "they will have achieved confined water skills."

Before entering the water, Vendetti explained basic skills to Jodie and Madieson, such as equalization, proper use of masks and breathing techniques.

The mermaid aspect brings free-diving to

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Students attending a mermaid class use fins that look like a mythical mermaid.

**Washington stalwart Bob Dole dead at 98**



Associated Press

Presidential hopeful Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., speaks to supporters in LeMars, Iowa, in this Feb. 10, 1996 file photo.

JOHN HANNA AND CALVIN WOODWARD  
*Associated Press*

TOPEKA, Kan. — Bob Dole, who overcame disabling war wounds to become a sharp-tongued Senate leader from Kansas, a Republican presidential candidate and then a symbol and celebrant of his dwindling generation of World War II veterans, died Sunday. He was 98.

His wife, Elizabeth Dole, said in an announcement posted on social media that

he died in his sleep.

Dole announced in February 2021 that he'd been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. During his 36-year career on Capitol Hill, Dole became one of the most influential legislators and party leaders in the Senate, combining a talent for compromise with a caustic wit, which he often turned on himself but didn't hesitate to turn on others, too.

He shaped tax policy, foreign policy, farm and nutrition programs and rights for the disabled, enshrining protections

against discrimination in employment, education and public services in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Today's accessible government offices and national parks, sidewalk ramps and the sign-language interpreters at official local events are just some of the more visible hallmarks of his legacy and that of the fellow lawmakers he rounded up for that sweeping civil rights legislation 30 years ago.

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*Around the*  
**COUNTY**

**Woman's club  
 brunch to fund  
 scholarships**

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will have their annual Christmas brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 12 at the clubhouse, 11756 Cedar St.

The menu includes French toast casserole, eggs benedict, bacon, hash browns, quiche, sausage gravy and biscuits, mimosas, coffee and Orange Juice.

The cost is \$20 per person with takeout available. Tickets are available from club members or by calling Treva at 352-219-9004. Proceeds will support the club's scholarship program and other community organizations providing services to women and children.

**Enjoy a holiday  
 breakfast with  
 Santa**

Floral City United Methodist Church will have a breakfast with Santa from 7 to 9 a.m. Dec. 7, 8478 E. Marvin St. in Floral City.

Parents and children are invited to enjoy a free breakfast with Santa. Bring your camera for pictures. For more information, call 352-344-1771.

**Supervisor of  
 Elections to have  
 outreach**

The Supervisor of Elections office invites the public to an outreach event from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 9 at the Crystal River Post Office, 18 NE Fourth Ave. in Crystal River.

This is a convenient way to register to vote, make changes to your voter record or request a vote-by-mail ballot. Information to apply for election worker positions will also be available.

To learn more, visit [votecitrus.gov](http://votecitrus.gov), email [votecitrus.gov](mailto:votecitrus.gov) or call 352-564-7120.

— From staff reports

**Correction**

The "Toy Story" float was misidentified in a photo caption on page A1 of Sunday's Chronicle. It belongs to Center Stage Dance Academy in Crystal River.

The Chronicle apologizes for the error.

Readers can alert the Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing [community@chronicleonline.com](mailto:community@chronicleonline.com) or by calling 352-563-5660.

**ONLINE  
 POLL  
 RESULTS**

**QUESTION:**  
 Medicare open enrollment is ongoing and ends Dec. 7. What is the toughest part of it all to understand?

**A.** Which local providers are in-network. (87 votes)

**B.** What the plans cover and do not cover. (179 votes)

**C.** What prescriptions the plan will cover. (34 votes)

**Total votes:** 300.

For this week's online poll question, see **Page A1**.

**Simpson backs controversial bill**

**JIM TURNER**  
*The News Service of  
 Florida*

TALLAHASSEE — Senate President Wilton Simpson this week backed a controversial proposal that could open local governments to more lawsuits, while also suggesting lawmakers might revisit a vetoed effort to end the state's no-fault auto insurance system.

Appearing Thursday at the Florida Chamber of

Commerce Insurance Summit in Tampa, Simpson signaled support for bills aimed at local governments, including a bill (SB 620) by Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, that would allow certain businesses to sue if local ordinances cause at least 15% losses of revenue or profits.

"What we need to make sure of is that our local governments don't destroy our business," said Simpson, a Triby Republican who is running for state agricul-

ture commissioner in 2022.

Referring to local governments, Simpson pointed to Hutson's efforts and "several others that are controversial ... to them."

"They want to take people's rights and businesses away from them. We're not going to let them," he added.

Lawmakers in recent years have considered — and often passed — proposals to limit the authority of county and city governments. That has included

blocking local governments from prohibiting items such as single-use plastic straws, sunscreen, plastic bags and Styrofoam containers. It has also included passing statewide laws about ride-hailing companies, guns, gas stations and the location of wireless technology.

Hutson's proposal would require businesses to have been open for three years before they could file lawsuits against local governments based on lost

revenue or profits. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 7-4 to back Hutson's bill on Tuesday.

The bill drew support from groups such as the Florida Chamber, Associated Industries of Florida, the Florida Retail Federation and Americans for Prosperity-Florida. Groups such as the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida AFL-CIO and Sierra Club Florida opposed the measure.

**Fort Cooper hosting 'Night of Lights'**



Friends of Fort Cooper volunteers are pictured with the CUB truck. Donations for CUB will be accepted at the Nights of Lights event.

*Last year's festivities were canceled due to pandemic*

*Special to the Chronicle*

Enjoy decorated trails, lights, apple cider and homemade cookies at the Nights of Lights event from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 at Fort Cooper State Park, 3100 S. Old Floral City Road in Inverness.

The Friends of Fort Cooper, an all-volunteer support organization for the park, sponsors this annual event. To the disappointment of volunteers and visitors, the event was canceled last year due to COVID precautions.

"We are so excited to be back to hosting the Nights of Lights this year," Friends of Fort Cooper president Diane Clayton said. "For many residents, attending our event is a

holiday tradition and we hated to disappoint them last year."

Park fees are waived for this event and admission consists of a donation of non-perishable food or a new unwrapped toy for Citrus United Basket (CUB) and/or a donation of pet food for Citrus County Animal Services.

Cash donations are also accepted. All proceeds from monetary donations will be used to fund this and future events.

"We will have CUB's truck on-site during our event," event chair Lesly Smith said. "We challenge our visitors to fill up CUB's truck with non-perishable food and/or unwrapped toys."

Donations will be



Craig Gallagher strings lights in preparation of the Nights of Lights event at Fort Cooper State Park.

loaded into the truck by boys from Scout Troop 302, Greater Tampa Bay Council during the two-night event.

Park trails are

handicap-accessible and attendees will enjoy holiday music, decorations and thousands of lights as they stroll along the walkways and through the rec

hall and pavilion. Free refreshments will be served. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to welcome and greet children.

**House leaders push back on redistricting criticism**

**JIM TURNER**  
*The News Service of  
 Florida*

TALLAHASSEE — House redistricting leaders are pushing back against criticism by outside groups of draft proposals rolled out this week in the once-a-decade process to redraw congressional and legislative lines.

A day after House Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Tyler Sirois decried responses to the drafts from the "self-anointed, partisan political class," State Legislative Redistricting Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Cord Byrd on Friday pointed to how the "punditocracy jumped into the headlines."

"With all of the political rhetoric that's being tossed around in the media, very little of it speaks of the constitutional standards that apply to our maps," Byrd, R-Neptune Beach, said at the start of a meeting of his subcommittee. "That irony

is not lost on me, nor should it be on you either: External groups are judging us on the very thing we cannot evaluate, consider or even know."

Byrd and Sirois, R-Merritt Island, alluded to the anti-gerrymandering Fair Districts requirements in the Florida Constitution that prohibit new districts from favoring individuals or political parties. Voters approved the Fair Districts requirements in two constitutional amendments in 2010.

Byrd, as did Sirois, advised members of his

subcommittee to "divest yourself" from external groups with vested interests in the new lines and "their rhetoric which are aimed at imputing their political ambitions into your decision making."

The drafts, which were developed by House staff members and released Monday, will eventually be replaced by proposed committee bills sometime after the start of the 2022 legislative session, which will begin Jan. 11.

The House and Senate will ultimately need to negotiate a map for

congressional districts. Common ground appears to have emerged on a key issue of establishing a new congressional district in Polk County. Florida will go from 27 to 28 congressional districts next year because of a population gain in the U.S. Census.

The Senate, meanwhile, is drawing a new Senate map, while the House will handle a new House map.

The anti-gerrymandering group RepresentUs, working with the Princeton Gerrymandering Project, gave "F" grades to the House's congressional maps, indicating "poor for the category, could be much better."

RepresentUs and Princeton had given Senate draft congressional maps a "B," indicating "better than average for the category, but bias still exists."

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# Today's HOROSCOPES

**Birthdays:** Look over your options and consider who you want to spend time with before making long-term plans. Being honest with yourself and others will make it easier for you to develop good relationships and satisfy your needs.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21):** Be brave and face head-on any problems you encounter. How you respond to others will determine the outcome of a situation that is holding you back.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Embrace what life has to offer and do whatever you can to make the world a better place. Take responsibility and set a high standard.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19):** Consider the consequences of your actions, then assess how to proceed. Nothing is too great a challenge if you think matters through and draw on expert advice.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20):** Lend a helping hand to a loved one. Stick to the truth, and it will help clear up uncertainty and confusion.

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Think for yourself. Don't let others intervene. Look at what you can do and put your energy where it counts.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** You will thrive on change, but you must do your homework before you jump into something that looks exciting. An opportunity is good only if you are willing to put in the time and effort required.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Make yourself clear. Leave nothing to chance or in the hands of someone incompetent. Take responsibility and see matters through to the end.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Set high standards. Use your imagination, and you'll develop innovative ideas that will help you reach your goal.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't let anger take charge. Set your plans in motion, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results. A financial or contractual opportunity looks promising. Keep the peace.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Participate in events that will help you get ahead. Pursuing educational opportunities and attending networking functions will pay off. Be a good listener.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Change the way you handle your finances to ensure you maintain a comfortable lifestyle. A unique approach to work will help you gain respect.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22):** Keep close tabs on your spending. Efficiency and moderation will ward off uncertainty. Romance is favored.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Audiences go for a second helping of 'Encanto'

Leftovers were on the menu for moviegoers in North America this weekend. "Encanto," "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" and "House of Gucci" repeated in the top three spots, according to studio estimates on Sunday. All three films are playing exclusively in theaters.

The weekend after Thanksgiving is usually pretty quiet at the box office and this year was no exception considering new offerings like "Flee" and "Benedetta" were playing only in limited release. Disney's "Encanto," an animated tale with original music from **Lin-Manuel Miranda**, earned \$12.7 million to take the top spot, down 53% from its opening last weekend. Globally, it's earned \$116.1 million to date.

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife" took second place in its third weekend with \$10.4 million, pushing it just past the \$100 million threshold. And **Ridley Scott's** ripped from the headlines "House of Gucci," starring **Lady Gaga** and **Adam Driver**, came in third place in its second weekend with \$6.8 million from 3,477 locations, bringing its domestic total to \$33.6 million.

The big surprise came from Fathom, which snagged the fourth place spot with "Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers." It isn't exactly a movie but an episode of a faith-based streaming series, this focused on the birth of **Jesus** with several performances by Christian groups, that was shot specifically for a 10-day big screen run. Over the weekend, it grossed \$4.1 million from 1,700 screens. Since Wednesday, it's earned \$9 million and has become the



Associated Press

**Tom Holland, right, and Zendaya pose for photographers at the photo call for the film 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' in London Sunday, Dec. 5.**

highest grossing event in Fathom history.

"It just shows how powerful event cinema is and how movie theaters can benefit from non-traditional releases," said **Paul Dergarabedian**, the senior media analyst for Comscore.

In other notable showings, Warner Bros.' brought "Dune" back to IMAX screens this weekend. The premium screens accounted for over half of its \$1.8 million domestic earnings.

In specialty releases, **Paul Verhoeven's** "Benedetta," released by IFC Films, grossed \$145,000 from 202 theaters and Focus Features' "Wolf" opened on 308 screens to \$80,000. Neon's animated documentary "Flee" also opened on four screens, earning \$25,033. The film is about a man who fled Afghanistan as a child in the 1980s.

Things should pick up next week as **Steven Spielberg's** take on "West Side Story" dances into theaters nationwide.

"We're heading into the home stretch of the box office year at \$3.7 billion," Dergarabedian said.

Pre-pandemic, it was not uncommon for the North American

box office to total around \$11 billion. But Dergarabedian thinks that \$4 billion is still in reach for 2021, should a certain superhero swing in to help on Dec. 17.

"I think the industry has the potential to generate \$300 million over the next few weeks," Dergarabedian added. "Spider-Man" could be the lynchpin to catapult us past the \$4 billion mark."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Encanto," \$12.7 million.
2. "Ghostbusters: Afterlife," \$10.4 million.
3. "House of Gucci," \$6.8 million.
4. "Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers," \$4.1 million.
5. "Eternals," \$3.9 million.
6. "Resident Evil: Raccoon City," \$2.7 million.
7. "Clifford the Big Red Dog," \$1.8 million.
8. "Dune," \$1.8 million.
9. "King Richard," \$1.2 million.
10. "Venom: Let There Be Carnage," \$1 million.

— From wire reports

# Today in HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2021. There are 25 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:** On Dec. 6, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.

**On this date:** In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1969, a free concert by The Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Alameda County, California, was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

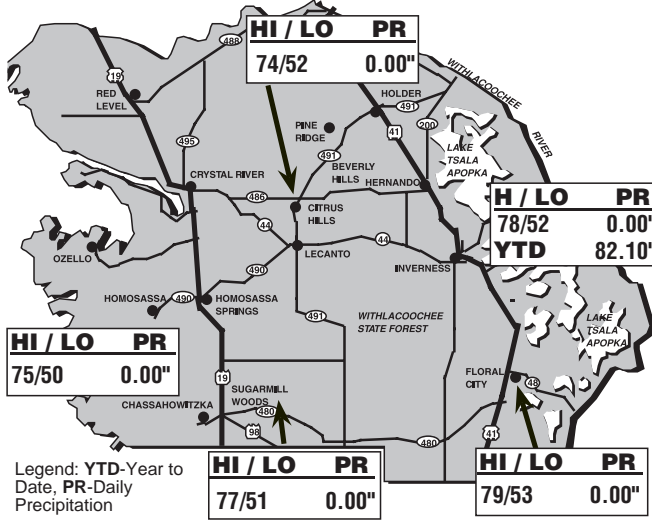
**Ten years ago:** Declaring the American middle class in jeopardy, President Barack Obama, speaking in Kansas, outlined a populist economic vision that would drive his re-election bid, insisting the United States had to reclaim its standing as a country in which everyone could prosper if provided "a fair shot and a fair share."

**Five years ago:** President-elect Donald Trump officially announced he would nominate retired Marine Gen. James Mattis to be his defense secretary, bringing his pick onstage at a rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

**One year ago:** President Donald Trump said his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani had tested positive for the coronavirus, making him the latest in Trump's inner circle to contract the disease.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor James Naughton is 76. Actor JoBeth Williams is 73. Actor Tom Hulce is 68. Actor Wil Shriner is 68. Actor Kin Shriner is 68. Actor Miles Chapin is 67. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 60. Actor Janine Turner is 59. Rock musician Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) is 59. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 54. Writer-director Craig Brewer is 50. Actor Colleen Haskell is 45.

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



## THREE DAY OUTLOOK

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
High: 80° Low: 52°  
Partly sunny and a little more humid with a sea breeze.

