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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus County COVID cases

According to the Florida Department of Health, 46 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update. No new deaths were reported, for a total of 419.

To date in the county, 10,081 people have tested positive (including 82 non-residents). No new hospitalizations were reported, for a total of 655 hospitalized.

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

Vaccine registration system open

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 65 and older and front-line health care workers is now available.

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

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

Vaccine supply remains limited and appointments may not be available for several weeks.

Four people injured in structure fire

A pair of juvenile patients were airlifted to a local trauma hospital after an early morning blaze Wednesday, March 17, in Crystal River, according to a Citrus County Fire Rescue news release.

Citrus County Fire Rescue was dispatched at 2:05 a.m. to the report of a structure fire on North Quarterhorse Terrace in Crystal River. The caller advised there was a fire at the neighbor's house and four people were injured.

Battalion Chief 2 and Rescue 7 from Connell Heights arrived on scene first at 2:15 a.m. to find an approximately 1,300-square-foot doublewide manufactured home approximately 80% involved with fire, the release stated.

Crews conducted a 360 of the residence, power was shut off to the residence, and it was found that Nature Coast EMS had multiple units at the neighbor's house treating all the patients and no one was left inside the residence. A defensive attack of the fire was initiated at the front and rear of the structure due to the extent of the fire.

A landing zone was established for two pediatric trauma alert patients, while one adult male was transported by ground to a local hospital and later airlifted to a trauma hospital, and one adult female was transported by ground to a trauma hospital.

Additional crews from Pine Ridge, Homosassa, Hernando, Kensington as well as a safety captain, and the rehab unit from Citrus Springs responded to the scene for assistance.

The fire was called under control at 2:32 a.m. The power company arrived on scene to secure the power and remove the meter. Crews cleared the scene at 5:43 a.m.

The Florida State Fire Marshal's office arrived on scene to investigate the cause and origin of the fire.

— From staff reports

Europe sees virus surge

Experts say continent's latest struggles could be a cautionary tale for US

**JOHN SEEWER
AND CARLA K. JOHNSON**
Associated Press

Optimism is spreading in the U.S. as COVID-19 deaths plummet and states ease restrictions and open vaccinations to younger adults. But

across Europe, dread is setting in with another wave of infections that is closing schools and cafes and bringing new lockdowns.

The pandemic's diverging paths on the two continents can be linked in part to the much more successful vaccine

rollout in the U.S. and the spread of more contagious variants in Europe.

Health experts in the U.S., though, say what's happening in Europe should serve as a warning against ignoring social distancing or dropping other safeguards

too early.

"Each of these countries has had nadirs like we are having now, and each took an upward trend after they disregarded known mitigation strategies," said Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention. "They simply took their eye off the ball."

The result has been a sharp spike in new infections and hospitalizations in several European countries over the past few weeks.

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'We're just making memories'



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Sylvia Losey waves energetically at those passing by in vehicles Wednesday, March 17, during the Avante at Inverness St. Patrick's Day parade. "I thought it was fantastic," she said of the event.

Residents of Avante at Inverness get impromptu St. Patrick's parade

MATTHEW BECK
Photo editor

More than a dozen residents at Avante at Inverness lined up outside of their nursing and rehabilitation center Wednesday, March 17, to watch a St. Patrick's Day parade pass by.

Activities Director Georgette Bass stood waving at those passing by in their cars and trucks with Shamrocks and other Irish garb displayed.

"We're just making memories," she said for her residents. "This pandemic is not stopping us."

Family members of Avante residents and other community members drove past those gathered outside,



David Chaffin was in one of a handful of vehicles participating in the Avante at Inverness St. Patrick's Day parade. His dog, Raina, rode along in the back seat to the delight of the residents at the center.

providing encouragement to the seniors.

"I think it's fantastic," 73-year-old Sylvia Losey said as she waved at each passing vehicle. She was especially excited to see a German shepherd with a green bow tie around its neck. The dog's owner, David Chaffin, slowly drove past waving to

each resident.

Over the past year Avante has hosted numerous parades around holidays to entertain and enrich the lives of their residents. Bass said of the residents who live within the center, "We just want the world to know that inside of nursing homes we are still living."



Georgette Bass, activities director, shows her appreciation to those participating in a St. Patrick's Day Parade at Avante at Inverness Nursing and Rehab Center.

Jurors convict man for meth trafficking

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Jurors convicted Crystal River 27-year-old William Douglas Vause of having the largest amount of methamphetamine seized by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

After roughly two hours of deliberation Wednesday, March 17, the jury of two men and four women found Vause guilty of trafficking in a pound of meth, possessing cocaine, possessing

meth and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Vause, whose trial began Tuesday with opening statements and eight testifying witnesses, was acquitted of possessing a misdemeanor amount of marijuana.

Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard scheduled Vause to be sentenced Thursday morning since Vause was already a convicted felon and is not entitled to have a

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Floral City church distributes vaccine

HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Staff writer

The Department of Health in Citrus County (DOH-Citrus) partnered with the Floral City United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 17, to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations to the church community.

The partnership stems from a new DOH-Citrus initiative to work with faith-based communities and groups to target underserved communities.

"This is the first of many faith-based outreaches," said Audrey Stasko of DOH-Citrus, which is in the process of planning

partnerships with other churches and groups in the near future.

The DOH "always envisioned going to different sites," said Stasko, adding it was just waiting until they had adequate staffing, nurses and volunteers.

On Wednesday, Floral City United Methodist was equipped with volunteers, church leaders and nurses to walk residents through the vaccination process.

"I'm so happy to be here and serving them," said registered nurse Kenia Lugo.

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Obituaries


Leonard Lockwood Jr., 87
CRYSTAL RIVER

Leonard Bradner Lockwood Jr, 87, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 5th in his home in Crystal River, FL. Leonard was born in Waterbury, CT on July 7, 1933. He is the son of the late Virginia Chennells Kovel and Leonard Bradner Lockwood Sr. Len is survived by his brother Thomas J. Lockwood and his sister-in-law Helen of Hudson, FL. Len leaves his son, John P. Lockwood and his wife Christine of Monroe, CT, his daughter Lorri L. Monterose and her husband Thomas of Mooresville, NC, and his daughter Alison L. Hayes of Torrington, CT. Len also leaves seven grandchildren, Jarred and John Allen, Kathryn Stewart and Meghan Lockwood and Alex, Griffin and Austin Hayes, as well as several nieces and nephews. Len also leaves behind special neighbors and friends in Crystal River as well as his former wife and dear friend, Karen Lockwood of Dawsonville GA. Len is predeceased by his former wife, the late Barbara Virbila Schuyler, his son Leonard Bradner Lockwood III, and his sister Virginia Doyle.

Leonard was raised in Waterbury, CT and graduated from Crosby High School. He attended the University of Connecticut and joined the armed services. He was stationed at the Presidio Army Base in San Francisco, CA. While serving in the Army he graduated from the University of San Francisco with a B.S. in Business Administration. Len was an Information Management Consultant. He began his career with Timex in Connecticut. His long and distinguished professional career included working for Armstrong Tires, Bavier, Bulger and Good-year and General Data-Comm before ultimately retiring in Florida.

Len lived in Waterbury, Watertown and Oakville, CT and later in life made Florida his home. He was an avid golfer and was a member of the Watertown, CT Golf Club and the Dunedin, FL Country Club for many years. He was an enthusiastic sports fan, and in particular loved watching baseball and auto racing. His children have fond memories of time spent with him on the golf course and at the Limerock Racetrack in

Connecticut. In recent years he enjoyed listening to country music and taking long walks, chatting with his neighbors along the way. Len also loved all the animals he would see during long walks in the Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park (HSWP).

Leonard's children would like to invite family and friends to attend a virtual celebration of his life. Reverend Dave Keck will lead a Memorial Service on Saturday April 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM EST from St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Mooresville, NC via Zoom. Please use this link to attend: <https://tinyurl.com/yzh2n56d>.

A private burial with Military Honors will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to The Friends of HSWP, 4150 S. Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa FL 34446.

Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in charge of cremation arrangements.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Constance 'Connie' (Baker) Milan, 72

Constance (Connie) Baker Milan, cherished wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed on Saturday, March 13, 2021.

Beloved wife for 53 years, married the love of her life, Robert J. Milan, on February 24, 1968. They shared two children, Robert J. Milan Jr. and Jennifer (Milan) Dennard, and four grandchildren.

Connie, the fourth child born to Anthony and Marion Baker on September 30, 1948 in Yonkers, NY.

She was a nurse, travel agent, quilter, and an avid cruiser that loved to travel the world. Connie was a member of the American Sewing Guild and the Citrus County Cracker Quilters, president of the West Point Parents Club, an active member & usher at St. Benedict Catholic Church, and a friend/mother to all that she encountered.