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING**  
High: 79° Low: 56°  
Mostly cloudy with light winds

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING**  
High: 78° Low: 59°  
Mostly cloudy with a small chance for a shower

ALMANAC		Data from Crystal River Airport	
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>		<b>DEW POINT</b>	
Yesterday	79/48	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	60°
Record*	86/28	<b>HUMIDITY</b>	
Normal	75/47	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	81%
Mean temp.	61	<b>POLLEN COUNT**</b>	
Departure from mean	3	Today's active pollen:	
<b>PRECIPITATION</b>		Ragweed, grasses, composites	
Yesterday	0.00"	Today's count: 3.6/12	
Total for the month	0.02"	Tuesday's count: 5.4	
Total for the year	61.68"	Wednesday's count: 5.4	
Normal for the year	49.77"	<b>AIR QUALITY</b>	
As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org		Yesterday observed	Good
<b>UV INDEX:</b>	3	Pollutant	PM2.5
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high			
<b>BAROMETRIC PRESSURE</b>	30.14		

SOLAR TABLES				
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)
12/06	MONDAY	7:09	2:23	5:31
12/07	TUESDAY	7:09	3:28	5:32

**CELESTIAL OUTLOOK**

SUNSET TONIGHT ..... 5:31 pm  
 SUNRISE TOMORROW ..... 7:09 am  
 MOONRISE TODAY ..... 9:46 am  
 MOONSET TODAY ..... 8:07 pm

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**TIDES**

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

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	7:08 a.m.	0.1 ft
Crystal River**	5:04 a.m.	0.8 ft
Withlacoochee*	2:05 a.m.	1.3 ft
Homosassa***	5:30 a.m.	n/a

## FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	78	60	mc	Miami	81	72	t
Fort Lauderdale	82	70	t	Ocala	80	56	pc
Fort Myers	81	63	pc	Orlando	82	61	pc
Gainesville	78	57	mc	Pensacola	75	58	sh
Homestead	82	67	t	Sarasota	79	60	mc
Jacksonville	78	59	mc	Tallahassee	76	59	mc
Key West	79	72	pc	Tampa	80	61	pc
Lakeland	81	60	pc	Vero Beach	81	64	pc
Melbourne	82	63	pc	W. Palm Bch.	80	72	sh

## MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southeast winds around 5 knots then becoming southwest late in the afternoon. Seas 1 foot. Bay and inland waters smooth. Tonight: Northwest winds around 5 knots then becoming east toward morning. Seas 1 foot.

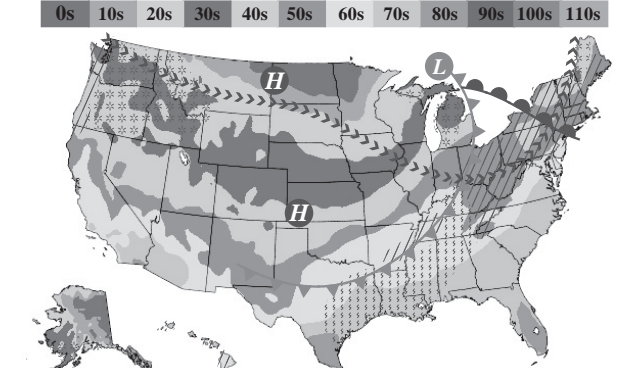
**Gulf water temperature**  
**68°**  
Taken at Crystal River

## LAKE LEVELS

Location	SUN	SAT	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	30.26	30.30	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.89	37.90	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.22	39.22	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.40	40.41	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. Monday

City	SUN		MON		City	SUN		MON					
	H	L	Pcp.	Fest		H	L	Pcp.	Fest				
Albany	43	32	Trace	56	30	ra	New Orleans	80	62	0.00	79	56	sh
Albuquerque	63	30	0.00	56	31	s	New York City	48	39	0.00	62	36	sh
Asheville	56	37	0.00	66	29	sh	Norfolk	58	42	0.00	70	41	pc
Atlanta	63	52	Trace	69	39	sh	Oklahoma City	75	41	0.00	47	30	s
Atlantic City	51	27	0.00	60	36	sh	Omaha	54	39	0.00	30	22	s
Austin	80	68	Trace	70	43	sh	Palm Springs	88	55	0.00	84	60	s
Baltimore	52	32	0.00	65	32	sh	Philadelphia	55	35	0.00	62	34	sh
Billings	46	21	0.23	29	15	sn	Phoenix	77	49	0.00	76	52	sh
Birmingham	76	59	0.00	67	39	sh	Pittsburgh	54	30	0.00	57	25	sh
Boise	49	32	0.00	42	33	sh	Portland, ME	40	21	0.00	55	34	sh
Boston	47	37	0.00	61	35	sh	Portland, OR	48	34	0.07	47	43	ra
Buffalo	43	30	Trace	54	27	mc	Providence, RI	48	30	0.00	61	34	sh
Burlington, VT	31	26	Trace	52	26	sh	Raleigh	62	42	0.00	71	41	pc
Charleston, SC	72	52	0.00	73	55	mc	Rapid City	38	25	Trace	28	16	mc
Charleston, WV	64	32	0.00	61	27	sh	Reno	64	27	Trace	58	33	mc
Charlotte	65	48	0.00	70	39	mc	Rochester, NY	43	27	Trace	55	28	sh
Chicago	43	35	0.17	31	14	pc	Sacramento	54	46	0.00	54	44	cl
Cincinnati	61	24	0.10	53	23	pc	Salt Lake City	55	32	0.00	47	33	rs
Cleveland	57	37	Trace	52	26	rs	San Antonio	82	71	Trace	72	46	mc
Columbia, SC	66	45	0.00	74	47	mc	San Diego	64	57	0.00	67	55	pc
Columbus, OH	55	28	0.01	53	23	mc	San Francisco	58	50	0.00	61	51	mc
Concord, NH	41	20	0.00	52	29	sh	Savannah	74	49	0.00	75	58	mc
Dallas	79	57	0.00	54	38	s	Seattle	43	33	0.03	44	41	ra
Denver	62	27	0.00	40	26	mc	Spokane	36	27	0.00	34	25	sn
Des Moines	54	36	0.00	28	17	pc	St. Louis	61	36	0.24	42	25	s
Detroit	41	35	0.38	42	21	ss	St. Ste Marie	28	21	0.17	31	8	ss
El Paso	73	43	0.00	61	42	s	Syracuse	43	32	Trace	56	28	sh
Evansville, IN	64	34	0.17	46	25	s	Topeka	66	46	0.00	38	28	pc
Harrisburg	52	34	0.00	60	30	sh	Washington	54	37	0.00	67	33	sh
Hartford	46	30	0.00	59	32	sh							
Houston	81	61	0.00	80	54	t							
Indianapolis	61	33	0.15	40	20	pc							
Kansas City	65	46	0.00	37	27	pc							
Las Vegas	79	48	0.00	70	52	pc							
Little Rock	74	55	Trace	53	31	sh							
Los Angeles	65	53	0.00	68	53	pc							
Louisville	70	39	0.12	53	26	pc							
Memphis	72	59	0.14	53	32	mc							
Milwaukee	40	35	0.24	31	8	mc</							

## Obituaries

### Mary Ann Martinez, 84

HOMOSASSA

Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Ann Martinez, 84, of Homosassa, will be held on Thurs., Dec. 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM from St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Homosassa. Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa.



### Samuel Bengé Jr., 75

FLORAL CITY

BENGE Jr., Samuel A., age 75, passed away at his home on Monday, November 22, 2021.



Samuel Bengé Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel A. Bengé Sr. and Helen (Burke) Goodner and sister, Linda Dowell. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Pamela Keller-Benge; sons, Samuel L. (Julie) Bengé, Richard A. Bengé and Robert S. (Tammy) Bengé; daughters, Lisa Brunn and Christina Fekany both of Florida; sisters, Joyce Scott, Delores Owens and Gail Keeton; brothers, Billy Bengé, Doug Earl Goodner and Gary Goodner; grandchildren, Sierra Geier, Samuel M. Bengé, Jacob Bengé, Joshua Bengé, Andrew Bengé, Michael Bengé and Christian Bengé and great-grandchildren, Madison Geier, Eric Geier Jr., Gwen Geier, Alexis Bengé, Michael Bengé Jr., Zoey Bengé, Saveah Bengé and Abby McClain.

Samuel was a U.S. Navy Vietnam War Veteran and a member of American Legion Post 237. He was also a retired sports bar owner and loved being a part of his Singing Forest Community in Floral City, Florida. He also enjoyed motorcycles and fishing and spending time with family and friends.

A memorial visitation will be held between 10am and 11am on Friday,

December 17, 2021 with a memorial service to begin at 11am at Burcham Tobias Funeral Home, 119 E. Main Street, Fairborn, OH 45324. A graveside service will take place at 2:30 PM on Friday at Miami Valley Memory Gardens, 1639 E Lytle 5 Points Rd, Centerville, OH 45458. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.burchamtobiasfuneralhome.com](http://www.burchamtobiasfuneralhome.com).

## Death ELSEWHERE

### Edward Shames, 99

LAST OF THE 'BAND OF BROTHERS'

NORFOLK, Va. — Edward Shames, a World War II veteran who was the last surviving officer of "Easy Company," which inspired the HBO miniseries and book "Band of Brothers," has died. He was 99.

An obituary posted by the Holomon-Brown Funeral Home & Crematory said Shames, of Norfolk, Virginia, died peacefully at his home on Friday.

Shames was involved in some of the most important battles of World War II. During the war, he was a member of the renowned Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

"He made his first combat jump into Normandy on D-Day as part of Operation Overlord. He volunteered for Operation Pegasus and then fought with Easy Company in Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne," according to the obituary.

Shames was the first member of the 101st to enter Dachau concentration camp, just days after its liberation.

"When Germany surrendered, Ed and his men of Easy Company entered Hitler's Eagle's Nest where Ed managed to acquire a few bottles of cognac, a label indicating they were 'for the Führer's use only.' Later, he would use the cognac to toast his oldest son's Bar Mitzvah," the obituary said.

— From wire reports

## DOLE

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Dole devoted his later years to the cause of wounded veterans, their fallen comrades at Arlington National Cemetery and remembrance of the fading generation of World War II vets.

Thousands of old soldiers massed on the National Mall in 2004 for what Dole, speaking at the dedication of the World War II Memorial there, called "our final reunion." He'd been a driving force in its creation.

"Our ranks have dwindled," he said then. "Yet if we gather in the twilight it is brightened by the knowledge that we have kept faith with our comrades."

Long gone from Kansas, Dole made his life in the capital, at the center of power and then in its shadow upon his retirement, living all the while at the storied Watergate complex. When he left politics and joined a law firm staffed by prominent Democrats, he joked that he brought his dog to work so he would have another Republican to talk to.



Associated Press

In this Jan. 17, 2018 file photo, President Donald Trump, center and Vice President Mike Pence watch during a Congressional Gold Medal ceremony honoring former Senator Bob Dole on Capitol Hill in Washington.

He tried three times to become president. The last was in 1996, when he won the Republican nomination only to see President Bill Clinton reelected. He sought his party's presidential nomination in 1980 and 1988 and was the 1976 GOP vice presidential candidate on the losing ticket with President Gerald Ford.

Through all of that he carried the mark of war. Charging a German position in northern Italy in 1945, Dole was hit by a shell fragment that crushed two vertebrae and paralyzed his arms and legs. The young Army platoon leader spent three years recovering in

a hospital and never regained use of his right hand.

Dole could be merciless with his rivals, whether Democrat or Republican. When George H.W. Bush defeated him in the 1988 New Hampshire Republican primary, Dole snapped: "Stop lying about my record." If that pales next to the scorching insults in today's political arena, it was shocking at the time.

But when Bush died in December 2018, old rivalries were forgotten as Dole appeared before Bush's casket in the Capitol Rotunda. As an aide lifted him from his wheelchair, Dole slowly steadied himself and saluted

his one-time nemesis with his left hand, his chin quivering.

In a vice presidential debate two decades earlier with Walter Mondale, Dole had famously and audaciously branded all of America's wars that century "Democrat wars." Mondale shot back that Dole had just "richly earned his reputation as a hatchet man."

Dole at first denied saying what he had just said on that very public stage, then backed down, and eventually acknowledged he'd gone too far. "I was supposed to go for the jugular," he said, "and I did — my own."

For all of his bare-knuckle ways, he was a deep believer in the Senate as an institution and commanded respect and even affection from many Democrats. Just days after Dole announced his dire cancer diagnosis, President Joe Biden visited him at his home to wish him well. The White House said the two were close friends from their days in the Senate.

Biden ordered that U.S. flags be flown at half-staff at the White House and all public buildings and grounds until sunset Thursday.

## TURNPIKE

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The project aims to propose an extension of the turnpike from its current terminus near Wildwood to "a logical and appropriate terminus as determined by the FDOT," according to the SB 100 Bill, which ended M-CORES and established a new alternative plan for potentially extending the turnpike and upgrading and expanding U.S. 19.

The new law also establishes "no-build" as one of the options.

The proposals for an extension, similar to the M-CORES plans, will likely seek to connect the turnpike to U.S. 19, either by passing through Marion County to the east of Dunnellon and eventually going north of Dunnellon in Levy County, or by going west through Citrus County.

The most recent two

Dunnellon City Councils each unanimously submitted a letter opposing M-CORES' planned extension of the turnpike to the area, due to its potential effect on local traffic congestion, the health of the local rivers and Dunnellon's small-town quality of life.

An extension through Marion County could encroach or be built adjacent to an area considered part of the springshed area of Rainbow Springs.

M-CORES was met with a lukewarm response in the area, at best, and faced staunch opposition from advocacy groups such as 1000 Friends of Florida.

FDOT will be holding public hearings and then reporting to the governor and Legislature in winter 2022, before moving to the second phase—the "Project Development and Environment Study."

As part of determining its feasibility of an extension, FDOT says it will "continue to work in

partnership with local governments, environmental and community organizations and the public to facilitate environmental mitigation or ecosystem, wildlife habitat or water quality protection or restoration. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data will be used to refine corridors to avoid and minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive features to the extent possible during the ACE."

The state has cited improved evacuation routes, congestion mitigation, improved transportation infrastructure, trade and logistics and broadband, water and sewer connectivity as some of the reasons for the extension of the roadways in question.

County Commissioner Scott Carnahan said having the parkway go all the way to Red Level off U.S. 19 would be a game changer for Citrus County. Imagine, he said, getting on the parkway in Crystal River and driving it all the

way to Tampa. "It puts Citrus County on the map," he said. "When it comes to drawing businesses in the area of manufacturing it gives them the opportunity to move goods (and) we've never had that before."

Visit [www.floridasturnpike.com/NTE](http://www.floridasturnpike.com/NTE) to register and select a participation option for a meeting. Comments can also be made there.

Meeting materials, including project displays and videos, will be available on the project website the day of the first meeting. A recording of the virtual meeting will also be posted to the project website following the meeting.

Citrus County Chronicle staff writer Michael D. Bates contributed to this story.

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Sandra Hochman

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### PRESERVING NATURE

# BOCC shoots down Ozello park proposal

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard had an innovative plan to purchase the Pirates Cove property at the end of Ozello Trail — a plan that would have avoided using taxpayer money.

Pirates Cove is a pristine 3.6-acre site with 750 feet of water frontage and abuts an existing county park and boat ramp. The property has sat idle since the restaurant/motel housed on it was destroyed by the no-name storm in 1993 and later demolished in 2010.

Earlier this month, the owner of the Pirates Cove property shot down the county's bid to buy the property for \$616,000. Kinnard asked the board to seek new appraisals for four of the five lots with the county's contribution not to exceed \$375,000. The money would come out of these revenue pots: \$190,000 from District 1 park fees; \$100,000 from the Citrus County Tourist Development Council (subject to TDC approval); and \$85,000 from the Duke Energy special projects funds. Kinnard said he has been working with several individuals and a nonprofit to purchase the remaining fifth lot, which it would then convey to the county.

In a sad, short-sighted move, commissioners voted 3-2 against purchasing the property. Only Commissioner Holly Davis, who agreed impact fee funds to expand parks is a perfect use of that money, supported

Kinnard's proposal.

What's really disappointing is during the board's discussion, it appeared Commissioner Ruthie Schla-bach supported the purchase plan, but when the vote was tallied, she waffled for a moment,

then appeared to hit the panic button and sided with commissioners Ron Kitchen and Scott Carnahan.

Pirates Cove draws a lot of people who kayak, fish, boat or enjoy the pristine views. Expanding the park would have been a great way to preserve the natural habitat from development. Sadly, new commission chairman Ron Kitchen's opinion is government shouldn't pay for parks, private entities should, and he used an example of the county not paying for a park in Homosassa as why he wouldn't support any public money being used for a park in Ozello.

This is just another missed opportunity for the county. Citrus County citizens deserve better.

#### THE ISSUE:

County commissioners nix Pirates Cove purchase.

#### OUR OPINION:

A disappointing decision by county leaders.

## Thanks for your donation

I would like to thank individuals, and the groups who have donated to the Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation during the past year, and amazingly thru the COVID pandemic.

It has been difficult to plan for special events that normally assist the Foundation with the circumstances of the past two years.

Yet, in spite of it all, we have been able to continue the mission to assist people who are going thru cancer treatments, who need financial assistance with daily living needs, and who live in Citrus County.

Filling up the gas tank is a stressor for those who are on a fixed income, as they can be traveling to multiple medical appointments each week. Dental extractions, which are sometimes needed before treatment begins, can be thousands of dollars that a person cannot afford. Paying for miscellaneous items of medical supplies may not be with in someone's budget. Obviously, not being able to work due to illness or treatments can be financially and emotionally devastating.

Some people feel that getting a cancer diagnosis and making it thru treatment is the toughest part of cancer. A positive attitude, social support, and an exceptional medical team are tops. However, the financial implications some face are unmanageable.

The Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation is able to make a difference at a time when it is needed and most appreciated. Coping with cancer can be a scary and lonely place to be. Our community has stepped up to help in ways that can ease some of the burden.

## LETTERS to the Editor

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I wish all of our supporters a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Wendy Hall  
CACF volunteer

## A logical explanation is due

The Chronicle's Nov. 4 editorial, "State officials say democracy under threat," rightly agrees with state supervisors of elections who recently issued a statement that our democracy is under threat due to the continuing false claims that the 2020 election was somehow fraudulent.

Gov. DeSantis apparently agreed with our election chiefs too — at least in the aftermath of the 2020 election, when he praised the election as fair and free of fraud.

So, I was surprised to see an article in that same Chronicle edition titled, "Florida

governor calls for election police force." It seems Gov. DeSantis is now claiming unspecified — and false — examples of election fraud to justify new oppressive election laws, including the creation of a special police force within the Florida Department of State to investigate "election crimes and fraud."

If there was fraud in Florida's 2020 election, proof should be shown and charges brought, after all, several House seats flipped from one party to the other with slight margins. If those seats were won by cheating, those results should be overturned. And, is the governor claiming that the presidential election results in Florida were somehow wrong, due to fraud?

That would only add to President Biden's winning electoral tally, but, of course, the people should know.

Which is it? Was the 2020 Florida election fair or fraudulent? I stand with the elections supervisors who ask political leaders and elected officials to "tone down the rhetoric and stand up for our democracy." They, along with their staff and loyal volunteers, work tirelessly to make sure that voting in Florida is easy to do, but hard to cheat at.

The governor appears to want Floridians to believe two things at once: that the 2020 election was fair and that there was election fraud so he needs his own police force to combat it. Is it that he fears another very close gubernatorial race in 2022? Or is he trying to burnish his far-right credentials for his presidential run in 2024? Either way, I hope the media continues to press him for a logical explanation.

Ilse Miles  
Beverly Hills



## Advisory too late

(Re the Wednesday, Dec. 1, Page C1 brief, "Apply for the Veterans Services Advisory Board," "Due Dec. 2"): The Chronicle advisory about a local veterans opportunity for a county service should have been more timely. Local veterans organizations are unlikely to respond with only 24 hours notice.

Editor's note: The notice has been running for weeks.

## Gas cheaper in Ocala

I'm responding to Sound Off. I had to go to Sam's Club. On the way home, I stopped in Ocala to get gas at \$3.05 a gallon while here in Citrus County, the cheapest I've seen was \$3.25 to \$3.35. Amazing, \$3.05 for gas, but not in Citrus County.

## Traffic signals not timed correctly

I just want to know why the traffic signals on Grover Cleveland and Homosassa

Trail heading north and south are not timed correctly.

## Decision makes no sense

Every business in the Beverly Hills Plaza benefits from Living Water Ministries Thrift Store. Why would a prominent businessman remove the store that generated income for him? As a friend of mine would say, this makes no sense. Everybody from all walks of life visited that store, received prayers from the pastor and were fed by the food pantry. It makes no sense.

## A sign of the times

This has got to be a sign of the times. In (a restaurant), the waitress stands up in front of the entire restaurant and pretty much yells out she doesn't need this job, she's only here for chump change and she doesn't need your dollar or \$5. She doesn't need this job, she's there for chump change, she's married

and has a husband that pays all her bills. This is a restaurant in public and the waitress stands up, a lady — unbelievable! I don't know what her coworkers thought, but if she doesn't need the job, let somebody else have it that needs it in this day and time.

## State should better fund schools

This is about the editorial on Tuesday, Nov. 30 (Page A13). In the editorial, you pointed out how the school district staff is getting small raises or perhaps bonus checks and you suggested that we look into other funding sources to plan ahead so that we don't lose teachers. I ask you, why don't you call out the state legislators who are not funding our schools better? This is an ongoing problem. By the way, I would also ask that you print the names of our state legislators just like you print the names and contact information for the county

commissioners. Again, this is a state legislative problem.

## Playing footloose with the gospel

This is in response to the Sound Off on Nov. 29 regarding praise bands (Page A7). My wife and I have lived in Citrus County for eight years. During the first three years, we visited 24 churches. We could have put up with loud, raucous music, but what has turned us off is the way every church is playing footloose and fancy-free with the gospel. We take Christianity seriously and don't go to church for fun. When churches get back to the Bible, we'll get back to church.

## CCSO does tremendous job

I'd like to take a moment to commend our sheriff's department in our county. They do a tremendous job. We have lived here since 1976 and they do a tremendous job. That's really all I really want to say. Merry Christmas to them and thank you.

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# MERMAIDS

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another level, according to Vendetti. She explained the biggest difference is depth — mermaid diving isn't about depth.

"It's strictly recreational — it's creative," Vendetti said.

Vendetti also explained the mammalian diving reflex, something our species has in common with our local manatees. When our face hits the water, she said, our heart rate slows and blood is redirected to our vital organs.

After their lesson, the group made their way to Hunter Springs Park in Crystal River to get their fins wet. Vendetti helped Jodie and Madiason put on their wetsuits and showed them how to wear their monofins.

First, they sat on the ledge at Hunter Springs Park to learn the technique of moving their fins.

"Point and flex, point and flex," Vendetti told them.

The group utilized pool noodles to support themselves as they practiced swimming with the tail while snorkeling. Soon enough, they were able to take away the noodles and swim on their own.

Another important aspect of class is safety. Vendetti showed the sisters what to do in the case of cramping, how to float on their back if tired and how to quickly remove their mermaid tail.

"There's never, every any reason to panic," she said.

As mermaids get comfortable in the water, they can begin to learn special skills such as mermaid kisses, bubble hearts, tail flips and more.

Jodie and Madiason's class became extra special when a manatee and her calf showed up to join the fun. The sisters got to observe Crystal River's resident "mermaids" and Hayes even got in the water to join her daughters. Seeing the manatees, Hayes said, "that was the whole reason for coming."

For more information, visit [crystalrivermermaid.com](http://crystalrivermermaid.com) or call 352-795-7033.

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Crystal River Watersports mermaid instructor is Laura Vendetti speaks with a young "mermaid" Tuesday, Nov. 30, from a seawall at Hunter Springs Park in Crystal River. MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

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# Encouraging news



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People wait in line outside a COVID-19 walk-in testing site, Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, in Cambridge, Mass.

## Fauci: Early reports say omicron variant less dangerous

**GENE JOHNSON**  
*Associated Press*

U.S. health officials said Sunday that while the omicron variant of the coronavirus is rapidly spreading throughout the country, early indications suggest it may be less dangerous than delta, which continues to drive a surge of hospitalizations.

President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, Dr. Anthony Fauci, told CNN's "State of the Union" that scientists need more information before drawing conclusions about omicron's severity.

Reports from South Africa, where it emerged and is becoming the dominant strain, suggest that hospitalization rates have not increased alarmingly.

"Thus far, it does not look like there's a great degree of severity to it," Fauci said. "But we have really got to be careful before we make any determinations that it is less severe or it really doesn't cause any severe illness, comparable to delta."

Fauci said the Biden administration is considering lifting travel restrictions against non-citizens entering the United States from several African countries. They were imposed as the omicron variant exploded in the region, but U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has blasted such measures as "travel apartheid."

"Hopefully we'll be able to lift that ban in a quite reasonable period of time," Fauci said. "We all feel very badly about the hardship that has

## Putin hopes WHO soon approves Russia's Sputnik V vaccine

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday voiced hope for a quick approval of the country's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine by the World Health Organization, saying the move is essential to expand its global supplies.

Speaking during a video call with Francesco Rocca, president of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Putin said receiving the WHO's vetting is necessary to spread the Russian vaccine more broadly around the world, including free supplies.

"We intend to expand such assistance," Putin said.

The Russian leader also argued that WHO's approval should open the door for Russians and others who have had the Sputnik V vaccine to travel more freely around the world. He said about 200 million people worldwide have received Sputnik V.

Putin was vaccinated with Sputnik V in the spring, and last month he received a booster shot of Sputnik Light, the

one-dose version. He also said he took an experimental nasal version of Sputnik V days after receiving his booster shot, adding that he was feeling fine and felt no side effects.

The Gamaleya Institute that developed Sputnik V has said the vaccine should be efficient against the omicron variant of COVID-19, but announced that it will immediately start working on adapting it to counter the new variant.

Russia was the first country in the world to authorize a coronavirus vaccine, launching Sputnik V in August 2020, and has plentiful supplies. But uptake has been slow, blamed in part on conflicting signals from Russian authorities.

Russia in recent months has faced its deadliest and largest surge of coronavirus cases, with infections and deaths climbing to all-time highs and only slowing in the last few weeks. Russia has Europe's highest confirmed pandemic death toll at over 281,000, according to the government's coronavirus task force. But a report released Friday by the state statistics agency Rosstat, which uses broader criteria, put the overall number of virus-linked deaths between April 2020 and October 2021 to over 537,000 — almost twice the official toll.

— From wire reports

been put on not only on South Africa but the other African countries."

Omicron had been detected in about a third of U.S. states by Sunday, including in the Northeast, the South, the Great Plains and the West Coast. Wisconsin, Missouri and Louisiana were among the latest states to confirm cases.

But delta remains the dominant variant, making up more than 99% of cases and driving a surge of hospitalizations in the north. National Guard teams have been sent to help overwhelmed hospitals in western New York, and Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker issued an

emergency order requiring any hospitals facing limited patient capacity to reduce scheduled procedures that are not urgent.

U.S. officials continued urging people to get vaccinated and to receive booster shots, as well as take precautions such as wearing masks when among strangers indoors, saying anything that helps protect against delta will also help protect against other variants.

Even if omicron proves less dangerous than delta, it remains problematic, World Health Organization epidemiologist Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove told CBS' "Face The Nation."

"Even if we have a large number of cases that are mild, some of those individuals will need hospitalizations," she said. "They will need to go into ICU and some people will die. ... We don't want to see that happen on top of an already difficult situation with delta circulating globally."

Two years into the outbreak, COVID-19 has killed over 780,000 Americans, and deaths are running at about 860 per day.

More than 6,600 new hospital admissions are being reported daily, according to tracking data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Nation/World BRIEFS

### Volcano



Associated Press

A man inspects a truck buried in the ash following the eruption of Mount Semeru in Lumajang district, East Java province, Indonesia, Sunday, Dec. 5. The death toll from eruption of the highest volcano on Indonesia's most densely populated island of Java has risen with scores still missing, officials said Sunday as rain continued to pound the region and hamper the search.

### Chris Cuomo was accused of harassment days before CNN firing

NEW YORK — A new allegation of sexual harassment against Chris Cuomo emerged just days before CNN announced it was firing the anchor amid an investigation into work he did defending his brother from similar harassment allegations.

Attorney Debra Katz said Sunday her client was the victim of "serious sexual misconduct" by Cuomo and that she had contacted CNN about the woman's allegations on Wednesday.

CNN suspended Cuomo earlier this week after details emerged about how he assisted his brother, former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, as the politician faced sexual harassment allegations. When it announced Network officials said "additional information has come to light" when it announced Chris Cuomo's firing, but did not elaborate.

### Lawyer: Artist didn't know Michigan parents stayed in studio

A Detroit-area artist whose studio was where the parents of the Oxford High School student charged in a deadly shooting were found by police is cooperating with authorities and didn't know the couple had stayed overnight, his attorney said Sunday.

James and Jennifer Crumbley, who face involuntary manslaughter counts, were found early Saturday inside a Detroit commercial building. The couple's attorneys have said they didn't intend to flee, countering authorities who accused them of eluding capture for their alleged role in a school shooting that left four students dead. Their 15-year-old son, Ethan Crumbley, has been charged as an adult with murder, terrorism and other crimes.

The couple went to artist Andrzej Sikora's studio inside the downtown building Friday morning, but the artist was unaware of the charges against the couple or that they stayed after he left for the day, according to attorney Clarence Dass. He said Sikora had a "friendly relationship" with the Crumbleys but declined to give details, citing an active investigation.

Dass said when the artist awoke Saturday and heard news of authorities taking the couple into custody, he voluntarily contacted authorities. Authorities had been looking for the couple since Friday afternoon.

### Violence as French far-right TV pundit holds campaign rally

VILLEPINTE, France — Anti-racism activists were beaten up Sunday as far-right former French TV pundit Eric Zemmour held his

first presidential campaign rally near Paris, a few days after he formally declared his candidacy in a video that highlighted his anti-migrant and anti-Islam views.

As his supporters cheered and waved French flags in a northern suburb of the capital, thousands of others took to the streets of Paris to denounce his xenophobic platform.

France is holding its presidential election on April 10, with a runoff if needed on April 24. Zemmour has drawn comparisons in France to former U.S. President Donald Trump because of his rabble-rousing populism and ambitions of making the jump from the small screen to national leadership. The 63-year-old with multiple hate-speech convictions unveiled his campaign's slogan: "Impossible is not French," a quote attributed to Napoleon.

### Belgian police use water, tear gas on COVID-19 protesters

BRUSSELS — Belgian police used water cannon and tear gas Sunday to disperse some rowdy protesters in Brussels after most demonstrators marched peacefully to protest tightened COVID-19 restrictions that aim to counter a surge of coronavirus infections.

Thousands came to reject the new measures announced Friday, the third week in a row that the government has tightened its rules as an avalanche of new cases strains the country's health services, depriving people with other life-threatening diseases of treatment.

Shouting "Freedom! Freedom!" and carrying banners that said, "United for our freedom, rights and our children," protesters marched to the European Union headquarters. Some also carried signs critical of vaccines and against making vaccine shots mandatory.