Connie is survived by her husband Robert, son Robert Jr., their daughter Jennifer, daughter-in-law Jan, son-in-law Antonio, and grandchildren Gabrielle, Robert Miles, Kylee Estelle, and Antonio Jr; her brother John Anthony, her sisters Bonnie and Alice and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her siblings, Sandra, Anthony Gregory, Ronald, and her parents.

Visitation will be held from 3:00pm-7:00pm, Friday, March 19, 2021 at Brown Funeral Home & Crematory, 5430 W Gulf to

Lake Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 2pm, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 455 S Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Roberta Knopp, 71
HOMOSASSA

Mrs. Roberta B. Knopp, age 71 of Homosassa, Florida, died Sunday, March 14, 2021 in Brooksville, Florida. She was born February 23, 1950 in Meriden, CT, to parents Pearson and Ruth (Bailey) Buridge.

At the age of 50, Bobbie earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting and after graduation she worked as an Accountant for the Middletown Housing Authority. Her life's passion was giving back, she served on the Board of Camp Claire in Lyme, CT, was majority member and past Mother Advisor of Meriden Assembly #11 and served on several state committees for the International Order for the Rainbow for Girls, a member of Meriden Chapter #8, Order of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church in Lecanto.

Fifteen years ago Bobbie moved to Homosassa, Florida with her beloved husband Harold "Skip". She was known for her creativity, her love of family, her faith, and belief in "Made with Love". Her crocheted blankets are treasured and cherished by many, her grandchildren and loved ones would look forward to receiving hand crafted cards for birthdays and special occasions.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Lynn Berg. Bobbie is survived by her husband, Harold A. Knopp, daughter, Rebecca and husband James Campbell, son, Steven Knopp, sister, Carolyn Ladd, and her three grandchildren, Veronica, James, and Jacob. Those of us that were blessed to have known her now know we have an angel looking over each of us.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com and please consider donating to Camp Claire by way of their website, CampClaire.org. Arrangements are by the Homosassa Chapel of

Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.


Nancy Rogers, 81
HOMOSASSA

Nancy Ann Rogers, age 81, Homosassa, FL passed away suddenly at home on March 14, 2021.



Nancy Rogers

Nancy was born in Hamtramck, MI on January 11, 1940 to the late Stanley and Wanda (Stanglewicz) Kowalczyk. Nancy came to this area in 1962 from California where she served our country in the U.S. Navy from 1958 until 1961. She was a Registered Nurse, certified in Oncology, and worked in several hospitals including Citrus Memorial. Nancy was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lecanto and active in the Gideon's Auxiliary. She was a volunteer at Romeo Elementary, Central Ridge Elementary, and Forrest Ridge Elementary schools assisting the children with their learning assignments and reading skills.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 59 years, Richard Eugene Rogers, Homosassa, FL; her son, Andrew A. Rogers and wife, Jenniffer of Beverly Hills, FL; her brother, Donald Kowalczyk of Shelby Township MI; and her grandson, Wyatt Dare Rogers. She was preceded in death by her son, Richard Eugene Rogers, Jr; her daughter, Wanda Therese Rogers Beck; brother, Ralph Kowalczyk, and 2 sisters, Sylvia Day and Delphine Whitesock.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 11:00 am from the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness, with Pastor Gary Bailey of the First Baptist Church of Lecanto officiating. Burial will follow in Stage Pond Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 10:00 am until the service begins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: www.gideons.org/donate.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Anna Wohlfahrt, 83
HOMOSASSA

Anna Wohlfahrt, 83, of Homosassa, FL, passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 11, 2021 in Hernando, Florida.

Anna was born on March 25, 1937 to the late Willie and Johanna Reysen in Marschkamp — Elmlohe, Germany. She came to New York in 1958.

She met Frank Wohlfahrt, and they wed in 1959. They moved to Fayetteville, NC following a military career for 20+ years.

Upon retirement of her husband they moved to Homosassa, FL in 1979.

Anna was a homemaker who filled her home with food, family, warmth, and love.

She cherished the friendships she made throughout the years as a military wife, and remained friends with many of them over the years. She loved being outdoors and could often be found outside tending to her yard and flowers.

Anna was proceeded in death by her parents, her husband Frank Wohlfahrt, and brother Claus Reysen. She is survived by her three children who will miss her terribly; son John Wohlfahrt and his wife Danielle of Beverly Hills, FL; daughter Karen Wohlfahrt-Walther of Orlando, FL; and daughter Linda Walker and her husband Scott of Hernando, FL.

Anna is also survived by two grandchildren she adored; Logan Walker of Homosassa, FL and Samantha Wohlfahrt of Beverly Hills, FL, as well as her loving sisters, Elfriede Stuben in Germany, Wilma Reinholz, and Herta Gottmann both of Palm Coast, FL.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, please send donations to Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL or HPH Hospice, in her name.

A brief service will be held at the Florida National Cemetery on Tuesday, March 23rd at 11:00 AM.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Joseph DeLuca, 80
PINE RIDGE

Joseph A. DeLuca, 80, passed away Feb. 10th, 2021, at CMH.

Born in N Y C , where he met the love of his life , Dolores. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Dolores, 2 children: son Guy and daughter Dolores; sons-in-law John and Sean.

He was a NYC Police officer for 22 years. He worked at Tiffany Locksmith for 10 years. Moving to Florida in 1989, he worked at Crystal Chevrolet. After he retired, his fishing hobby became his love, with his dog Tyler.

He belonged to St. Scholastica Catholic Church, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fishing Club and Citrus American and Italian Club.

Service will be held at 10 a.m. March 23rd at St. Scholastica Church, 4301 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto.

"He was 1 of a kind." Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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Around the COUNTY

Hernando-Citrus MPO to meet

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will conduct a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 166, in Lecanto.

Social distancing is required and face coverings are suggested. Persons will have their temperature checked upon entering the building.

Approximately one week prior to the meeting the meeting agenda may be viewed online at hernandocounty.us or hernandocounty.us/hermandocountympo.

The public is encouraged to attend. For questions concerning this public meeting, contact Mr. Steve Diez at 352-754-4082 extension 28013 or mpo@hernandocounty.us.

BHCC to be a vaccination site

Beverly Hills Community Church (BHCC) will be a COVID-19 vaccination location for 120 people by appointment only starting at 9 a.m. March 25. The second shot will be distributed on April 23.

The Florida Department of Health contacted the BHCC as a vaccination site.

Call Mickie O'Donnell at 475-228-3736 or the BHCC at 352-746-3620 for information and reservations.

You must be 60 years old or older to receive this vaccination.

BOCC accepting grant applications

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is accepting applications for their workforce expansion grant program.

The grant program is specifically for local businesses in target industries that increase their workforce after March 1, 2020, and hire at or above prevailing wage for the position.

Businesses can be awarded up to \$2,000 for each new full-time equivalent position.

Target industries include aviation/aerospace, cleantech, corporate headquarters of 50 or more employees, defense and homeland security, distribution and logistics, financial and professional services, information technology, life sciences and manufacturing.

The Citrus County workforce expansion grant program currently has \$300,000 in available funds. A completed application must be submitted online at citrusbocc.com.

Funds will be distributed on a first submitted and eligible application basis. Applications will be accepted until funds are fully exhausted.

For additional information, contact Citrus County Economic Development at 352-527-5537.

Abuse shelter seeks donations

The Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) is in need of baby spoons and disinfectant spray. The next time you're out shopping, pick up some extra supplies and drop them off at the CASA Outreach office between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 1100 E. Turner Camp Road, Inverness.

Alternatively, drop off donations at Carol's Interiors and Floors from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 6410 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa. For information, email Angie Arnold at angie@casaffl.org.

If interested in volunteering, call 352-344-8111 or download the Volunteer Application at casaffl.org.

Completed applications can be emailed to info@casaffl.org.

— From staff reports

Jobless rate 6.3% in January

Up from 4.8% a month earlier

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Citrus County's unemployment rate for January was 6.3%, up from 4.8% a month earlier.

Citrus wasn't alone in seeing an increase. All 67 counties experienced unemployment rate jumps over the month, according to the latest Florida Department of Economic Opportunity report.

Citrus County tied with Highlands County with the fifth highest jobless rate.

Dale French, executive vice president with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, said that while many of the "unprecedented" impacts, such as layoffs related to COVID-19, would not hit the three-county region until later, "I think it's important to point out that we are only 0.9 percentage points higher in unemployment than last year while dealing with COVID restrictions we did not have a year ago."

French said the region's continued recovery is well positioned as "we have had more job orders consistently month



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

January's unemployment rate in Citrus County was 6.3%, up from 4.8% in December. The labor force increased by 645 to 46,770 in January, according to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

over month compared to the same period a year prior."

Citrus County's labor force in January expanded by 645 to 46,770, the number of employed decreased by 69 to 43,846 and the number of unemployed increased by 714 to 2,924.

Compared to the previous year, when the jobless rate was 5.6%, the labor force shrank by 683, employment fell by 942 and the number of unemployed increased by 259.