### Second party approves deal for Scholz's new German gov't

BERLIN — Germany's pro-business Free Democrats on Sunday approved a deal to form a new government with two center-left parties, moving Chancellor-designate Olaf Scholz a step closer to taking office as the country's new leader this week.

The Free Democrats reached an agreement last month to form a coalition with Scholz's Social Democrats and the environmentalist Greens, effectively crossing the aisle to ally with the two parties.

"This is a coalition agreement for policies of the center, which won't shift our country to the left but wants to move it forward," party leader Christian Lindner told a largely online party convention.

— From wire reports

# Ga. governor draws GOP challenger

## Trump to back Perdue bid against sitting governor Kemp

**JEFF AMY**  
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — Former U.S. Sen. David Perdue will challenge Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp in 2022's Republican primary for governor, according to reports by multiple news outlets Sunday, setting up a heated clash while Democrat Stacey Abrams is likely to await the winner.

Perdue's plans were first confirmed Sunday by Politico. He's been encouraged publicly by former President Donald Trump and has been flirting with running for governor for months. Supporters of the 71-year-old former senator, who lost his seat to Democrat Jon Ossoff in a runoff in January, say they believe Perdue can beat Abrams while Kemp can't.

"Perdue can bring together the Trump base and those Republicans,

independents, and moderate Democrats who will find Abrams too radical," former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich wrote on Nov. 12. "Perdue is the one candidate who can defeat Abrams."

But Kemp is promising an all-out brawl as he tries to win a second term, with Kemp spokesperson Cody Hall saying Perdue is running only to "soothe his own bruised ego" over his loss to Ossoff.

"The man who lost Republicans the United States Senate and brought the last year of skyrocketing inflation, open borders, runaway government spending and woke cancel culture upon the American people now wants to lose the Georgia governor's office to the national face of the radical left movement," Hall said.

As recently as June, Perdue was supporting Kemp, introducing him at the state Republican Party

convention. Kemp said Thursday that he hoped Perdue "was a man of his word" when it came to that support.

Perdue's entry could also drag Kemp to the right as he vies for primary support. Kemp had hoped to use Abrams' Wednesday entry into the governor's race to rally Republicans to his side, but Trump then issued a statement claiming that his strongest supporters would never vote for Kemp. Trump has repeatedly targeted Kemp, saying Kemp didn't do enough to overturn President Joe Biden's electoral victory in Georgia.

"The MAGA base will just not vote for him after what he did with respect to election integrity and two horribly run elections, for President and then two Senate seats," Trump said. "But some good Republican will run, and some good Republican will get my endorsement, and some good Republican will WIN!"

**THE NUMBER:**

**86**

Receptions this season for Jaylen Waddle, who broke the Dolphins' rookie record in Sunday's 20-9 victory over the Giants.



Jaylen Waddle

# SPORTS

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## Cincy crashes party, historic field set

*No. 1 Alabama, Michigan and Georgia also in*

**RALPH D. RUSSO**  
AP college football writer

IRVING, Texas — As college football's postseason evolved from disconnected bowls to the BCS to the current four-team playoff, it never truly embraced the underdog the way the NCAA Tournament does.

From Tulane to Utah, Boise State to TCU and then UCF, the upstarts occasionally got a chance to play a blue blood in a big bowl game, but they never entered the postseason with a legitimate opportunity to win a national championship.

College football finally has its first Cinderella team: Cincinnati has broken the

glass ceiling.

The Bearcats will play Alabama in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Eve after being selected to the College Football Playoff on Sunday. Michigan will face Georgia in the Orange Bowl semifinal on Dec. 31 and the winners will play for the national championship on Jan. 10 in Indianapolis.

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

"It's an historic day. It really is. In the world of sports, this is history," AAC Commissioner Mike Aresco said. "This is something probably many, many people never thought they would see."

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Cincinnati's Bryon Threats (10) celebrates after defeating Houston in the American Athletic Conference championship game on Saturday, in Cincinnati. Associated Press

## Division dominance



Tampa Bay Buccaneers tight end Rob Gronkowski (87) celebrates his touchdown against the Atlanta Falcons during the second half of Sunday's game, in Atlanta. Associated Press

### *Dynamic duo of Brady, Gronk lead Tampa Bay past Falcons 30-17*

**PAUL NEWBERRY**  
AP sports writer

ATLANTA — Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski teamed up for more history Sunday.

Rarely have two guys had such a connection.

Brady threw for 368 yards and four touchdowns — two of them to his long-time favorite target — and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers moved to the brink of clinching the NFC South title with a 30-17 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

The 44-year-old Brady completed 38 of 51, including touchdowns of 27 and 11 yards to Gronkowski — their first

scoring passes since Week 2 against the Falcons.

The prolific duo has combined for 90 regular-season TDs, passing Phillip Rivers and Antonio Gates for No. 2 in NFL history. Only Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison have more, hooking up for 112 scoring passes.

Counting the playoffs, Brady has thrown 104 TD passes to Gronk.

"Tom knows what he's thinking before he does," coach Bruce Arians said. "Tom threw a couple of balls before Gronk was ready, because he knew where he was going. There's great chemistry out there."

Gronkowski missed four games this

season after a devastating hit against the Rams left him with fractured ribs and a punctured lung.

But he's going to keep catching passes from Brady as long as he can.

"We keep each other going," Gronkowski said.

Added Brady, "He makes it easy for the quarterback."

Brady shook off a huge blunder in the final minute of the first half, when 278-pound defensive lineman Marlon Davidson picked off a screen pass and glided 3 yards into the end zone for a touchdown that cut Tampa Bay's lead

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## Gators introduce Napier

*Plans to hire 'unprecedented' support staff*

**MARK LONG**  
AP sports writer

GAINESVILLE — New Florida coach Billy Napier plans to hire an "unprecedented" support staff.

Napier had close to 40 analysts at Louisiana-Lafayette and could end up with even more in Gainesville. In addition to a \$7.5 million annual budget for 10 assistants, Napier got a \$5 million pool to build a support staff that includes analysts.

His vision for Florida — and athletic director Scott Stricklin's willingness to make it a reality — stood out during Napier's formal introduction Sunday.

Napier and his family arrived to a sea of orange-and-blue clad fans at the airport, and more waited for him to step out of a van outside Florida Field. It was all a bit surreal for the 42-year-old coach, who has been one of college football's rising stars in recent years.

"I'm drinking water through a firehose right now," Napier said.

"These jobs will chew you up and spit you out if you let them, right?" he added later. "I think we've got to keep perspective. We got to have balance. That's one of the reasons that I believe

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**FOOTBALL**

**College Football Playoff Rankings**

	Record
1. Alabama	12-1
2. Michigan	12-1
3. Georgia	12-1
4. Cincinnati	13-0
5. Notre Dame	11-1
6. Ohio St.	10-2
7. Baylor	11-2
8. Mississippi	10-2
9. Oklahoma St.	11-2
10. Michigan St.	10-2
11. Utah	10-3
12. Pittsburgh	11-2
13. BYU	10-2
14. Oregon	10-3
15. Iowa	10-3
16. Oklahoma	10-2
17. Wake Forest	10-3
18. NC State	9-3
19. Clemson	9-3
20. Houston	11-2
21. Arkansas	8-4
22. Kentucky	9-3
23. Louisiana-Lafayette	12-1
24. San Diego St.	11-2
25. Texas A&M	8-4

The playoff semifinals match No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Cincinnati, and No. 2 Michigan vs. No. 3 Georgia. The semifinals will be hosted at the Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl on Dec. 31 and 2021. The championship game will be played on Jan. 10, 2022 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Ind.

**The AP Top 25**

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (50)	12-1	1535	4
2. Michigan (9)	12-1	1480	2
3. Georgia	12-1	1408	1
4. Cincinnati (3)	13-0	1404	3
5. Notre Dame	11-1	1280	6
6. Baylor	11-2	1228	9
7. Ohio St.	10-2	1177	7
8. Mississippi	10-2	1101	8
9. Oklahoma St.	11-2	1060	5
10. Utah	10-3	929	14
11. Michigan State	10-2	895	11
12. Brigham Young	10-2	866	12
13. Pittsburgh	11-2	638	17
14. Oklahoma	10-2	807	13
15. Oregon	10-3	594	10
16. Louisiana-Lafayette	12-1	490	20
17. Iowa	10-3	446	15
18. NC State	9-3	404	21
19. Clemson	9-3	395	22
20. Wake Forest	9-3	393	18
21. Houston	11-2	358	16
22. Arkansas	8-4	279	23
23. Texas A&M	8-4	171	24
24. UTSA	12-1	146	NR
25. Kentucky	9-3	129	25

Others receiving votes: Utah St. 109, Wisconsin 66, San Diego St. 63, Minnesota 38, Purdue 36, Appalachian St. 9, Army 7, Mississippi St. 4, Penn St. 4, Northern Illinois 1.

**USA Today Sports AFCA College Football Coaches Poll**

The USA TODAY Sports AFCA Coaches Poll Top 25 with team's records FROM THROUGH SATURDAY in parentheses, total points based on 25 for first place through one point for 25th, ranking in last week's poll and first-place votes received.

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (54)	12-1	1540	2
2. Michigan (5)	12-1	1474	3
3. Georgia	12-1	1420	1
4. Cincinnati (3)	13-0	1392	4
5. Notre Dame	11-1	1266	6
6. Baylor	11-2	1204	9
7. Ohio St.	10-2	1170	7
8. Mississippi	10-2	1134	8
9. Oklahoma St.	11-2	1036	5
10. Michigan St.	10-2	903	13
11. Utah	10-3	893	17
12. Pittsburgh	12-2	886	15
13. Oklahoma	10-2	1036	11
14. BYU	10-2	792	14
15. Oregon	10-3	589	10
16. Iowa	10-3	561	12
17. La-Layette	12-1	444	21
18. NC State	9-3	436	20
19. Wake Forest	10-3	389	18
20. Kentucky	9-3	327	22
21. Houston	11-2	315	16
22. Clemson	9-3	252	24
23. Texas A&M	8-4	239	23
24. Arkansas	8-4	185	25
25. UTSA	12-1	146	NR

Dropped out: No. 19 San Diego State (11-2). Others receiving votes: Wisconsin (8-4) 105; Utah State (10-3) 85; San Diego State (11-2) 62; Minnesota (8-4) 17; Air Force (9-3) 15; Fresno State (9-3) 5; Penn State (7-5) 5; UCLA (8-4) 3; Mississippi State (7-5) 2; Appalachian State (10-3) 2; Coastal Carolina (10-2) 2; Purdue (8-4) 1.

**HOCKEY**

**NHL standings**

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Florida	24	17	4	3	37	93	67
Toronto	26	17	7	2	36	83	68
Tampa Bay	24	15	5	4	34	81	65
Detroit	25	13	9	3	29	71	78
Boston	21	12	8	1	25	61	50
Buffalo	24	8	13	3	19	70	96
Montreal	26	6	17	3	15	59	93
Ottawa	22	6	15	1	13	57	86
Metropolitan Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	25	15	4	6	36	88	62
N.Y. Rangers	23	16	4	3	35	68	57
Carolina	23	16	6	1	33	75	52
Pittsburgh	24	11	8	5	27	69	67
Columbus	23	13	10	0	26	76	75
New Jersey	22	9	9	4	22	65	76
Philadelphia	22	8	10	4	20	51	72
N.Y. Islanders	20	5	10	5	15	38	61
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Minnesota	24	17	6	1	35	92	71
Winnipeg	24	12	8	4	28	80	71
St. Louis	24	12	8	4	28	80	70
Nashville	24	13	10	1	27	68	68
Colorado	21	12	7	2	26	85	71
Dallas	21	12	7	2	26	60	58
Chicago	24	9	13	2	20	54	75
Arizona	24	5	17	2	12	43	89
Pacific Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	24	15	4	5	35	79	48
Edmonton	23	16	7	0	32	87	74
Anaheim	25	13	8	4	30	84	74
San Jose	25	13	11	1	27	66	68
Vegas	23	13	10	0	26	78	71
Los Angeles	23	10	9	4	24	68	64
Seattle	24	9	13	2	20	72	84
Vancouver	25	8	15	2	18	60	80

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**Saturday's Games**

Florida 4, St. Louis 3, SO
Washington 3, Columbus 1
Detroit 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2, OT
Nashville 4, Montreal 3, OT
Minnesota 4, Toronto 3, SO
Ottawa 6, Colorado 5, OT
Carolina 6, Buffalo 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Chicago 2

*Florida* **LOTTERY**

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

<b>PICK 2 (early)</b> 5 - 2	<b>PICK 5 (early)</b> 5 - 9 - 9 - 6 - 2
<b>PICK 2 (late)</b> 0 - 5	<b>PICK 5 (late)</b> 7 - 9 - 4 - 7 - 7
<b>PICK 3 (early)</b> 0 - 0 - 5	<b>FANTASY 5</b> 5 - 13 - 20 - 23 - 30
<b>PICK 3 (late)</b> 8 - 4 - 8	<b>CASH 4 LIFE</b> 14 - 20 - 31 - 32 - 34
<b>PICK 4 (early)</b> 1 - 6 - 3 - 9	<b>CASH BALL</b> 1
<b>PICK 4 (late)</b> 0 - 0 - 7 - 9	

Saturday's winning numbers and payouts:

<b>Powerball:</b> 10 - 40 - 45 - 56 - 67	5-of-6 5x 1 winner \$15,000
<b>Powerball:</b> 2	5-of-6 10x 2 winners \$30,000
5-of-5 PB No winner	<b>Fantasy 5:</b> 15 - 17 - 31 - 35 - 36
No Florida winner	5-of-5 1 winner \$216,415.96
5-of-5 2 winners \$1 million	4-of-5 269 \$129.50
No Florida winner	3-of-5 9,347 \$10
<b>Lotto:</b> 9 - 15 - 19 - 20 - 24 - 47	<b>Cash 4 Life:</b> 8 - 11 - 25 - 45 - 48
6-of-6 No winner	<b>Cash Ball:</b> 2
5-of-6 2x 8 winners \$6,000	5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-6 3x 5 winners \$9,000	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-6 4x No winner	

*On the* **AIRWAVES**

TODAY'S SPORTS	
<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>	
11 a.m. (ESPNU) Xavier at Oklahoma State (Taped)	
4 p.m. (ACCN) North Carolina at Georgia (Taped)	
7 p.m. (FS1) Illinois at Iowa	
<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>	
6 p.m. (BIG10) Penn State at Indiana	
8 p.m. (BIG10) Nebraska at Minnesota	
<b>NBA</b>	
7 p.m. (NBA) Oklahoma City Thunder at Detroit Pistons	
7:30 p.m. (SUN) Memphis Grizzlies at Miami Heat	
10 p.m. (BSFL) Orlando Magic at Golden State Warriors	
<b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b>	
8 a.m. (ESPNU) MAC Championship: Kent State vs Northern Illinois (Taped)	
2:30 p.m. (ESPNU) Sun Belt Championship: Appalachian State at Louisiana (Taped)	
6 p.m. (ESPNU) Pac-12 Championship: Oregon vs Utah (Taped)	
12 a.m. (ESPNU) Big 12 Championship: Baylor vs Oklahoma State (Taped)	
<b>NFL</b>	
8 p.m. (ESPN) New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills	
<b>GOLF</b>	
7 p.m. (GOLF) The Hero Challenge (Taped)	
<b>NHL</b>	
12 p.m. (NHL) Chicago Blackhawks at New York Islanders (Taped)	
2 p.m. (NHL) Tampa Bay Lightning at Philadelphia Flyers (Taped)	
7 p.m. (NHL) Anaheim Ducks at Washington Capitals	
<b>RUGBY</b>	
12 p.m. (NBCSPT) Dubai Rugby 7's (Taped)	
<b>SOCCER</b>	
2 p.m. (FS1) FIFA Arab Cup Qatar vs Iraq	
2:55 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Everton vs Arsenal	
<b>TENNIS</b>	
6 a.m. (TENNIS) Florian™opolis-ATP Challenger, Maia-ATP Challenger, Early Rounds	
2:30 p.m. (TENNIS) Florian™opolis-ATP Challenger, Early Rounds	
<b>WINTER SPORTS</b>	
1 a.m. (NBCSPT) IBU Biathlon World Cup: Men's 12.5km Pursuit (Taped)	

Note: Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.