Miami-Dade County has the state's highest unemployment rate in January at 8.1% Monroe

and St. Johns counties tied for the lowest at 3.5%.

Florida's January unemployment rate was 5.3%, up from 4.2% the previous month and 3.4% a year ago.

Nationwide, the rate was 6.8%, up from 6.5% in December and 4.0% last year.

Inverness man arrested for DUI

Bottle of vodka in cupholder

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A 66-year-old Inverness man was arrested for driving drunk and striking a street sign in Inverness with an open container of liquor next to him.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies took Mark Richard Emery into custody the night of Monday, March 15.

Emery faces charges of DUI, DUI involving property damage and driving with an invalid license. He was released Wednesday after posting bail on a \$4,500 bond, court records show, and has an arraignment scheduled for April 5.

According to Emery's arrest report, obtained

Wednesday, a deputy spotted a beige vehicle almost collide with a mail-delivery vehicle near the 6000 block of East Peach Street before it crossed over the roadway's center line and struck a street sign.

When the deputy approached the vehicle, Emery was sitting in the driver's seat with an open bottle of vodka in a center cup holder beside him. His speech was also slurred and he smelled of alcohol, according to his arrest report.

Emery told the deputy he did drink but didn't want to say how much, according to his arrest report.

He also refused to perform field sobriety tasks, and refused to take a Breathalyzer test.



Mark Emery

DeSantis knocks critical race theory in civics curricula

Associated Press

NAPLES — The American Revolution, Abraham Lincoln, the Cold War, yes. Critical race theory, no.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday outlined what he thought were acceptable topics to be taught in civics curricula that he said would get a \$106 million boost thanks to pandemic-related federal funding directed at states.

Under the governor's proposal, teachers who get credentialed in teaching civics would get a \$3,000 bonus. Some \$16.5 million would be devoted to training teachers and principals in civics education. That training would come from civics "coaches," in-person seminars and virtual learning.

Around \$6.5 million would be used for developing partnerships between schools and governments in an effort to get students interested in public service. Another



Associated Press

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks to the media as he visited the drive-thru COVID-19 vaccination site, March 5, at On Top of the World in Ocala.

\$17 million would be targeted for developing civics curricula with "foundational concepts" and not "unsanctioned narratives like critical race theory," DeSantis said at a news conference in Naples.

"There is no room in classrooms for things like critical race theory," DeSantis said.

Critical race theory examines the way race and racism influences politics, culture and the law. According to Purdue

University, critical race theory scholarship shows how racism continues to be persuasive and why it denies individuals their constitutional rights. DeSantis said the civics education should lessen the polarization currently in the U.S. by giving everyone a common foundation of values.

"No matter if your family came on the Mayflower or you became a naturalized citizen, these principles belong to you," DeSantis said.

'Right to farm' expansion gets Florida House support

JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A priority of Senate President Wilton Simpson to give farmers more protection from "nuisance" lawsuits started to move forward Wednesday in the House.

Over the objections of environmentalists who contend the proposal is intended to protect the sugar industry around Lake Okeechobee, the House Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee voted 14-4 to support a measure (HB 1601) that would expand Florida's "Right to Farm" law, which was first approved in 1979 and helps shield farmers from what are known as nuisance lawsuits.

The bill would expand the law to include issues related to agritourism and "particle emissions." It also would require people who file lawsuits to show by "clear and convincing evidence" that farms did not comply with state and federal environmental laws.

The proposal also would prohibit nuisance lawsuits from being filed by anyone owning property that is not within one-half mile of the alleged violations. It also would limit damages that could be awarded to the market value of any property damaged.

"Unfortunately, we have a

group of people who simply believe that food comes from the grocery store. It comes from a farm," House bill sponsor Jayer Williamson, R-Pace, said. "And we want to make sure we have protections in place to protect those workers and to protect those industries that are producing food for our state and for the rest of the country."

Williamson added that the distance requirement is intended to "narrow" the focus to properties "directly affected by a farm."

But critics contend by addressing "particle emissions" in the bill, the proposal is part of an effort to scuttle a federal lawsuit over the health impact of "black snow" created from the burning of sugar cane fields.

"It really is to turn the legal system on its head to protect the sugar industry from lawsuits over their practices," said Deborah Foote of the Sierra Club Florida.

"One only need to look to the Forest Service maps that show that particles can travel up to 25 to 30 miles outside of where the actual burn is happening," Foote said. "This will silence any future claims."

Those concerns were echoed by some lawmakers.

"This looks like it's two bills in one, trying to increase agritourism while also really stretching

the format to the point where folks who are currently trying to stop particles coming into the air from miles away will not be able to do that," Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, said.

Rep. Erin Grall, a Vero Beach Republican who is an attorney, expressed concerns about the proposed clear and convincing evidentiary standard.

"I think the intent is a noble one," Grall said. "I think that as it's written, the bill vastly expands the right to farm statute to provide immunity from many non-nuisance claims unless the plaintiff can prove that there's an environmental law that was violated."

However, Rep. Geraldine Thompson, D-Orlando, said while the proposal might need to be "tweaked," the agriculture industry is under assault from development.

"Over the years, I've seen that we have lost a lot of our agricultural production to other countries. We used to have orange juice from Florida, and now we get it from Brazil. We had table vegetables and produce from Florida, and now it comes from Mexico," Thompson said. "There is still a lot of agricultural activity in west Orange County. At the same time, what used to be orange groves are now subdivisions. So, people are moving

around the farms. And I don't think that the farm should have to change their operations because people are now moving into those areas."

Rep. Tommy Gregory, R-Sarasota, added, "if we make it too expensive and too difficult to farm, we aren't going to have farms in Florida."

Rep. Fred Hawkins, R-St. Cloud, defended the part of the legislation about particle emissions as being the same as controlled burns that are used in places such as forests.

"If you lived here in the '90s you saw most of Florida on fire for about two years over the summer. And it was incredible," Hawkins said. "We were like what California faces year to year. And by doing the controlled burns, we are also protecting our first responders. They don't have to go into these blazing infernos."

A similar bill (SB 88) is up for a final vote in the Senate on Thursday. Simpson, a Trilby Republican who owns an egg farm, said last week the bill makes "very technical changes" to help farmers getting boxed in as the state's population grows.

"If we want to be able to maintain that agriculture, you cannot have, what I would consider as a farmer, frivolous lawsuits," Simpson said.



Wilton Simpson

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Make the most out of every moment. Pass along what you don't need to someone who could use it. A simple, unencumbered lifestyle will lead to the happiness you desire.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Live and let live. Stay out of other people's business, and keep others from interfering in yours. Distance yourself from aggressive and unpredictable situations.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Take the initiative and pick up the pace. Reach out to people who can help you reach your goal. Discipline and hard work will lead to an opportunity.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Make up your mind and keep moving forward. Making a premature move will end up slowing you down. Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Gather knowledge, listen to criticism and dismiss people who are pushy and uncompromising. Don't pass along information you have yet to verify.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Do your own thing. Use your imagination and look for new ways to utilize old ideas to. Invest time and money in self-improvement. Romance is on the rise.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Take a moment to think matters through. Before you repeat someone's words, make sure they are accurate. Don't believe everything you hear.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Address contractual, financial and legal matters calmly. If you try to use force, you'll meet opposition. Intelligence and knowledge will encourage others to bend to your wishes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Put everything in its place, prepare to bring about changes that will improve your financial situation and engage in activities that will encourage better health.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — An open mind will encourage talks that will help you manage your emotions and meaningful relationships. Look at both sides of an issue.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Stay calm, regardless of what others say. Don't lose sight of what's authentic and meaningful to you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A change looks promising. Watch things unfold, and you'll come up with a plan that will encourage you to update your surroundings to fit your lifestyle.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You aren't likely to see eye to eye with a friend, relative or co-worker. Emotions will surface, causing conversations to turn rancorous.

ENTERTAINMENT

Grammy Award ratings drop 51% to record low

NEW YORK — Grammy producers avoided the Zoom awkwardness of other pandemic-era awards shows and gave music-starved fans performances by the industry's biggest stars. And viewers still stayed away.

CBS' Grammys telecast reached 9.2 million — television and streaming — viewers Sunday, the lowest number on record and a precipitous 51% drop from last year, the Nielsen company said.

That followed the Golden Globes' 63% decline in ratings a few weeks ago and record low ratings for the Emmy Awards last fall.

That's enough for television executives to worry about whether this is just pandemic-related or if they can no longer depend on these traditional attention-getting events. The Oscars, coming up next month on ABC, has often been the year's most-watched television event after the Super Bowl.

15th century bowl found at yard sale sells for \$722,000

HARTFORD, Conn. — An exceptionally rare 15th century porcelain bowl made in China that somehow turned up at a Connecticut yard sale and sold for just \$35 was auctioned off Wednesday for nearly \$722,000.

The small white bowl adorned with cobalt blue paintings of flowers and other designs — one of only seven such bowls known to exist in the world — was among a variety of Chinese works of art sold by Sotheby's as part of its Asia Week events. The



Associated Press

Billie Eilish arrives at the 63rd annual Grammy Awards at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Sunday, March 14.

names of the seller and buyer were not disclosed.

Sotheby's had estimated the value of the artifact at \$300,000 to \$500,000. Wednesday's auction included 15 bids, starting at \$200,000 from someone online and ending at \$580,000 from another person bidding by phone. The official purchase price, which included various fees, was \$721,800.

An antiques enthusiast came across the Ming Dynasty-era piece and thought it could be something special when browsing a yard sale in the New Haven area last year, according to Sotheby's. The buyer later emailed information and photos to Sotheby's asking for an evaluation.

CBS says 'The Talk' staying off air after racism talk

NEW YORK — CBS says its daytime show "The Talk" will stay on hiatus for another week after a discussion about racism involving co-host Sharon Osbourne went off the rails last week.

The network said in a statement that it is committed to "a

process where all voices are heard, claims are investigated and appropriate action is taken where necessary."

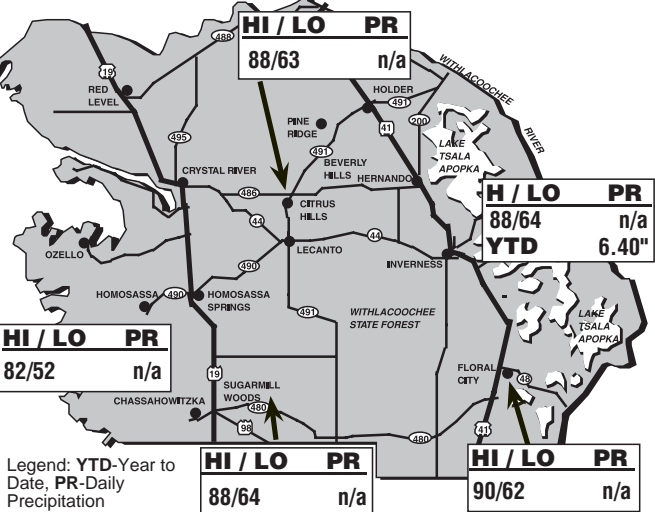
Osbourne reacted angrily last week during a discussion about British television personality **Piers Morgan**, who she describes as a friend. Morgan left the "Good Morning Britain" show after he said he didn't believe **Meghan**, the Duchess of Sussex, when she said in an interview that she had considered suicide when unhappy with her life in Britain's royal family.

A fellow host, **Sheryl Underwood**, said to Osbourne on the show last Wednesday, "what would you say to people who may feel that, while you're standing by your friend, it appears that you gave validation or safe haven to something that he has uttered that is racist, even if you don't agree?" Underwood, like Markle, is Black.

Osbourne replied angrily, using words that were bleeped out, and said she felt like she was being placed on "the electric chair" for having a friend that some people think is racist.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 84° Low: 54°
Increasing clouds with a few showers or thunderstorms PM. Windy and turning cooler.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 70° Low: 45°
Much cooler with decreasing clouds.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING
High: 70° Low: 49°
Times of clouds and sun. Cool breeze.

ALMANAC Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE	Yesterday 88/62	DEW POINT	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 64°
Record* 91/29		HUMIDITY	
Normal 78/50		Yesterday at 3 p.m. 46%	
Mean temp. 64		POLLEN COUNT**	
Departure from mean 11		Today's active pollen:	
PRECIPITATION		Oak, juniper, nettle	
Yesterday 0.00"		Today's count: 9.4/12	
Total for the month 0.31"		Friday's count: 10.1	
Total for the year 4.72"		Saturday's count: 9.3	
Normal for the year 8.34"		AIR QUALITY	
*Official record values from Tampa International 9		Yesterday observed Good	
UV INDEX: 0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high		Pollutant Ozone	
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 29.98			

SOLAR TABLES Provided by ezfshn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
03/18	THURSDAY	7:35	5:08	7:39	5:30
03/19	FRIDAY	7:34	5:53	7:40	6:16

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4	Apr 11

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

0 - 1	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 -or- Common Areas	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday		

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES											
City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	87	58	pc	Miami	81	73	pc	Fort Lauderdale	84	71	s
Fort Lauderdale	84	71	s	Ocala	85	54	t	Fort Myers	84	66	s
Fort Myers	84	66	s	Orlando	88	61	pc	Gainesville	83	52	t
Gainesville	83	52	t	Pensacola	69	49	s	Homestead	84	70	pc
Homestead	84	70	pc	Sarasota	82	62	pc	Jacksonville	87	53	t
Jacksonville	87	53	t	Tallahassee	78	50	sh	Key West	83	72	pc
Key West	83	72	pc	Tampa	83	61	sh	Lakeland	87	58	pc
Lakeland	87	58	pc	Vero Beach	91	65	s	Melbourne	90	63	pc
Melbourne	90	63	pc	W. Palm Bch.	82	73	s				

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: South winds 10 to 15 knots increasing to around 20 knots in the late morning and afternoon. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy. A chance of thunderstorms late in the afternoon.

Gulf water temperature 76°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	WED	TUE	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	27.81	27.86	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.30	37.32	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.37	38.39	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.65	39.66	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

0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Thursday

City	WED	THU	City	WED	THU								
Albany	45	28	0.00	46	23	ra	New Orleans	83	73	0.04	65	48	s
Albuquerque	61	33	0.05	66	35	pc	New York City	47	34	Trace	50	33	ra
Asheville	66	44	Trace	69	42	sh	Norfolk	50	45	0.02	69	47	sh
Atlanta	58	50	0.56	68	46	sh	Oklahoma City	68	37	Trace	53	35	pc
Atlantic City	47	39	0.01	52	38	ra	Omaha	43	35	0.02	51	29	pc
Austin	77	61	0.01	69	43	s	Palm Springs	73	46	0.00	80	57	pc
Baltimore	50	39	Trace	53	37	ra	Philadelphia	48	37	Trace	52	37	ra
Billings	54	23	0.00	62	37	s	Phoenix	72	45	0.00	82	53	pc
Birmingham	70	57	1.44	59	45	mc	Pittsburgh	67	36	0.00	53	31	ra
Boise	63	32	0.00	70	44	pc	Portland, ME	47	19	0.00	50	22	ra
Boston	54	30	0.00	54	30	sh	Portland, OR	61	32	0.00	52	42	ra
Buffalo	52	30	0.00	42	23	ra	Providence, RI	47	28	0.00	52	31	sh
Burlington, VT	54	23	0.00	46	16	sh	Raleigh	62	43	0.10	71	50	sh
Charleston, SC	72	50	Trace	76	52	sh	Rapid City	44	29	Trace	44	30	sh
Charleston, WV	73	45	0.00	74	38	sh	Renov	55	27	0.00	60	39	pc
Charlotte	59	44	Trace	70	50	sh	Rochester, NY	54	27	0.00	41	23	ra
Chicago	41	33	0.25	39	30	ra	Sacramento	59	36	0.00	59	48	sh
Cincinnati	63	36	Trace	64	32	sh	Salt Lake City	56	38	Trace	65	44	mc
Cleveland	45	34	0.00	45	30	sh	San Antonio	82	62	0.01	72	45	s
Columbia, SC	63	46	0.87	76	50	sh	San Diego	63	46	0.00	65	49	pc
Columbus, OH	64	37	0.00	55	30	ra	San Francisco	56	43	0.00	60	48	ra
Concord, NH	50	19	0.00	50	23	ra	Savannah	68	60	0.02	80	51	sh
Dallas	72	53	1.08	61	43	s	Seattle	59	32	0.00	54	42	ra
Denver	32	27	Trace	49	28	s	Spokane	61	28	0.00	65	40	pc
Des Moines	37	33	0.04	51	28	ra	St. Louis	57	42	0.65	50	33	ra
Detroit	57	30	0.00	46	26	ra	St. Ste Marie	39	21	Trace	39	17	s
El Paso	68	40	0.00	72	45	s	Syracuse	51	34	0.00	43	22	ra
Evansville, IN	63	44	0.24	61	35	sh	Topeka	46	39	1.31	50	28	mc
Harrisburg	41	38	0.00	47	34	ra	Washington	50	42	Trace	56	37	ra
Hartford	48	28	0.01	49	30	sh							
Houston	81	63	0.03	67	47	s	YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW						
Indianapolis	63	41	Trace	51	28	sh	HIGH 95, McAllen, Texas						
Kansas City	45	37	0.90	44	30	rs	LOW 4, West Stewartstown, N.H.						
Las Vegas	67	43	0.00	74	52	pc							
Little Rock	74	62	1.21	54	42	mc	WORLD CITIES						
Los Angeles	66	45	0.00	69	52	pc	WED	Lisbon	64/52/s				
Louisville	64	42	0.15	64	35	sh	H/L/SKY	London	47/41/mc				
Memphis	70	60	1.30	52	41	sh	Acapulco	95/66/s	Madrid	55/41/s			
Milwaukee	38	34	0.00	42	26	mc	Amsterdam	46/37/ra	Mexico City	74/58/ra			
Minneapolis	43	32	0.03	51	29	s	Athens	58/45/s	Montreal	40/33/ra			
Mobile	79	70	Trace	68	48	s	Beijing	55/43/ra	Moscow	33/24/sn			
Montgomery	75	63	0.25	66	46	mc	Berlin	44/32/ra	Paris	45/39/ra			
Nashville	66	57	0.52	61	41	sh	Bermuda	68/61/ra	Rio	91/78/cl			

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Today in
HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 18, the 77th day of 2021. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On March 18, 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.