*Prep* **CALENDAR**

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS	
<b>BOYS SOCCER</b>	
7 p.m. Crystal River at South Sumter	
<b>GIRLS SOCCER</b>	
7 p.m. South Sumter at Crystal River	
<b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b>	
7:30 p.m. Williston at Crystal River	
<b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>	
6 p.m. South Sumter at Citrus	

Pittsburgh 4, Vancouver 1	Cleveland	13	11	.542	7%
Sunday's Games	Indiana	9	16	.360	7 1/2
Columbus 6, San Jose 4	Detroit	4	18	.182	11
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>					
<b>Southwest Division</b>					
Tampa Bay 7, Philadelphia 1	W	L	Pct		GB
Chicago 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO	Memphis	13	10	.565	—
Los Angeles 5, Edmonton 1	Dallas	11	11	.500	1 1/2
Winnipeg 6, Toronto 3	San Antonio	8	13	.381	4
Calgary at Vegas, late	Houston	7	16	.304	6
<b>Today's Games</b>					
Anaheim at Washington, 7 p.m.	New Orleans	7	19	.269	7 1/2
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	<b>Northwest Division</b>				
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.	W	L	Pct		GB
Arizona at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	Utah	16	7	.696	—
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.	Denver	11	11	.500	4 1/2
Pittsburgh at Seattle, 10 p.m.	Minnesota	11	12	.478	5
<b>Tuesday's Games</b>					
Columbus at Toronto, 7 p.m.	Portland	11	13	.458	5 1/2
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7 p.m.	Oklahoma City	6	16	.273	9 1/2
Nashville at Detroit, 7 p.m.	<b>Pacific Division</b>				
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7 p.m.	W	L	Pct		GB
Anaheim at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.	Golden State	19	4	.826	—
Carolina at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.	Phoenix	19	4	.826	—
Florida at St. Louis, 8 p.m.	L.A. Clippers	12	12	.500	7 1/2
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.	L.A. Lakers	12	12	.500	7 1/2
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.	Sacramento	10	14	.417	9 1/2
Calgary at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.	<b>Saturday's Games</b>				
Denver 113, New York 99					
Chicago 111, Brooklyn 107					
Milwaukee 124, Miami 102					
San Antonio 112, Golden State 107					
Memphis 97, Dallas 90					
Boston 145, Portland 117					
Sacramento 104, L.A. Clippers 99					
<b>Sunday's Games</b>					
Utah 109, Cleveland 108					
Charlotte 130, Atlanta 127					
Toronto 102, Washington 90					
Houston 118, New Orleans 108					
<b>Today's Games</b>					
Oklahoma City at Detroit, 7 p.m.					
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.					
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.					
Memphis at Miami, 7:30 p.m.					
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.					
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.					
Denver at Chicago, 8 p.m.					
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.					
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.					
Orlando at Golden State, 10 p.m.					

BASKETBALL				
<b>NBA standings</b>				
<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>				
<b>Atlantic Division</b>				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Brooklyn	16	7	.696	—
Boston	13	11	.542	3 1/2
Philadelphia	12	11	.522	4
New York	11	12	.478	5
Toronto	11	13	.458	5 1/2
<b>Southwest Division</b>				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	14	10	.583	—
Washington	14	10	.583	—
Charlotte	14	11	.560	1/2
Atlanta	12	12	.500	2
Orlando	5	19	.208	9
<b>Central Division</b>				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	16	8	.667	—
Milwaukee	15	9	.625	1

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Six picked for baseball HOF by veterans committees**

Buck O'Neil, a champion of Black ball-players during a monumental, eight-decade career on and off the field, joined Gil Hodges, Minnie Minoso and three others in being elected to the baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday.

Former Minnesota Twins teammates Tony Oliva and Jim Kaat also were chosen along with Bud Fowler by a pair of veterans committees.

Oliva and Kaat are the only living new members. Dick Allen, who died last December, fell one vote shy of election.

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# No. 2 Michigan takes Big Ten in rout

## Pittsburgh rolls to ACC championship

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michigan ignored the pre-season predictions, the early poll snub and especially the critics who thought the program's best days were long gone.

Instead they set out to prove everybody wrong. On Saturday, they did.

Hassan Haskins ran for two scores and broke a longtime school record leading No. 2 Michigan past Iowa 42-3 while clinching their first Big Ten title in 17 years and the first playoff berth in school history.

"We defied all expectations," record-setting Wolverines end Aidan Hutchinson said after becoming the first defensive player to earn game MVP honors. "Nobody ever thought we could do this, especially this season and we did it — in dominant fashion."

Earning the ring they've been craving — and into position for their first national championship since 1997 — sure didn't come easily. The Wolverines (12-1) had to overcome a midseason loss to in-state rival Michigan State and end the futility against Ohio State for a chance to end their conference title drought.

And then on championship week, the whole state was shocked by the shooting tragedy that took the lives of four high school students in Oxford, Michigan, including Tate Myre, a football player and wrestler. Michigan honored the victims of the school about an hour away from its campus by wearing a patch on their right shoulder with Myre's jersey No. 42 and four hearts — one for each student who died — inside the school's traditional block 'O' logo.

Myre's family also joined the Wolverines captains at midfield for the pregame coin toss and, perhaps fittingly, the



Associated Press

Michigan running back Hassan Haskins (25) celebrates after scoring on a 4-yard touchdown run during the second half of the Big Ten championship game against Iowa, Saturday in Indianapolis.

Wolverines final score gave them 42 points.

"It was Aidan who came to me and wanted to dedicate this game to Tate Myre and 'yes, let's do that,' that was huge," coach Jim Harbaugh said. "Tate was a warrior... Best athlete in the school could have easily made it out of that school and been the first one out but you just know while people were running away from that fire, he was running into it. He's a hero. I'm glad our players got sold on it."

Resurgent Michigan has won five straight.

The Hawkeyes (10-3) lost their second straight title game, preventing coach Kirk Ferentz from capturing his first conference crown since 2004. Iowa lost to Michigan State in the 2015 title game and this one came on a night both quarterbacks, Spencer Petras and Alex Padilla, struggled. They were a combined 19 of 37 with 175 yards and one interception.

"One thing just leads to another sometimes, there are games like that unfortunately," Ferentz said. "They're not much fun. I'm not sure the score is totally representative of the two teams."

This one got away quickly.

Blake Corum made two cuts to the right and sprinted 67 yards to make

it 7-0. On Michigan's next offensive play, Cade McNamara lateraled to Donovan Edwards and the freshman running back threw a perfect 75-yard TD pass to a wide open Roman Wilson for a 75-yard score and a 14-0 lead.

Iowa finally answered with a 22-yard field goal but the Hawkeyes offense couldn't stay on the field.

Haskins finally broke open the game with a 4-yard TD run midway through the third quarter then sealed the victory with a 1-yard run that gave him 20 rushing TDs in a single season, one more than Ron Johnson had in his record-setting 1968 season.

### No. 17 Pittsburgh 45, No. 18 Wake Forest 21

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Erick Hallett II saw the receiver running to his side and knew the ball was coming his way.

He cut in front to snag a jumping interception and began sprinting for the end zone with the ball clutched in his right hand — then extended the ball as he crossed the goal line for the touchdown that transformed No. 17 Pittsburgh's lead into a rout.

It was the highlight on a night full of them for a defense that powered the Panthers to the first Atlantic Coast

Conference championship in program history.

Hallett's 19-yard score was one of Pittsburgh's four interceptions to help the Panthers beat No. 18 Wake Forest 45-21 in Saturday night's ACC title game. It came on the heels of A.J. Woods having a 75-yard interception return that fell only 3 yards short of taking it all the way for the score early in the fourth quarter. And it all came as the Panthers locked up the high-scoring Demon Deacons after the opening quarter and ultimately carried the Panthers to their first league title since leaving the Big East in 2013.

"In the second quarter we used that take-it mentality," Woods said. "That was the word on our board this week: take it. Because that is what champions have to do, they take it."

The Panthers (11-2) sure took all momentum from the Demon Deacons, and abruptly at that.

After surrendering touchdowns on three first-quarter possessions, Pittsburgh held Wake Forest scoreless for its last 13 drives while getting after Sam Hartman for five sacks to stymie the Demon Deacons' tempo-controlling flow.

"They bowed up and we played some great coverage," coach Pat Narduzzi said. "Our guys made plays on the ball. I think we shook them up a little bit in the backfield and got

them a little antsy. .... Our defense did a great job to shut them down."

Hallett was game MVP with two interceptions.

Wake Forest (10-3) was back in the ACC title game for the first time since winning the 2006 championship. But the Demon Deacons finished with 295 total yards, with only 109 of those coming after the opening quarter.

"It was just tough on us," said receiver Jaquarii Robertson, who was Hartman's target on Hallett's TD return. "Pitt was playing really good defense and we just couldn't get a flow going."

That only made things easier on star quarterback Kenny Pickett and the offense. Pickett accounted for three touchdowns while Israel Abanikanda ran for two second-half TDs, one after Woods' return that stands as longest in the title game's 17-year history.

"It's not like we played an average football team and blew all these opportunities," Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson said. "They were good. A lot of errors today were because of how good Pitt is, and I give those guys all the credit."

This game began with a high-revving show of four straight touchdown drives between the teams, including a dazzling 58-yard scoring run by Pickett in which he stutter-stepped near the 40 as though he was going to slide then took off around pulling-up defenders the rest of the way.

Wake Forest led 21-14 when Hartman hit Taylor Morin on a contested TD catch near the left pylon. But after that, Pittsburgh's defense started getting to Hartman more often while the secondary that found itself under early duress began to hold up against those deep throws.

Sam Scarton's 41-yard field goal gave Pitt a 24-21 lead at the break, then Abanikanda scored from 12 yards out around the right side late in the third to make it a two-possession lead and send the Panthers on their way.

"We're gritty," Hallett said. "We don't take no for an answer."

## Oklahoma hires Clemson DC Brent Venables

Oklahoma has hired Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables as its head coach to replace Lincoln Riley, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Sunday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because a deal hadn't been announced. The Athletic first reported that a deal between Oklahoma and Venables was done.

Riley departed the Sooners last week to take over at Southern California.

Venables was on Oklahoma's staff under Bob Stoops as co-defensive coordinator from 1999 to 2003 and defensive coordinator from 2004 to 2011. He was co-defensive coordinator when the Sooners won the 2000 national title. He left Oklahoma for Clemson in 2012 and won the Broyles Award in 2016 as the nation's top assistant.

## Alabama reclaims No. 1; Georgia to No. 3

Alabama will head into the postseason the same way it started the regular season: No. 1 in the nation.

The Crimson Tide reclaimed the top spot in The Associated Press college football poll on Sunday after beating previously top-ranked Georgia.

Defending national champion Alabama, which was No. 1 for the first six weeks of this season in the AP Top 25 presented by Regions Bank, jumped three spots after dominating Saturday's Southeastern Conference title game.

Alabama received 50 of 62 first-place votes from the media panel. The Bulldogs fell to No. 3.

In between, Michigan was No. 2 for a second straight week after winning the Big Ten Conference championship for the first time since 2004. The Wolverines received 9 first-place votes.

Cincinnati slipped a spot to No. 4, though it is only four points behind Georgia and received three first-place votes. The Bearcats are the only remaining unbeaten FBS team in the country.

The College Football Playoff field was set later Sunday, with those same teams holding the top four spots.

Notre Dame will head into the postseason at No. 5 after moving up a spot while idle, and Baylor jumped three places to No. 6 after beating Oklahoma State to win the Big 12 Conference title.

Ohio State is No. 7, ahead of Mississippi and Oklahoma State, which dropped four spots to No. 9 after the dramatic loss to Baylor.

Utah reached a season-high 10th after beating Oregon on Friday night to win the Pac-12 Conference.

— From wire reports

### Battle of Florida: Gators vs. UCF in Gasparilla Bowl

UCF (8-4, American Athletic) vs. Florida (6-6, SEC), Dec. 23, 7 p.m. ET  
LOCATION: Tampa, Florida.

#### TOP PLAYERS

**UCF:** DE Big Kat Bryant, all-AAC first-team selection, team leader with six sacks, 14 tackles for loss and eight quarterback hurries.

**Florida:** QB Emory Jones, led Florida in passing and rushing, 2,563 yards passing, 19 touchdowns; 696 yards rushing, four touchdowns.

#### NOTABLE

**UCF:** Knights first-year coach Gus Malzahn has qualified for a bowl game all 10 of his seasons as a college head coach.

**Florida:** The Gators were a top-10 team in early October before losing five of seven that led to the dismissal of coach Dan Mullen. It took a 24-21 rivalry win over Florida State on the season's final weekend to secure a bowl game.

#### LAST TIME

Florida 42, UCF 0. (Sept. 9, 2006).

#### BOWL HISTORY

**UCF:** Fifth appearance in the Gasparilla Bowl and ninth postseason trip in the past 10 years.

**Florida:** First appearance in the Gasparilla Bowl, 48th postseason game in program history.

### Washington St., Miami to meet in rematch of 2015 Sun Bowl

Washington St. (7-5, PAC-12) vs. Miami (7-5, ACC), Dec. 31, noon ET  
LOCATION: El Paso.

#### TOP PLAYERS

**Washington St.:** QB Jayden de Laura, 2,751 yards and 23 TDs passing; WR Calvin Jackson, 955 yards and seven touchdowns receiving.

**Miami:** QB Tyler Van Dyke, 2,931 yards and 25 touchdowns passing; WR Charleston Rambo, 79 receptions, 1,172 yards and seven touchdowns receiving.

#### NOTABLE

**Washington St.:** Jake Dickert was promoted after the Cougars pounded rival Washington 40-13. He went 3-2 as interim coach.

**Miami:** Van Dyke has passed for at least 300 yards and three touchdowns in each of his last six games. The Hurricanes are 5-1 during that stretch.

#### LAST TIME

Washington St. 20, Miami 14. (Sun Bowl, Dec. 26, 2015)

#### BOWL HISTORY

**Washington St.:** Third Sun Bowl appearance. It will be the 17th bowl game for the Cougars and their sixth in seven seasons. They are 8-8 all time in bowls.

**Miami:** Third Sun Bowl appearance. Ninth straight bowl appearance and 45th in school history.

## PLAYOFF

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Previously, no team from a so-called Group of Five conference had ever even come close to making the playoff.

"We don't want to carry the flag for the non-big schools, so to speak, we just want to be us," Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell said.

When the Bowl Championship Series started in 1998, Tulane went unbeaten in Conference USA and didn't even get a spot in one of the glitzy bowl games. Former Tulane President Scott Cowen was among the first to attack the BCS as an exclusionary cartel.

Under then-coach Urban Meyer, Utah went unbeaten as a member of the Mountain West in 2004 and reached the Fiesta Bowl, but only got to play a so-so Pittsburgh team, meaning the Utes had no shot to finish No. 1.

Boise State created a brand out of being a potential BCS buster during its time in the Western Athletic Conference, winning a remarkable Fiesta Bowl against Oklahoma in 2007. TCU was in the Mountain West

when it won a Rose Bowl against Wisconsin in 2010.