On this date:

In 1911, Irving Berlin's first major hit, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," was first published by Ted Snyder & Co. of New York.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of internment Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as director.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama demanded that Moammar Gadhafi halt all military attacks on civilians and said that if the Libyan leader did not stand down, the United States would join other nations in launching military action against him.

Five years ago: Police in Brussels captured Europe's most wanted fugitive, Salah Abdeslam, who was the prime suspect in the deadly 2015 Paris attacks.

One year ago: The U.S. and Canada agreed to temporarily close their shared border to nonessential travel. Describing himself as a "war-time president," President Donald Trump said he would invoke emergency powers to let the government steer production of needed medical supplies by private companies.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 85. Actor Brad Dourif is 71. Singer Irene Cara is 62. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 62. TV personality Mike Rowe is 59. Rock singer Adam Levine (Maroon 5) is 42. Actor Adam Pally is 39. Actor Cornelius Smith Jr. is 39.

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TIDES

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

THURSDAY

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka*	10:16 a.m. 0.3 ft	10:13 p.m. 0.5 ft
Crystal River**	8:31 a.m. 1.8 ft	8:21 p.m. 0.1 ft
Withlacoochee*	5:50 a.m. 2.6 ft	5:20 p.m. 3.2 ft
Homosassa***	9:26 a.m. 0.8 ft	8:42 p.m. 1.6 ft

VIRUS

Continued from **Page A1**

Poland's rate of new COVID-19 cases has more than doubled since February, straining its health care system and leading to a three-week nationwide lockdown announced Wednesday for shopping malls, theaters, galleries and sports centers.

Italy closed most of its classrooms at the beginning of this week and expanded areas where restaurants and cafes can do only takeout or delivery. The country's health experts say they're seeing an increasing number of patients who are middle-aged and younger.

In France, officials imposed weekend lockdowns around the French Riviera in the south and the English Channel in the north, and are preparing new restrictions for the Paris region and perhaps beyond to be announced Thursday.

COVID-19 patients occupy 100% of standard intensive care hospital beds in the area surrounding the nation's capital.

"If we don't do anything, we're heading toward catastrophe," Remi Salomon, a top official in the Paris public hospital authority, told BFM television.

Serbia announced a nationwide lockdown for the rest of the week, closing all nonessential shops and businesses. The country of 7 million people reported more than 5,000 new cases on Tuesday, its highest number in months.

The trends are far more

encouraging in the U.S., which has recorded about 537,000 deaths overall, more than any other country.

Deaths per day in the U.S. have plunged to an average of just under 1,300, down from a high of about 3,400 two months ago. New cases are running at about 55,000 per day on average after peaking at more than a quarter-million per day in early January.

An empty hallway and a row of unused face shields inside the closed COVID-19 ICU unit at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, California, tell the story of the improved outlook in the U.S.

The wing was teeming with the patients at the beginning of the year.

"It gives me goosebumps. It's really just surreal because, you know, a month and a half ago, our unit was full of super, super sick COVID patients, many of which didn't survive," said ICU nurse Christina Anderson.

The European Union's overall vaccination efforts lag far behind those of Britain and the U.S. because of shortages and other hurdles. Roughly 1 in every 5 people in the U.S. has received at least one dose, while in most of the European countries, it's fewer than 1 of every 10.

In another troubling turn, many European countries — including Germany, France, Spain and Italy — have suspended use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine over reports of dangerous blood clots in a small



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A man receives the Moderna vaccine during a COVID-19 vaccination campaign at the Nurse Isabel Zenda Hospital in Madrid, Spain, Wednesday, March 17.

number of recipients, though regulators say there is no evidence the shot is to blame.

European nations haven't vaccinated quickly enough to stay ahead of the more contagious variants, said Dr. Amesh Adalja, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security in Baltimore, Maryland. Those variants are also taking hold in the U.S.

"Vaccination with no speed limit, 24/7, that's what's going to protect us from what's happening in Europe," Adalja said.

He believes it is too early for states to drop mask mandates but OK to

allow restaurants and other places to increase capacity gradually.

"You don't have to do what Texas did," Adalja said. "You can increase capacity while keeping the masks in place."

Texas and a few other states have lifted their statewide mask requirements or plan to do so soon, while governors in more than half the states have moved to ease other restrictions in the coming weeks for restaurants, gyms and movie theaters.

Disneyland in Southern California announced it will reopen with limited crowds at the end of April for the first time

since the start of the pandemic. And airlines have had their best weeks since the crisis began and say more people are booking flights for spring and summer.

Amelia Fowler, among a stream of people getting their shots Wednesday at Medgar Evers College in New York City, is looking forward to grocery shopping and returning to a normal routine in her acting job after a dark year.

"It was just literally terror: terror going out of the house, terror going down the street, terror dealing with other people, and the terror has been removed," she said.

Josh Michaud, associate director of global health policy with the Kaiser Family Foundation in Washington, said the optimism in the U.S. should come with caution.

Europe's "rapid relaxation of distancing requirements in a lot of places, combined with populations letting their guard down as they look ahead to the light at the end of the long pandemic tunnel, helped set the stage for the current surges," he said.

Around the COUNTY

Supervisor of elections invites public to YMCA

The Supervisor of Elections office will be at the YMCA from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. March 18 and March 25. This is an effort to be of service and connect with the community at different locations around the county.

The elections office staff will be available to assist voters with voter registration and making changes to their voter record. Information to apply for election worker positions or volunteer positions will also be available.

Those interested in having the elections office staff at their organization or business, contact the Supervisor of Elections.