Utah and TCU ended up getting scooped up by Power Five conferences. If you can't beat them, ask them to join with you.

The playoff doubled the number of teams that had a chance to win the national title from two to four in 2014, but it didn't seem to help the little guys.

UCF won 25 straight games over 2017 and '18 and never did better than eighth in the selection committee's rankings. The Knights went so far as to declare themselves national champions after they were the only team in major college football to finish the 2017 season unbeaten.

Cincinnati set the foundation for this year's run by going unbeaten in the regular season last year before losing to Georgia on a late field in the Peach Bowl.

Aresco conceded this run has felt bitter sweet at times for him. Cincinnati, along with UCF and Houston, will be leaving the American for the Big 12 soon.

The Bearcats made history with little debate. Playoff selection committee chairman Gary Barta said there was strong consensus for Cincinnati at No. 4 ahead of No. 5 Notre Dame,

which had only one loss — at home against the Bearcats in early October. Ohio State finished sixth.

"This will be a real challenge for us in every way, shape and form," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

The Bearcats might not have been so comfortably in the field had things gone differently at the Big 12 championship game Saturday. Oklahoma State, which was No. 5 in the CFP rankings going into the game, came up inches short of scoring a go-ahead touchdown in the final minute of its loss to Baylor.

Saban, who noted he played at Kent State in the Mid-American Conference, said Cincinnati's achievement is a positive development for the sport.

"I absolutely think that everyone who participates in college football Division I level should feel like they have an opportunity to get in the playoff," Saban said.

It is the third time two teams from the same conference are in the CFP and second time it has happened with the SEC. For years ago, Alabama beat Georgia in overtime to win the

national title.

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

The other big bowl games were also set:

Michigan State (10-2) vs. ACC champion Pitt (11-2) in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 30.

Notre Dame (11-1) vs. Oklahoma State (11-2) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1.

Pac-12 champion Utah (10-3) vs. Ohio State (10-2) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

Mississippi (10-2) vs. Baylor (11-2) in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1.

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

The Crimson Tide is in the playoff for the seventh time after handing Georgia its first setback of the season in the

Southeastern Conference title game Saturday.

Alabama (12-1) seemed to be a loss away from being eliminated from playoff contention heading into its game with Georgia. Instead, Bryce Young and the Tide lit up the Bulldogs' vaunted defense to earn the top seed.

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

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

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

# Perry, McDonagh lead Lightning over flat Flyers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Corey Perry had two goals and an assist and Ryan McDonagh scored and had a pair of assists to lead the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 7-1 victory over the slumping Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday night.

Mathieu Joseph, Taylor Radtsh, Boris Katchouk and Pat Maroon also scored for the Lightning, who won their third in a row and ninth of their last 12. Victor Hedman had three assists to boost his team-leading total to 21. Backup goalie Brian Elliott made 38 saves.

Elliott was especially sharp early as Tampa Bay was slow to get going on the second game of a back-to-back after a 3-2 overtime win at Boston on Saturday.

"They pushed and (Elliott) was there for us," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "You need your goalie to make those saves until we get our legs."

Elliott was glad to perform well in Philadelphia, where he had spent the previous four seasons.

"Anytime you come to a building you played a while at, you want to have success," he said. "It's something you definitely circle on the calendar, and if you get a chance to play, you want to do your best."

Cam Atkinson scored for the Flyers, who have lost eight in a row and are two losses away from tying the club record of 10 consecutive defeats.

"Didn't go well for us," Flyers coach Alain Vigneault said.

Carter Hart made 10 saves before being replaced by Martin Jones, who also had 10 saves.

The Flyers' skid started when Tampa Bay visited Philadelphia on Nov. 18 and beat them in a 4-3 shootout. Then, the Lightning beat the Flyers at home 4-0 on Nov. 23.

"We are looking for solutions

to our situation," Vigneault said. "The leader of this group, the guy that's got both his hands on the steering, is me. I got to find a way to get this group to play better. We're in a bad skid right now and we need to end this."

Sunday's game wrapped up the season series against Tampa Bay. But it wasn't pretty.

McDonagh and Perry scored in the first for Tampa Bay. Radtsh made it 3-0 with a hard slap shot from the right side that beat Hart on the glove side just 2:56 into the second period, and four minutes later, Katchouk knocked in a rebound that was just sitting in the crease.

"If we're going to go anywhere, we're going to need that depth scoring," Cooper said.

Philadelphia was in a four-goal hole, and it got worse at 8:34 in the second, when Joseph scored a short-handed goal after Hart misplayed the puck near his own net. That was the end of the night for Hart, who was replaced by Jones.

"Things aren't going our way right now," Hart said. "It's tough, but we just got to stick with it."

Even when the Flyers got the puck around the goal line in the second, it didn't count. Officials ruled on video review that the puck went off a high stick of Scott Laughton before going in.

Philadelphia has struggled to score all season, and have been outscored 36-13 during the eight-game losing streak. The Flyers entered averaging 2.4 goals per contest, which was 27th in the NHL. They haven't netted more than three goals since Oct. 27, a span of 18 games.

The Flyers did, however, get a goal on the power play. Atkinson deflected home Claude Giroux's wrist with 12:56 to play.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

**Lightning:** Brayden Point (upper body) missed his eighth game in a row. Point will be



Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Mathieu Joseph, center, reacts after scoring a goal during the second period of Sunday's game against the Philadelphia Flyers, in Philadelphia.

sidelined for at least another four weeks. ... LW Pierre-Edouard Bellemare took a hard shot to the skate in the final minute of the second period but returned for the third.

### UP NEXT

**Lightning:** At Montreal on Tuesday night.

### Blackhawks 3, Islanders 2, SO

NEW YORK — Patrick Kane scored the only goal in the shootout and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Islanders 3-2, sending New York to its 11th straight loss overall and its sixth straight setback its new arena.

Kane beat Semyon Varlamov with Chicago's second shootout attempt, and Marc-Andre Fleury denied all

three chances by the Islanders to secure the win.

The Islanders tied the game at 2-all with four seconds left in the third period on a goal by defenseman Noah Dobson.

Brandon Hagel and Dylan Strome scored in regulation for Chicago. Fleury finished with 22 saves.

### Kings 5, Oilers 1

EDMONTON, Alberta — Adrian Kempe scored a pair of goals and Los Angeles snapped a two-game skid with a win over Edmonton.

Rasmus Kupari, Drew Doughty and Trevor Moore also scored for the Kings. Doughty added two assists, and Jonathan Quick made 21 saves.

Darnell Nurse scored for the

Oilers, who lost two straight for the first time this season. Mikko Koskinen stopped 35 shots.

### Blue Jackets 6, Sharks 4

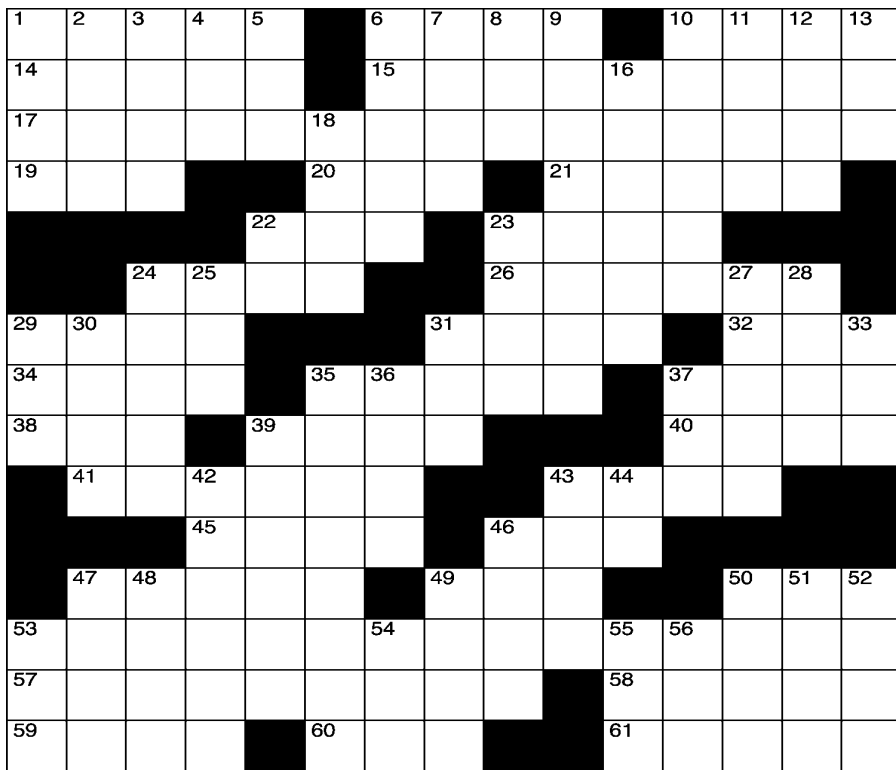
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Adam Boqvist scored twice, Andrew Peeke had two assists and Columbus snapped a four-game losing streak with a come-from-behind win over San Jose.

Sean Kuraly, Cole Sillinger, Jack Roslevic and Alexandre Texier scored and Elvis Merzlikins stopped 30 shots as Columbus won its fourth straight home game.

Nick Bonino, Erik Karlsson, Brent Burns and Tomas Hertl scored for San Jose. Matt Nieto and Timo Meier each added two assists and Adin Hill stopped 24 shots in the loss.

# Puzzles Galore!

## CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

- Polish city
- Very eager
- Identifies a specific person or thing
- Tennis great Naomi
- One concerned by professional advancement
- PGA Championship reward
- A fashionable hotel
- Norse mythology afterlife location
- Stood up
- Car mechanics group
- Weather forecasters use it (abbr.)
- Broken branch
- Astronomy unit
- East Asian nursemaid
- "Airplane" actor

### CLUES DOWN

- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- "Batman" villain
- Downfalls
- Philippine province
- Once-vital TV part
- Valley
- Tax
- Classic Scorsese film
- Subway dwellers
- Book part
- Taxi
- Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- Swiss river
- Founder of Babism
- Have surgery
- Withdrawal from a larger entity
- Lot's father
- Greek war god
- 2,000 lbs.
- Lemur

### CLUES DOWN

- Quarrels
- Right away
- Comedian Carvey
- Egyptian unit of weight
- A Brit's mother
- Tropical tree
- One who speaks Gaelic
- NHL legend Bobby
- Vacation spots
- Military personnel
- Shakira's don't lie
- Wimbledon champ
- Teletypewriter
- Mistakes
- Whale ship captain
- Thus
- From end to end
- Kids love him
- One and only
- Fencing swords
- Taxis
- Basics

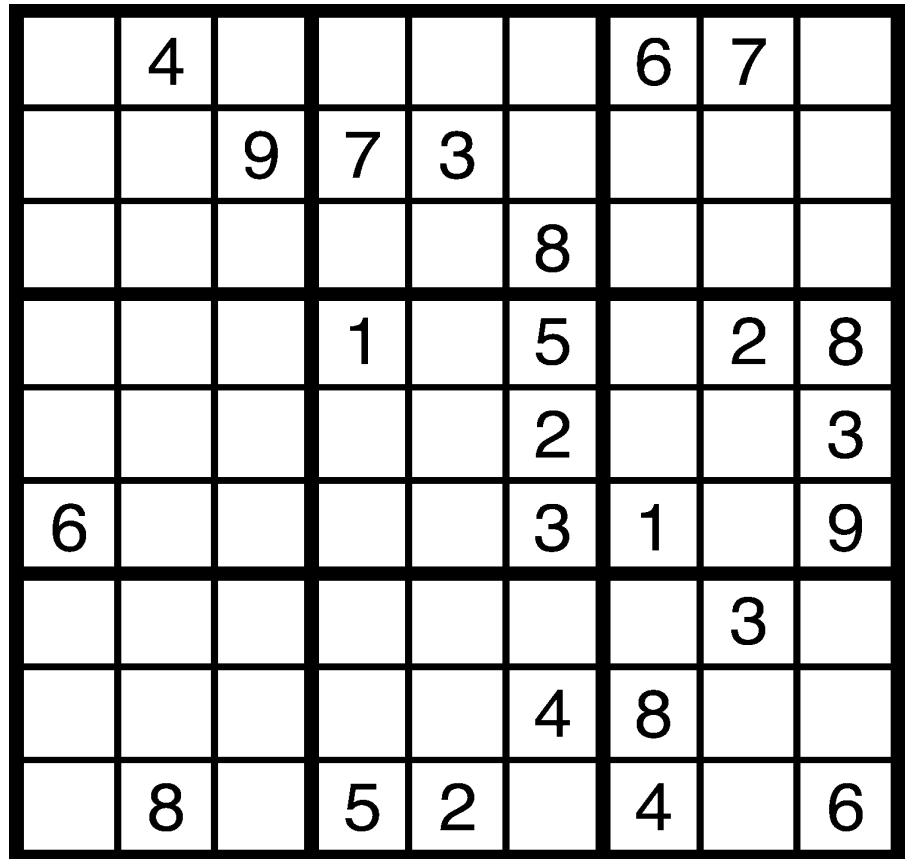
### CLUES DOWN

- Refuse of grapes
- Go quickly
- French ballet dynasty
- Most open
- Popular soap ingredient
- US time zone (abbr.)
- Items of food
- Backbones
- Infrequent
- Blood type
- "Let It Snow!" songwriter
- Dutch colonist
- Pike
- Egyptian sun god
- A cardinal is one
- From a distance
- Bolivian river
- N. American student organization (abbr.)
- River (Spanish)
- Chinese life force
- Chinese surname

## SUDOKU

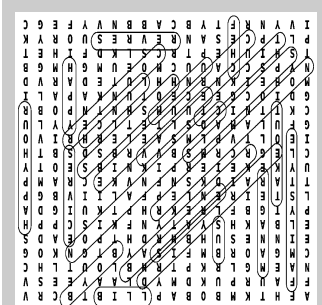
### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



## WORD SEARCH

### (Food Service)

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| BARTENDER    | HOSTESS     |
| BILL         | LUNCH       |
| BUS          | MANAGER     |
| BYOB         | MENU        |
| CHARCUTERIE  | RESERVATION |
| CHEF         | SERVER      |
| COMBINATION  | SERVICE     |
| COUNTER      | SHARE       |
| EARLY BIRD   | SPECIALS    |
| FAMILY STYLE | TAKEOUT     |
| HAPPY        | TICKET      |
| HAPPY HOUR   | VALUE       |

A F H T K M B O B A P L L I B T B C R V  
 F F A U R P U K D M Y D L A A Y E E S V  
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ANSWERS TO "PUZZLES GALORE"

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 6, 2021. Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes programs like 'The Voice', 'Jeopardy!', 'The Bachelor', and 'The Santa Clause'.

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: My husband of 19 years had an office gathering at our home in mid-August. He has been at his job for 18 years and switched departments four years ago.



DEAR ANNIE

One of his teammates, when introduced to me, grunted when she met me. My heart sank. As I worked my way around the room getting to know each one on an individual basis, I reminded this lady that I had waited on her at my part-time job.

She told me she was aware of the encounter because my husband told her that I had sold her cigarettes. However, I had asked my husband before the party if he had said anything, and he said no. So he lied to me.

After the party, I went through his phone, computer and phone bills. I discovered lots of private contact at all hours of the day and night. In my mind, they basically were having an affair.

The messages were pet names such as "baby boo," "sugar britches" and "good morning, sunshine." Worse yet, they told each other they loved each other.

We are in therapy now, trying to repair the damage my husband has caused.

When confronting the lady who tried to come between us, she stated that she wanted nothing to do with the drama in our house. I asked her why she was calling my husband by terms of endearment.