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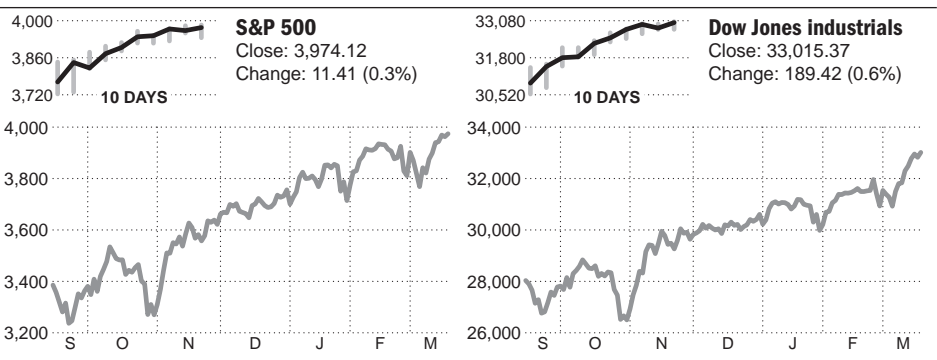
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	NYSE	NASD		HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,043	4,974	DOW	33,047.58	32,782.18	33,015.37	+189.42	+0.58%	+7.87%
Pvs. Volume	4,104	4,973	DOW Trans.	14,188.59	13,919.60	14,157.82	+137.09	+0.98%	+13.20%
Advanced	1502	1995	DOW Util.	858.96	846.98	847.92	-11.12	-1.29%	-1.93%
Declined	958	1283	NYSE Comp.	15,746.03	15,579.53	15,731.15	+61.85	+0.39%	+8.31%
New Highs	203	159	NASDAQ	13,595.00	13,272.69	13,525.20	+53.63	+0.40%	+4.94%
New Lows	7	23	S&P 500	3,983.87	3,935.86	3,974.12	+11.41	+0.29%	+5.81%
			S&P 400	2,664.99	2,622.60	2,664.14	+17.04	+0.64%	+15.50%
			Wilshire 5000	42,265.61	41,666.53	42,154.70	+140.87	+0.34%	+6.84%
			Russell 2000	2,339.28	2,289.84	2,336.39	+16.87	+0.73%	+18.31%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	52-WK RANGE	◇CLOSE	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	—◇—	34.06	30.15	+1.16	+0.5	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	+4.8	-7.1	20	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	54.82	—◇—	125.81	121.71	+8.7	+0.7	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	+0.6	+65.6	32	0.80f
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	32.58	—◇—	72.41	63.83	+1.98	+3.2	+3.2	▲	▼	▼	-8.7	+42.8	91	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	17.95	—◇—	38.18	37.95	+3.1	+0.8	—	▲	▲	▲	+25.2	+59.2	20	0.72
Capital City Bank	CCBG	15.61	—◇—	28.98	26.98	-1.1	-0.4	-0.4	▼	▲	▲	+9.8	+36.7	14	0.60f
Citigroup	C	32.00	—◇—	75.59	73.60	+2.7	+0.4	+0.4	▼	▲	▲	+19.4	+49.4	15	2.04
Disney	DIS	79.07	—◇—	203.02	195.24	+1.00	+0.5	+0.5	▼	▲	▲	+7.8	+91.9	1	1.76
Duke Energy	DUK	62.13	—◇—	98.88	91.85	-1.17	-1.3	-1.3	▲	▲	▲	+0.3	+12.1	23	3.88f
EPR Properties	EPR	12.56	—◇—	51.84	50.13	+1.12	+2.3	+2.3	▲	▲	▲	+54.2	+54.6	15	4.32
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	24.38	—◇—	30.97	28.38	-0.02	-0.1	-0.1	▼	▼	▲	+4.0	+6.4	8	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	30.11	—◇—	62.55	59.37	+2.6	+0.4	+0.4	▼	▲	▲	+44.0	+67.6	76	3.48
Ford Motor	F	3.96	—◇—	13.62	12.69	+2.0	+1.6	+1.6	▼	▲	▲	+44.4	+134.5	...	...
Gen Electric	GE	5.48	—◇—	14.42	13.61	+4.6	+3.5	+3.5	▲	▲	▲	+26.0	+70.6	39	0.04
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	58.38	—◇—	194.01	185.50	-0.2	...	...	▼	▲	▲	+12.8	+84.0	19	1.07m
Home Depot	HD	140.63	—◇—	292.95	280.03	-2.05	-0.7	-0.7	▲	▼	▲	+5.4	+38.4	23	6.60f
Intel Corp	INTC	43.61	—◇—	65.73	65.78	+1.00	+1.5	+1.5	▲	▲	▲	+32.0	+19.7	13	1.39f
IBM	IBM	90.56	—◇—	135.88	129.03	+7.9	+0.6	+0.6	▲	▲	▲	+2.5	+25.2	13	6.52
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	13.31	—◇—	43.97	43.76	+5.1	+1.2	+1.2	▲	▲	▲	+24.2	+73.9	25	...
Lumes Cos	LOW	60.00	—◇—	180.67	174.44	-0.89	-0.5	-0.5	▲	▼	▲	+8.7	+82.9	39	2.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	8.16	—◇—	16.60	14.14	+1.1	+0.8	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+45.0	+50.1	1	1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	124.23	—◇—	231.91	224.11	+4.25	+1.9	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	+4.4	+27.3	34	5.16f
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	132.52	—◇—	246.13	237.04	-6.7	-0.3	-0.3	▲	▼	▲	+6.6	+49.2	38	2.24
Motorola Solutions	MSI	120.77	—◇—	184.88	181.34	-1.14	-0.6	-0.6	▲	▼	▲	+6.6	+19.1	41	2.84f
NextEra Energy	NEE	43.70	—◇—	87.69	72.96	-2.42	-3.2	-3.2	▼	▼	▼	-5.4	+38.9	5	1.54f
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	11.26	—◇—	19.99	18.29	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	▼	▲	▲	+12.7	+2.3	6	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	6.94	—◇—	22.61	21.19	+2.5	+1.2	+1.2	▼	▲	▲	+31.5	+121.2	16	0.62
Smucker, JM	SJM	91.88	—◇—	131.69	124.12	+8.1	+0.7	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	+7.4	+22.0	15	3.60f
Texas Instru	TXN	93.09	—◇—	181.80	179.35	+2.21	+1.2	+1.2	▲	▲	▲	+9.3	+68.6	32	3.60
UniFirst Corp	UNF	121.89	—◇—	258.86	229.56	-3.43	-1.5	-1.5	▼	▼	▲	+8.4	+42.3	26	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	48.84	—◇—	61.95	55.75	+1.1	+0.2	+0.2	▲	▼	▼	-5.1	+7.3	13	2.52
Vodafone Group	VOD	11.46	—◇—	18.98	19.44	+4.6	+2.4	+2.4	▲	▲	▲	+18.0	+45.2	0.97e	
WalMart Strs	WMT	102.00	—◇—	153.66	132.28	-1.11	-0.8	-0.8	▼	▼	▼	-8.2	+18.8	76	2.20f
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	33.36	—◇—	56.12	54.10	-6.1	-1.1	-1.1	▲	▲	▲	+35.7	+23.2	1.87f	

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

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.64% Wednesday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
LAST	3.25	.13
6 MO AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Commodities

Energy prices fell, with U.S. crude oil losing 0.3% and natural gas down 1.3%. Gold prices fell 0.2% and silver gained 0.2%.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.02	.02	...	.19
6-month T-bill	.05	.06	-0.01	.25
52-wk T-bill	.07	.07	...	.27
2-year T-note	.13	.15	-0.02	.45
5-year T-note	.80	.83	-0.03	.64
10-year T-note	1.27	1.28	-0.01	.89
7-year T-note	1.64	1.62	+0.02	.99
30-year T-bond	2.44	2.39	+0.05	1.58

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	4.03	4.03	4.04	4.23
Money market account	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.22
1 year CD	0.32	0.32	0.35	0.45
\$30K Home equity loan	4.70	4.70	4.75	4.91
30 year fixed mortgage	3.25	3.21	2.96	3.01
15 year fixed mortgage	2.48	2.48	2.40	2.48

MutualFunds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	31.19	+0.8	+3.6	+34.0	+9.9	+10.6
	CptWldGrInC m	62.28	+1.7	+5.2	+60.6	+9.7	+12.7
	CptIncBlDrA m	65.89	+1.4	+5.2	+32.9	+6.3	+6.9
	FdmTlnvnsA x	73.78	+1.0	+6.9	+62.7	+12.5	+15.3
	GrfAmrcA m	70.31	+4.7	+4.1	+79.3	+18.4	+20.5
	IncAmrcA m	24.77	+0.6	+5.9	+35.8	+8.1	+8.9
	InvCAmrcA x	47.55	+0.9	+7.4	+59.3	+11.7	+13.9
	NwPrspctvA m	62.70	+3.3	+3.7	+80.1	+16.9	+18.1
	WAMTlnvnsA x	54.20	+0.2	+8.4	+53.5	+12.0	+13.9
Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.28	-0.1	-2.5	+9.0	+5.7	+4.9
	Stk	226.53	+1.79	+17.6	+84.5	+12.4	+16.2
Fidelity	500lDxlnsPrm	138.19	+4.0	+6.2	+59.9	+15.2	+16.5
	Contrafund	16.84	+0.5	+2.7	+64.6	+16.7	+19.5
	TtlMktlDxlnsPrm	115.55	+3.9	+7.3	+68.4	+15.8	+17.1
	USBDlDxlnsPrm	111.97	-0.1	-3.5	+2.6	+4.9	+3.2
Schwab	SP500lDx	60.95	+1.7	+6.1	+59.8	+15.2	+16.5
T. Rowe Price	BCGr	168.69	+1.7	+1.9	+67.3	+17.6	+22.1
Vanguard	500lDxAdmrl	367.93	+1.06	+6.2	+59.9	+15.2	+16.5
	DivGrInr	34.22	+0.6	+2.9	+42.3	+14.3	+13.8
	GrIdxAAdmrl	133.24	+2.9	+2.1	+74.0	+21.4	+21.2
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.75	-0.2	-0.3	+6.8	+4.8	+3.4
	IntlGrAdmrl	163.06	+2.5	+1.7	+106.2	+20.3	+22.9
	MdCplDxAdmrl	278.73	+1.40	+8.7	+76.3	+14.0	+15.2
	PrmCpAdmrl	170.17	+1.52	+10.6	+68.0	+15.1	+19.3
	STlnvMGrAdmrl	10.94	...	-0.4	+5.8	+4.1	+3.1
	SmCplDxAdmrl	106.18	+5.9	+13.9	+101.6	+15.1	+16.8
	TrgtRtr2025Inv	22.05	...	+2.4	+40.5	+9.2	+10.4
	TtBMDlDxAdmrl	11.17	...	-3.5	+0.9	+4.8	+3.3
	TtlnBlDxAdmrl	22.83	-0.5	-2.2	+2.6	+4.2	+3.4
	TtlnSlDxAdmrl	34.25	+1.2	+5.5	+63.6	+6.5	+10.3
	TtlnSlDxlnv	20.48	+0.8	+5.6	+63.5	+6.5	+10.2
	TtISMlDxAdmrl	101.59	+3.4	+7.2	+68.5	+15.9	+17.1
	TtISMlDxlnv	101.54	+3.3	+7.2	+68.3	+15.8	+17.0
	WlngtnAdmrl	78.80	...	+2.9	+39.9	+10.6	+11.3
	WislyIncAdmrl	69.05	+0.2	+0.6	+20.1	+8.1	+7.5

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

Company Spotlight

The gig is up

Investors dumped Uber shares after the ride hailing app said it would comply with a court order to pay its U.K. drivers the minimum wage, pensions and holiday pay. The move came after a British court ruled drivers there must be classified and paid as any other workers. San Francisco-based Uber lost its appeal last month following a years-long court battle. Uber will extend the benefits immediately to its

more than 70,000 drivers in the U.K. Drivers will earn at least the minimum wage of 8.72 pounds (\$12.12), get holiday pay equal to about 12% of their earnings, and be enrolled in a pension plan. "This is an important day for drivers in the U.K.," said Jamie Heywood, an Uber regional general manager in Europe. Drivers who filed the case welcomed the news but said it's not enough. Uber slipped 4.2% to close at \$56.36.

Wednesday's close: \$56.36, -2.49	Total return	6-mos	YTD	1-yr
Price-earnings ratio: Lost money (Based on past 12-month results)	UBER	52.1%	10.5	198.0
	Market cap: \$109.4 billion			
	*annualized		Source: FactSet	

Stocks up after Fed rate remarks

Associated Press

Stocks closed higher Wednesday, reversing an early slide after the Federal Reserve reassured Wall Street that it expects to keep its key interest rate near zero through 2023.

The central bank's renewed commitment to leaving rates at rock bottom lows comes even as its latest economic forecast calls for growth of 6.5% this year and for inflation to climb above 2% for the first time in years. Wall Street has been anxious about the potential for higher inflation to drive up bond yields further and has been looking for signs that the central bank shares its concerns.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell's remarks during a news conference appeared to do the trick. Major stock indexes had been down for most of the day, led by another wave of selling in technology companies as bond yields rose, driving the closely watched 10-year Treasury yield up to 1.68% at one point, the highest level

since January 2020.

After Powell spoke stocks gradually pivoted higher and bond yields fell. The turnaround nudged the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average to all-time highs and pulled the tech-heavy Nasdaq out of the red.

"He reassured the market that the Fed is going to the extent possible be patient about even talking about raising rates," said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at All Star Charts.

The S&P 500 rose 11.41 points, or 0.3%, to 3,974.12, recovering from a 0.7% slide. The benchmark index has now notched an all-time high 14 times this year. The Dow gained 189.42 points, or 0.6%, to 33,015.37. The Nasdaq, which had been down 1.5%, rose 53.64 points, or 0.4%, to 13,525.20.

Banks, industrial stocks and companies that rely on consumer spending helped lift the market. Those gains outweighed a pullback in health care, utilities and other sectors. Smaller company stocks,

the market's standout gainers so far this year, also had good day. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies picked up 16.87 points, or 0.7%, to 2,336.39.

Treasury yields mostly fell, reversing an earlier move higher. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note, which has surged in recent weeks on inflation concerns, rose to 1.64%, the highest level since February 2020. It hit 1.62% late Tuesday.

Higher yields put downward pressure on stocks generally, in part because they can steer away dollars that had been headed for the stock market and into bonds instead. That makes investors less willing to pay as high prices for stocks.

Investors are betting big that the economic malaise will dissipate as spring arrives and more Americans get vaccinated against the coronavirus. The \$1,400 stimulus checks the Biden administration began sending to individuals last week-end are also helping. But faster economic activity could also translate into some degree of inflation.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests

■ Kenneth Wayne Hooks, 48, Homosassa, arrested March 16 for driving while license suspended or revoked (knowingly, second offense). Bond \$500.

■ Mariah Haley Grimes, 30, Lecanto, arrested March 16 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ James Michael Whetzel, 35, Beverly Hills, arrested March 16 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ Joana Zamora, 38, Beverly Hills, arrested March 16 for two counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of cannabis. No bond.

■ Joseph Lawrence Wright, 59, Inverness, arrested March 16 for leave scene/fail to remain at crash with property damage. Bond \$500.

■ Heather Lisa Holohan, 50, Inverness, arrested March 16 for fraud/illegal use of credit card and theft credit card/obtain credit card via fraudulent means. Bond \$3,000.

■ Mark Richard Emery, 66, Inverness, arrested March 15 for driving while license suspended or revoked (habitual), DUI with damage to property of person or another and DUI. Bond \$4,500.

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BIG BROTHER

Republican Legislature is whittling away home rule

Home rule, which enables local governments to enact ordinances and policies that don't conflict with state law or the Florida Constitution, was among the wide-ranging changes enshrined in the Florida Constitution by voters in 1968.

Codified in Florida Statutes with the enactment of the Municipal Home Rules Power Act in 1973, home rule has enabled cities and counties to craft local ordinances to the widely divergent needs of their respective populace.

Absent some necessity for statewide intrusion, state statutes express a clear preference for home rule. In recent years, however, Florida's Republican dominated legislature has forsaken its party's core belief that government closest to the people works best. Instead, it has embraced a troubling trend of whittling away home rule with the filing and enactment of state laws that preempt local government authority.

A recent report by the non-partisan group Integrity Florida found that from 2017 to 2019, 119 bills were filed that contain some form of state preemption of local government authority. During last year's legislative session, that trend continued with the filing of 42 bills that targeted the authority of cities and counties to create their own rules.

Regrettably, this year's legislative session has picked up where last year's lawmakers left off with another spate of preemption bills aimed at further restricting home rule.

One such bill, HB 55, would prevent local governments from placing design restrictions on new single and two-family dwellings that include the location of garages, windows and doors, and building colors.

Purportedly in the interest of reducing affordable housing costs, it is an unwarranted micro level of state intrusion into local matters.

State Republican lawmakers supporting bills aimed at preempting home rule argue that they are necessary for uniformly applying a patchwork of

local ordinances and rules statewide. However, such mind-boggling preemption bills as those restricting local governments from regulating sunscreen, home-based businesses, vacation rentals, fertilizer, and vegetable gardens say otherwise.

With each city and county diversely unique economically, demographically, and environmentally, this one-size-fits all argument appears nothing more than a ruse to mask legislative efforts aimed at concentrating power in Tallahassee in sharp contradiction of the spirit and intent of the Florida Constitution and state statutes.

Concentrating power in Tallahassee carries an inherent danger for honest governance in that corporate and special interest monies always follow the power. This has raised concerns that the Legislature's usurpation of local control over local matters is driven by big donors seeking to end run local restrictions.

An overwhelming majority of Floridians support home rule. Florida courts have also interpreted home rule to mean that it should only be restricted when it conflicts with state law or when preemption serves a rational, statewide purpose.

Those state lawmakers supporting the whittling away of home rule need to stop acting like Big Brother and behave more like the representatives of the communities they portend to represent.

Preserve public notice: Bill shifts costs to business

House Bill 35, which had its first reading in the Florida House of Representatives March 11, shifts cost to private business, makes government bigger, and, in some cases, converts private sector jobs into public sector jobs. It's wrong for business and it's wrong for Florida.

What legislation is this? It's a bill that the Florida Legislature is confronted with year after year. It proposes to move public notices to either governmental websites or “publicly accessible” websites.

The crux of the problem is that this legislation will make it infinitely harder for businesses in Florida to find critical information they need. The information that businesses are impacted by which is often found in public notices could include, rezoning and land use ordinances, forfeiture and seizure of property or disclosure of property tax impact, to name a few.

Today, the public notice laws

are clear. Public notices that communicate critical information must be published in a local community newspaper, posted on that newspaper's website and listed on the aggregated site, FloridaPublicNotices.com — there is no ambiguity as to where to find this information.

Yet, conceivably under HB 35, the same business that goes to FloridaPublicNotices.com today would now have to search any one of thousands of websites to find the information critical to them.

As an example, a business who operates throughout the state can currently monitor government projects out for bid by going to the single, aggregated site — FloridaPublicNotices.com — daily and in one search find all government projects out for bid.

Under this legislation, that same business would now have to search the depths of the internet, instead of going to a single, free site — FloridaPublicNotices.com.



Brewster Bevis
GUEST COLUMN

This creates barriers to doing business in the state and increases cost significantly, because, in order to find the information a business is looking for, they would have to hire a full-time team to search for important information impactful to them.

Associated Industries of Florida (AIF) has been a staunch supporter of keeping public notices in newspapers and online to ensure the numerous Florida businesses — many of which are small businesses — that AIF represents can easily locate and access critical information.

It is paramount public notice remains protected, and individuals and businesses' right to this critical information is protected. We ask the Florida Legislature to continue to do what they have historically done — protect and even bolster public notice by ensuring its broadest possible dissemination in print and online.

AIF respectfully asks Florida lawmakers to vote “no” on HB 35.

Brewster Bevis is the senior vice president of state and federal affairs at Associated Industries of Florida.