My husband's friend used to date this lady. I did reach out to him and discovered that she has a long history of drinking and rehab. It's so sad that women chase married men like it's a game and a goal to wreck marriages.

I would like your thoughts. — Brokenhearted in South Dakota

Dear Brokenhearted: My thoughts are with you. I am so sorry that your husband lied to you about his relationship with another woman. But instead of blaming her, why not channel all that anger and frustration into your couples therapy sessions?

While it is easier to blame a person you barely know who is trying to ruin your marriage, the person you really know is your husband. Save your blame for him and see how, and if, you can repair your marriage.

Dear Annie: The woman who wrote to you to say that she became friends with the ex-wife was very lucky. I tried so hard and was shut out.

At one point, I wrote her a letter about everything we had in common, including loving the kids, and she threatened to sue me for harassment. The kids would have benefited from our being in partnership for their welfare, if for no other reason. — Sad in Lakewood

Dear Sad in Lakewood: We cannot control other people's reactions to what we do, but we can control how we treat them. For the sake of the kids, it is always better for them to see their families get along rather than having them see exes fight and not get along.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other columnists, visit www.creators.com.

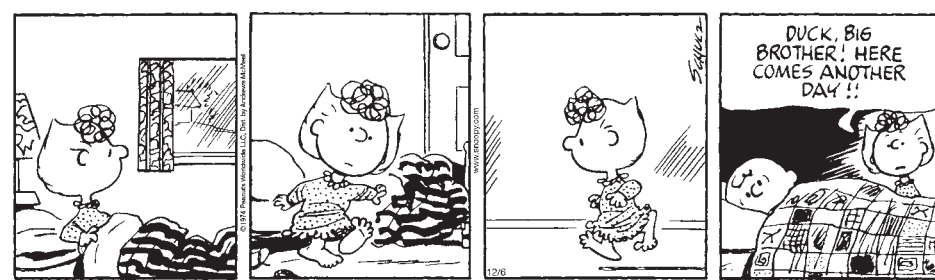
Bridge game section. Includes title 'Bridge', author 'Phillip Adler', and a detailed hand analysis with cards and dealer information.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME. Includes puzzle grid, word lists (SAYET, RPWEI, NDYEOK, MRISEM), and a cartoon illustration.

MORE PUZZLES. Includes a crossword puzzle and a word puzzle with the answer: 'The large, glossy, black birds lived in Zagreb. To them, it was the capital of — "CROW-ATIA"'.

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Peanuts



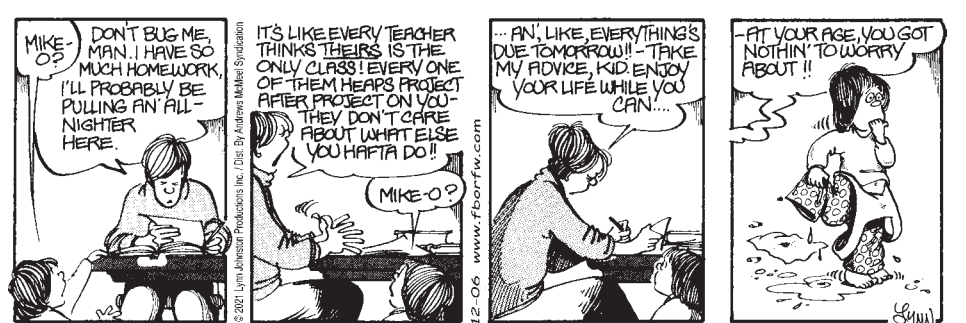
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Pickles



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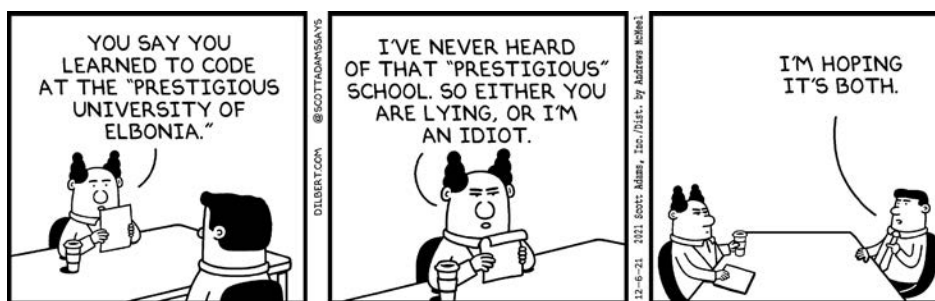
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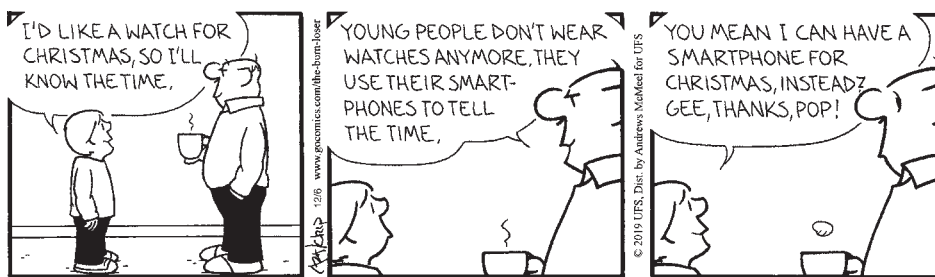
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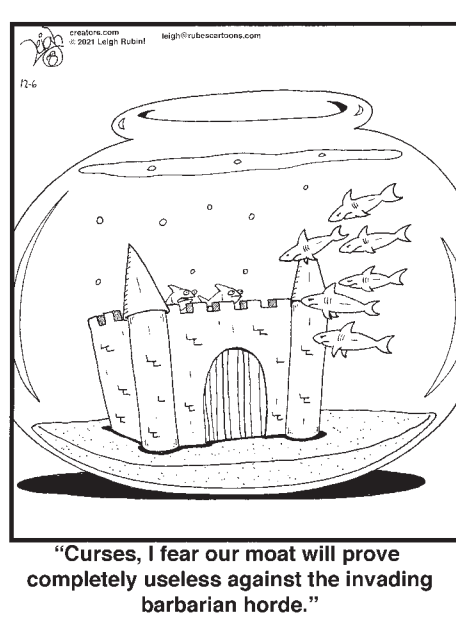
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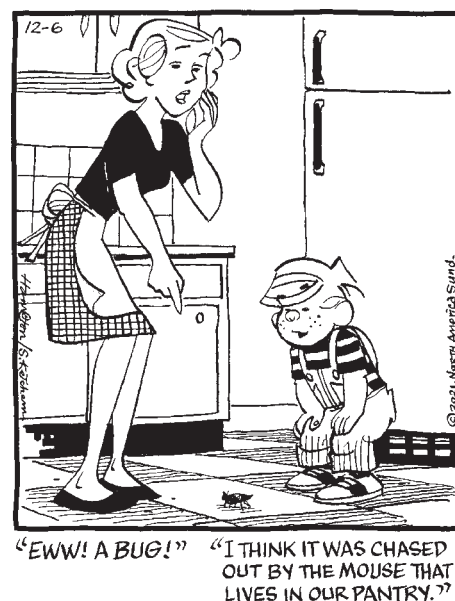
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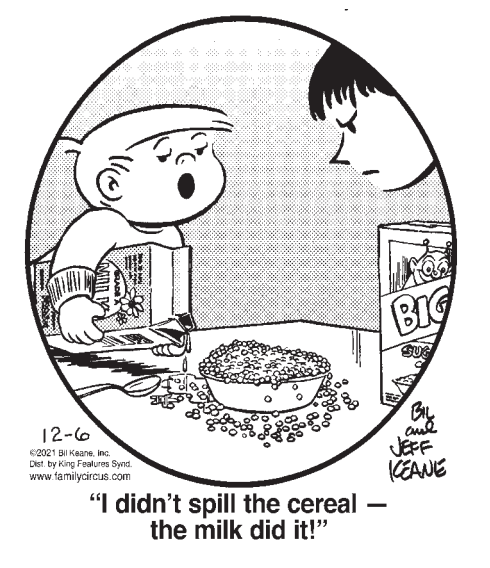
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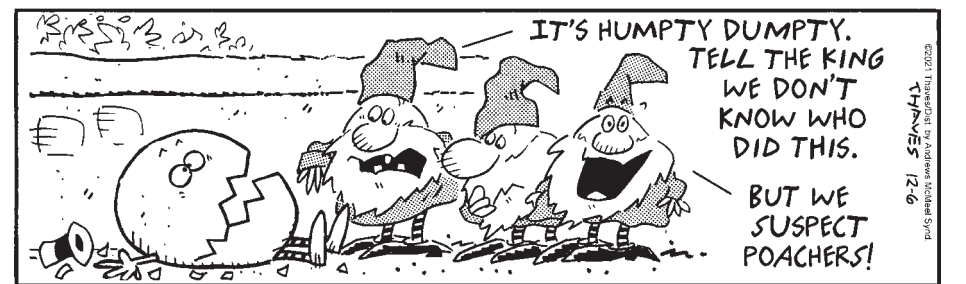
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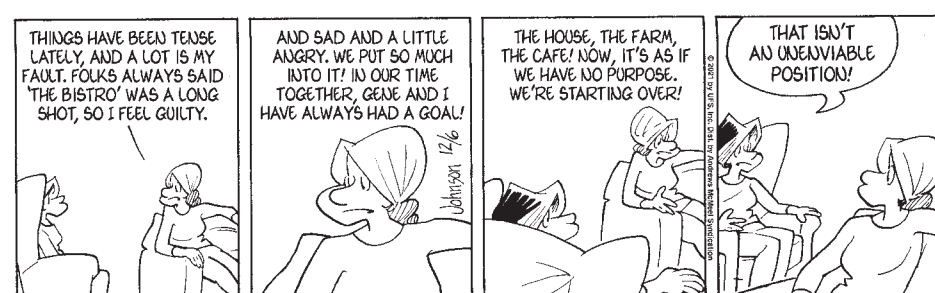
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Today's MOVIES

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead.

- Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187 Monday, Dec. 6 'Encanto' PG — noon, 4, 7:30 p.m. 'House of Gucci' R — 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45 p.m. 'Ghostbusters: Afterlife' PG13 — 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:15 p.m. 'King Richard' PG13 — 11:30 a.m., 3, 6:30 p.m. 'Clifford The Big Red Dog' PG — 12:15, 3:30, 7:45 p.m. 'Eternals' PG-13 — 11 a.m., 2:30, 7 p.m. Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850 Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 'The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge' live performance — 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 'The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge' live performance — 2-4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 'White Christmas' (1954) NR — 3 p.m.

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: V equals W

"X NPFS OXNVMKTSS! X'O DPXRD WP ZS XR OXNVMKTSS 20 ASMEI! X'NN ZS CSES IP NPRD, WCSA'NN ZS IXYT PG OS!" — DXMRRXI MRWSWPTPKROHP

Previous Solution: "I have this word for much of what I do in life: 'plorking.' I'm not playing and I'm not working, I'm plorking." — Jeff Bridges

# Hovland rallies to win

**DOUG FERGUSON**  
*AP golf writer*

NASSAU, Bahamas — The 24-year-old rising star put a nice ribbon on a three-win year in golf by posing with Tiger Woods at the trophy presentation Sunday in the Hero World Challenge.

It just wasn't the winner anyone imagined.

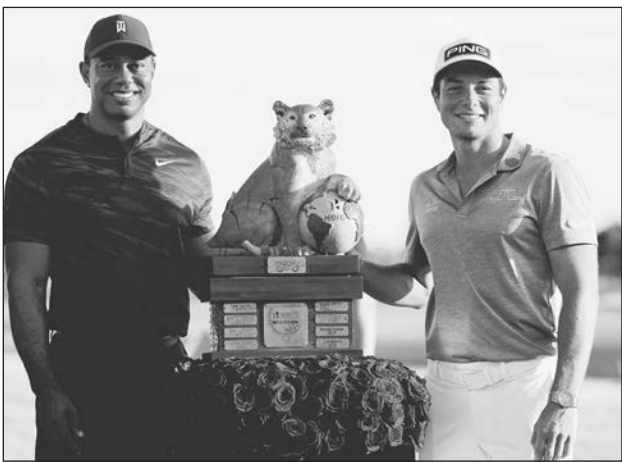
Not even Viktor Hovland thought it was realistic he could rally from six shots behind Collin Morikawa, the steady hand who was poised to reach No. 1 in the world with a victory.

Instead, the Norwegian did the unthinkable in a final round at Albany that was pure chaos.

He looked up from a greenside bunker on the ninth hole and saw Morikawa sliding fast with a pair of double bogeys. Hovland seized on the opportunity with back-to-back eagles and closed with a pair of bogeys he could afford for a 6-under 66 and a one-shot victory.

"I didn't think a win was going to be very possible," Hovland said. "But I know this course is tricky. You can make birdies, but it's easy to make bogeys and doubles. If I put a good score up there, you never know what's going to happen."

Just about everything did. On the same hole Hovland holed a bunker shot for eagle, Sam Burns went from a tie for the lead to a triple bogey when it took five shots to get up a slope from 15 yards away. Jordan Spieth and Henrik Stenson were penalized two shots for hitting shots off the 17th tee while playing the ninth hole. Scottie Scheffler was seven shots behind, made a triple bogey on his fourth hole and still nearly won.



Associated Press

**Viktor Hovland, of Norway, right, and Tiger Woods pose with the championship trophy after the final round of the Hero World Challenge at the Albany Golf Club, on Sunday in New Providence, Bahamas. Hovland won the tournament by one stroke.**

The biggest surprise was Morikawa — Hovland's roommate for the week at Albany — who took a five-shot lead into the final round and wasn't even a serious factor over the final hour. Two double bogeys and a 41 on the front nine sent him to a 76. "A little sad to see him not play his best today," Hovland said. "He's a great player and I expected him to just kind of

roll away with the victory. But sometimes this sport is not that easy and I'm sure he'll come back even stronger."

Ultimately, this was about the other 24-year-old adding to his big year after wins in Germany on the European Tour and Mexico on the PGA Tour. His third win of the year against a 20-man elite field moved him to No. 7 in the world.

## Hero World Challenge

Sunday At Albany Nassau, Bahamas Purse: \$3.5 million Yardage: 7,414; Par: 72 Final Round		
Viktor Hovland	68-69-67-66—270	-18
Scottie Scheffler	71-68-66-66—271	-17
Sam Burns	71-65-68-69—273	-15
Patrick Reed	68-69-67-69—273	-15
Collin Morikawa	68-66-64-76—274	-14
Justin Thomas	67-72-71-64—274	-14
Daniel Berger	66-69-69-71—275	-13
Tony Finau	68-66-70-71—275	-13
Tyrrrell Hatton	69-67-71-70—277	-11
Brooks Koepka	67-67-69-74—277	-11
Justin Rose	71-70-70-66—277	-11
Matt Fitzpatrick	71-70-68-69—278	-10
Xander Schauffele	70-70-70-68—278	-10
Abraham Ancer	66-73-72-69—280	-8
Bryson DeChambeau	69-64-73-74—280	-8
Harris English	75-70-63-72—280	-8
Webb Simpson	67-72-71-71—281	-7
Rory McIlroy	66-71-75-70—282	-6
Henrik Stenson	72-75-70-72—289	+1
Jordan Spieth	71-72-75-76—294	+6

Adults: Tony Hyatt, 112 pins over his average, and Penny Craft, 108 pins over her average. Youth: Wyatt Little, 42 pins over average, and Destiny Snyder and Megan Allen, 41 pins over their averages.

## Bowling SCORES

### Parkview Lanes

LEAGUE SCORES FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOV. 28

#### PARKVIEW SENIORS

Handicap: Kenny Piispanen 254,701; Bill Johnston 246; John Marcucci 698; Kathy Fuller 289,731; Millie George 269; Joyce Cusimano 738. Scratch: Bill Johnston 206,536; Cesare Nicoletti 192,546; Kathy Fuller 197,455; Millie Johnston 186; Glenda Johnston 449.

#### MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Handicap: Ethan Hamm 316,782; John Saltmarsh 301; Derek Fish 769; Judy Timmons 277,772; Penny Craft 268,771. Scratch: Ethan Hamm 266; Terry Rummier II 258,670; John Saltmarsh 258; Derek Fish 730; Judy Timmons 217,592; Peggy Rummier 204,605.

#### PRESERVE PINBUSTERS

Handicap: Ken Sprague 279; Steve Rogal 272; John Skourn 739; Peter King 733; Robin Reese 261; Brenda Snider 255,750; Joyce Swarm 725. Scratch: Ken Sprague 238; Jeff Koch 235,663; Greg Dawidowicz 622; Joyce Swarm 182,530; Robin Reese 177; Dawn Rogal 473.

#### SANDY OAKS FALL

Handicap: Jim Clark 261,671; Don Powers 252; Jeff Hyde 657; Marlene Hyde 241,620; Sheree Jenkins 223; Sheila Barnhill 632. Scratch: Jim Clark 231,581; Homer Roush 221,569; Marlene Hyde 173,416; Marcia Schick 148,411.

#### NFL III

Handicap: Rich Vehrs 277,738; Louis Higginbotham 254; Greg Hennig 704; Betsy Bowman 254; Donna Carone 243,692; Debbie Hennig 670. Scratch: Rich Vehrs 213,546; Bill Johnston 207,576; Bunny Higginbotham 184,503; Betsy Bowman 184; Donna Carone 174,485.

#### WOMEN'S TRIO

Handicap: Kathy Routzahn 261,689; Debbie Nolan 251,682. Scratch: Betty Weber 167,422; Carol Roberts 164; Marcia Schick 177,447.

#### T.G.I.F.

Handicap: Tony Hyatt 288,772; Richard Barnhill 265; Ray Botts 647; Pam Levert 256; Diana Steuterman 255,695; Pat Tutewohl 704; Sharon Denman 695. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 268,712; Richard Barnhill 225; Ray Botts 647; Susan Dantoni 235,575; Pam Levert 200; Dora Golubski 545.

#### BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Tony Hyatt, 112 pins over his average, and Penny Craft, 108 pins over her average. Youth: Wyatt Little, 42 pins over average, and Destiny Snyder and Megan Allen, 41 pins over their averages.

### Sportsmen's Bowl

#### Week of Nov. 29-Dec. 2

##### His and Hers

##### Men

Scratch Game, 248, Mark Ash  
Scratch Series, 638, Mark Ash  
Handicap Game, 296, Marcelo Reyes  
Handicap Series, 761, Mark Ash

##### Women

Scratch Game, 235, Cathy Roof  
Scratch Series, 553, Cathy Roof  
Handicap Game, 291, Cathy Roof  
Handicap Series, 721, Cathy Roof

#### Tuesday Afternoon Mixed

##### Men

Scratch Game, 199, Rich Murdock  
Scratch Series, 551, Rich Murdock  
Handicap Game, 680, Rich Murdock  
Handicap Series, 739, Todd Bemis

##### Women

Scratch Game, 246, Susan Dantoni  
Scratch Series, 652, Susan Dantoni  
Handicap Game, 267, Susan Dantoni  
Handicap Series, 715, Susan Dantoni

##### Firstnighters

Scratch Game, 269, Tim Lawrence  
Scratch Series, 708, Tim Lawrence  
Handicap Game, 280, Todd Bemis  
Handicap Series, 629, Todd Bemis

##### Wednesday Mixed

##### Men

Scratch Game, 247, Nick Montalvo  
Scratch Series, 663, Eric Avery  
Handicap Game, 287, Nick Montalvo  
Handicap Series, 727, Nick Montalvo

##### Women

Scratch Game, 179, Gloria Albus  
Scratch Series, 436, Gloria Albus  
Handicap Game, 251, Gloria Albus  
Handicap Series, 672, Pat Avery

##### Hits and Misses

##### Men

Scratch Series, 619, Nick Montalvo  
Scratch Game, 233, Gary Strausbaugh  
Handicap Game, 259, Gary Strausbaugh  
Handicap Series, 688, Dennis Toth

##### Women

Scratch Game, 198, Edith Regan  
Scratch Series, 507, Edith Regan  
Handicap Game, 252, Edith Regan  
Handicap Series, 669, Edith Regan

##### Pinbusters

Scratch Game, 182, Ashley Worrell  
Scratch Series, 498, Ashley Worrell  
Handicap Game, 234, Cassie Culp  
Handicap Series, 627, Ashley Worrell

### Manatee Lanes

#### TUESDAY ODD BALLS

Men's High Game Hdcap, 285, Rob Cummins  
Men's High Series Hdcap, 763, Tim Caudill  
Men's High Game Scratch, 267, Stephen Allan

Men's High Series Scratch, 792, Rich Koller  
Women's High Game Hdcap, 271, Rucell Nesmith  
Women's High Series Hdcap, 710, Amy Cochran

Women's High Game Scratch, 200, Renee Boyce  
Women's High Series Scratch, 550, Patty Brennan

#### WEDNESDAY MATCH PLAY

Men's High Game Hdcap, 292, Stephen Kusnierz  
Men's High Series Hdcap, 742, Preston Koller

#### THURSDAY POWDER PUFFS

Women's High Game Hdcap, 251, Roma Jenkins  
Women's High Series Hdcap, 702, Crystal Hennen

Women's High Game Scratch, 198, Ginny Kudla  
Women's High Series Scratch, 647, Susan Dantoni

#### THURSDAY FLORIDA POWER MIXERS

Men's High Game Hdcap, 286, Bob Clark  
Men's High Series Hdcap, 719, Ron Larkin

Men's High Game Scratch, 248, Rich Koller  
Men's High Series Scratch, 640, Bird Zachary  
Women's High Game Hdcap, 270, Tracy Roland  
Women's High Series Hdcap, 749, Amber Mullis  
Women's High Game Scratch, 214, Kim Mullis  
Women's High Series Scratch, 558, Hannah Roof

#### CITRUS HILLS MIXED

Men's High Game Hdcap, 245, Rod Connor  
Men's High Series Hdcap, 693, Frank Rock  
Men's High Game Scratch, 210, Bob Chaffer

Men's High Series Scratch, 589, Sonny Arashiro  
Women's High Game Hdcap, 232, Jan Pittman  
Women's High Series Hdcap, 646, Cher Mason

Women's High Game Scratch, 167, Susan Keene  
Women's High Series Scratch, 485, Bev Hoey

#### FRIDAY FUN BUNCH

Men's High Game Hdcap, 279, Greg Holding  
Men's High Series Hdcap, 770, Mike East  
Men's High Game Scratch, 253, John Beatty

Men's High Series Scratch, 642, Dave Hair  
Women's High Game Hdcap, 249, Denise Foster  
Women's High Series Hdcap, 711, Vicky Post

Women's High Game Scratch, 202, Sandy Montgomery  
Women's High Series Scratch, 612, Joyce Johnson

#### TUESDAY YOUTH

Boy's High Game Hdcap, 239, Blayne Rowlinson  
Boy's High Series Hdcap, 639, Skyler Beville  
Boy's High Game Scratch, 248, James Cummins

Boy's High Series Scratch, 613, Payton Beville  
Girl's High Game Hdcap, 226, Taylor West  
Girl's High Series Hdcap, 618, Cayndee Balletto

Girl's High Game Scratch, 150, Alayna Lee  
Girl's High Series Scratch, 453, Kaitlyn Perrine

#### MIDWEEK MIXERS

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME 180 & OVER — Karen Barlow 200/205, Joyce Longfellow 193, Sharon Blakeman 184

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES 500 & OVER — Karen Barlow 559, Joyce Longfellow 513  
MEN'S HIGH GAME 200 & OVER — Ken Sutton 246, Bruce Augsburg 234, Chuck Ann 213(2), Patrick Kingsbury 210, Bill Searles 203(2), Ives Chaves 202, Buzz Bishop 200

WMEN'S HIGH SERIES 525 & OVER — Chuck Ann 625, Bill Searles 603, Bruce Augsburg 588, Buzz Bishop & Don Werner 554, Patrick Kingsbury 552, Shane Grant, Ken Sutton & Chaves 547, Greg Barlow 529

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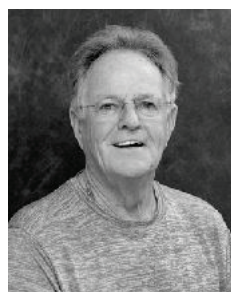
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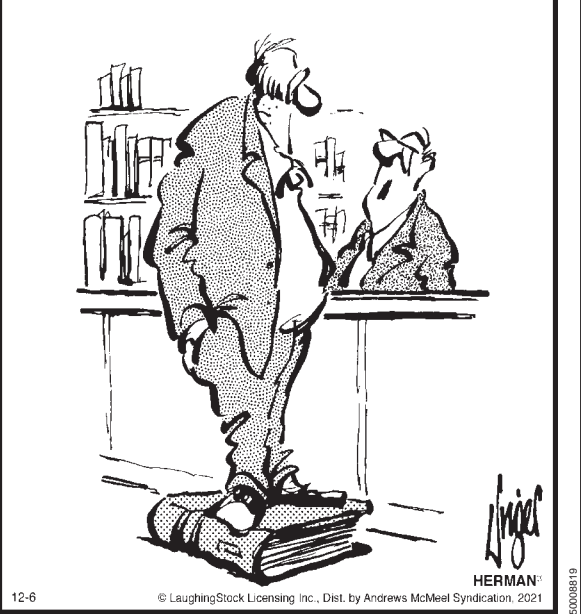
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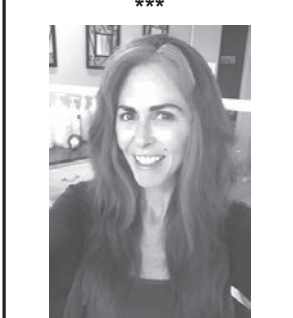
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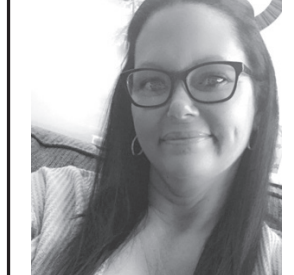
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3	4					2		1
8			9					3
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Solution to Saturday's puzzle 12/6/21

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk)

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Monday, December 6, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

## WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- PRECIPICE

(PRECIPICE: PRESS-ih-pis: The brink of a dangerous or disastrous situation.)

Average mark 13 words  
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 17 or more words in PRECIPICE?  
The list will be published tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S WORD -- REMINISCE

rein	mercies	icemen	scrim	sire
remise	mere	icier	secern	siren
resin	mesic	incise	seem	sneer
rice	mice	irenic	seen	cense
rime	mien	iris	seer	censer
rinse	mince	nice	seine	cerise
rise	mine	nicer	semi	cries
risen	miner	niece	sere	crime
emir	mini	scene	since	
ermine	mire	scree	sincere	
erne	miser	screen	sine	

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](mailto:kzsaxe@gmail.com).

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### ACROSS

- Ephron of "You've Got Mail"
- Mountain passes
- Keep in shape
- Vegas numbers
- Baroness Karen
- Bother
- Hall
- Farrow of "Zelig"
- Helm'sman's dir.
- Receded
- Public garden
- Plains dweller
- Sombrero
- Evergreen trees
- Rock concert need
- PCB regulator
- Protective shelter
- Leafy cabbage
- Have confidence in

### DOWN

- Slip up
- Glasgow turndown
- A Guthrie
- Monster's loch
- Greenspan stat
- Mauna —
- On a rampage
- Officer wannabe
- Through
- Mouths, in biology
- Demean
- None
- Barely makes ends meet
- Prefix for second
- Jay follower
- Glassmaker — Lalique
- Gourmandizes

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

Y	E	P		H	O	P	S		A	M	M	O
O	A	R		O	V	E	N		B	E	A	M
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W	E	N	T		A	M	E	N		A	M	P
L	O	G	E		T	A	N	G		S	E	T

- Taunting remark
- Tempe inst.
- Sidekick
- Trapshooting
- Door frame part
- Fat cat's friend
- Egg on
- Like a moonless night
- Toucan feature
- Gazette
- In the least (2 wds.)
- Web habitues
- Greek goddess
- Helen, in Spanish
- Used to be
- Exotic fruit
- Board
- Percolate
- Coupling device
- Iceboat feature
- Knockout gas
- Bangor locale
- Hit on the noggin
- "La Traviata" highlight
- "What's My Line?" host
- Shop tool
- Small music maker
- "— in Black" (1997 film)
- Battery size
- TBS alternative
- Dawn goddess

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## WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

- Chinese dog breed noisy argument (1)
- Stiffly proper Kardashian namesake (1)
- Bolt partner overabundance (1)
- Street crime group leapt up (1)
- Bouillabaisse seafood scam (2)
- Feigning shaking from shock (2)
- Official rebukes for false teeth sets (2)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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# Jazz beat Cavaliers by 1 point for 4th straight win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Donovan Mitchell scored 35 points, Rudy Gobert had 20 rebounds and five blocks and the Utah Jazz survived Cleveland's late surge for their fourth straight win, 109-108 over the Cavaliers on Sunday.

Bojan Bogdanovic added 16 points and Rudy Gay had 15 for Utah, which made 20 3-pointers and gave away a 15-point lead in the fourth.

The Cavs had a chance to win, but Darius Garland

missed a 28-footer with 2.9 seconds to go, and Jarrett Allen couldn't get his tip to drop as Cleveland had its winning streak stopped at four.

Garland scored 31 points, Allen added 17 points and 11 rebounds and rookie Evan Mobley had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Cavs, who were back at home after beating Dallas, Miami and Washington. It was the first time since 1975 that the Cavs won three straight on the road over teams with winning records.

## Hornets 130, Hawks 127

ATLANTA — Miles Bridges scored 32 points for a short-handed Charlotte team that leaned on its best 3-point shooting game of the season to beat Atlanta.

Kelly Oubre Jr. made six 3s and scored 28 points for Charlotte. The Hornets made a season-high 17 3s.

John Collins led Atlanta with a season-best 31 points and 12 rebounds.

The four Charlotte players held out after being placed in

the NBA's health and safety COVID-19 protocols were leading scorer LaMelo Ball, starting guard Terry Rozier, center Mason Plumlee and forward Jalen McDaniels. They'll be sidelined for at least 10 days.

## Wizards 102, Raptors 90

TORONTO — Pascal Siakam scored 31 points, Precious Achiuwa had 10 points and 14 rebounds, and Toronto beat Washington.

Chris Boucher scored

14 points, Scottie Barnes had 11, and Fred VanVleet 10 to help the Raptors win back-to-back games for the first time since a five-game winning streak from Oct. 27 to Nov. 3.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored a season-high 26 points and Bradley Beal had 14 for the Wizards, who couldn't dig out of a hole after shooting poorly in the first quarter.

## Rockets 118, Pelicans 108

HOUSTON — Eric Gordon

and Christian Wood both scored 23 points, and Houston beat New Orleans for its sixth straight win.

Brandon Ingram scored a season-high 40 points for the Pelicans, which was his most since dropping 40 against Brooklyn on Nov. 4, 2019. Jonas Valanciunas finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans.

Houston's Daniel Theis netted 12 points on 4 of 6 shooting from the field, and Alperen Sengun finished with 10 points.



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