LETTERS to the Editor

Proposed routes for highway

As an occasional visitor to Crystal River and a native of Monticello — class of 1963 — I have always had an interest in the proposed roads for the area. Extending the Suncoast Parkway to U.S. 19 and the turnpike to Lebanon Station are good ideas to expedite traffic in the area.

Proposed new roadways from Jefferson or Madison counties are too far west to help alleviate truck or tourist traffic on Interstate 75 coming to Florida's west coast.

After studying a Florida map for about an hour, I believe four laning U.S. 129 from Jasper at I-75, crossing I-10 on to Branford, then four laning State Road 349 to Old Town would be the best route with bypasses at Live Oak and Branford.

This 70-mile route would use existing roads and allow traffic an alternative route south from I-75 and a hurricane evacuation route north.

I urge all interested parties to contact Sen. Simpson and other legislators to take this proposal seriously.

Gene White
Pooler, Georgia

Preserving democracy

Recently, I watched some of the lowlights from the CPAC convention in Orlando featuring Sen. Ted Cruz joking about his Cancun trip, Don Jr. still lying that his dad actually won the election, COVID is fake and vaccines not only do not work, but are dangerous to your health. The medical profession has labeled sex addicts, drug addicts and alcoholics as having “diseases” that can be cured. I wonder if in the future the medical profession will have an explanation for the radial Republicans, who believe, without any proof at all, there was election fraud. The record today is that all 50 states found no fraud and the current court cases are 0 to 62 finding no fraud. I also noticed a frequent writer who

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worships the defeated president saying this vote total was not 73 million, but really almost 80 million.

This goes along with the Qanon devotees who follow a leader, or leaders or a foreign agent, who have predicted many conspiracies and not one, has come true. Their current prediction is for another invasion of Washington, D.C., blowing up buildings and mass killings of those in government which will happen on March 4th. I don't know if or when this letter will be printed, but I hope that prediction is also tossed on the heap of lies and failed conspiracy theories building daily.

I understand that we have many freedoms in this country and one is the freedom to express your opinion, even without facts. We should be proud of these freedoms. They also offer us the opportunity to look in the mirror and take stock of the person looking back. Is it really someone you are happy with and proud of? I believe too many actually have no idea what I am saying and I fear what this great country is becoming. Too few are taking the time to see what this country may actually turn into and the harm that will result. I simply think intelligent people should be able to make intelligent decisions based on verified facts.. I am sad to say, that is just not the case today. This is not about politics, it is about our democracy. This challenge applies to us all.

Jerry Daniels
Hernando

Will project really help the bay?

We are being asked to comment on the septic-to-sewer projects. I happen to live in an area that will likely be converted. This is good for me personally, but will it actually help King's Bay, or other surface waters? I cannot even begin the calculation without knowing two things. I need to know the estimated terrestrial plant nutrient takeup per acre of land — residential, agricultural, wild land. I also need to know the ultimate destination of all nutrients entering the waste treatment plants — nutrients don't magically disappear in the plants. If these facts are not known then no one really knows the impact of any changes. If they are known please share.

The survey is obviously well-designed propaganda whether it is a good project or not. It is designed to steer opinion. Fun facts: Lyngbya algae is nitrogen fixing, meaning it can grow with zero added nitrogen. The people who grow the sea grass that is being planted in King's Bay throw in a lot of fertilizer into their grow ponds.

Steve Kingery
Crystal River

Help getting the COVID vaccine

I am writing this to help the people get the vaccines for COVID-19. I have been trying since Feb. 11. You couldn't even sign up. Someone told me to go online to Myvac.gov I did on March 11 and selected the nearest appointment, which was in May.

On Saturday I got an email from Myvac.gov to apply for a date. March 18 to March 25 was the first choice, then you picked a time, which is in 15 minute intervals. After I picked the date and time, I got a confirmation Sunday plus they personally called me to make sure I was taken care of. I would recommend Myvac.go.

Laura Klee
Inverness



A lack of professionalism in Citrus County

This is in reference to Monday, Feb. 22's Sound Off wherein the caller wrote there is trouble getting phone calls returned. I totally agree with you. Since moving to Citrus County, there seems to be a lack of concern on the part of companies, business owners, handymen, etc., as

they either don't return phone calls or they don't show up when they are supposed to come to your house. I even had one professional company tell me, after speaking with them earlier in the day, that they forgot and they put me down for a different date. I just can't understand their lack of professionalism. Here we are, waiting and waiting and waiting, and nobody shows up. It's not like

that in other parts. I can attest to that. Somehow, people just don't care.

Inverness theater is delightful

This call is long overdue, but I would just like to say how delighted I am with the Valerie Theatre in Inverness. They have been a little, shining light in this terrible pandemic by

being open and offering so many delightful shows and programs for the community. I saw a lovely play this past weekend. The director there is very, very accommodating. She helped me with my elderly parents, and the staff is just lovely. We need to support the arts in the community and I think the Valerie Theatre is really, really an excellent opportunity to do so. Thank you.

Storms batter South



A tornado touched down in Moundville in Hale County, Ala., Wednesday, March 17, causing damage to homes and downing trees. Sabrina Hargrove and her baby Skylar Johnson stand outside their damaged home on Waterbury Street. A wave of storms is pounding the Deep South, leaving a trail of splintered trees and damaged buildings. And forecasters said still more severe weather was on the way, with the potential for massive tornadoes, downpours and hail the size of tennis balls.

Forecasters say more severe weather on the way for region

JAY REEVES
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A wave of storms pounded the Deep South on Wednesday, leaving a trail of splintered trees and damaged buildings, and forecasters said still stronger ones were on the way with the potential for massive tornadoes, downpours and hail the size of baseballs.

While nearly 16 million people in the Southeast could see powerful storms, the Storm Prediction Center said, a region of

about 3 million stretching from southeastern Arkansas and northeastern Louisiana across Mississippi into Alabama was at high risk for big twisters that stay on the ground for miles, straight winds up to 80 mph and destructive hail.

Possible tornadoes knocked down trees, toppled power lines and damaged homes in rural Chilton County and the Alabama communities of Burnsville and Moundville, where power was out and trees blocked a main highway.

“D o w n t o w n

Moundville got it. Some roofs and stuff got taken off houses,” said Michael Brown, whose family owns Moundville Ace Hardware. and Building. “There’s a lot of trees down. I guess it had to be a tornado; it got out of here pretty fast.”

Additional damage was reported in Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi, where video showed an apparent tornado at Brookhaven. High winds blew down signs and trees in northeast Texas, and hailstones the size of baseballs were reported near the Alabama-Mississippi line, the

weather service said.

M o r e t h a n 70,000 homes and businesses were without power from Texas to Alabama, and radar showed additional storms moving across the region as initial cleanup work began.

Storms were possible all the way from northern Texas in the west to northern Illinois and as far east as the Carolinas, the forecasters said, and the weather service issued more than 50 tornado warnings in Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma. Tornado watches included parts of seven states.

Man charged with killing eight

Suspect claimed massage parlor shootings due to ‘sex addiction’

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Associated Press

ATLANTA — A white gunman was charged Wednesday with killing eight people at three Atlanta-area massage parlors in an attack that sent terror through the Asian American community that’s increasingly been targeted during the coronavirus pandemic.

Robert Aaron Long, 21, told police that Tuesday’s attack was not racially motivated and claimed to have a “sex addiction,” with authorities saying he apparently lashed out at what he saw as sources of temptation. His parents called police after authorities posted his photo, helping lead to his capture.

Six of the victims were of Asian descent and seven were women.

The shootings appear to be at the “intersection of gender-based violence, misogyny and xenophobia,”



Robert Long

state Rep. Bee Nguyen said, the first Vietnamese American to serve in the Georgia House and a frequent advocate for women and communities of color.

Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said that regardless of the shooter’s motivation, “it is unacceptable, it is hateful and it has to stop.”

Authorities said they didn’t know if Long ever went to the massage parlors where the shootings occurred but that he was heading to Florida to attack “some type of porn industry.”

“He apparently has an issue, what he considers a sex addiction, and sees these locations as something that allows him to go to these places, and it’s a temptation for him that he wanted to eliminate,” Cherokee County sheriff’s Capt. Jay Baker told reporters.

A day after the shootings, investigators were trying to unravel what might have compelled the 21-year-old

to commit the worst mass killing in the U.S. in almost two years.

Sheriff Frank Reynolds said it was too early to tell if the attack was racially motivated — “but the indicators right now are it may not be.”

The Atlanta mayor said police have not been to the massage parlors in her city beyond a minor potential theft.

“We certainly will not begin to blame victims,” Bottoms said.

The attack was the sixth mass killing this year in the U.S., and the deadliest since the August 2019 Dayton, Ohio, shooting that left nine people dead, according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University.

It follows a lull in mass killings during the pandemic in 2020, which had the smallest number of such attacks in more than a decade, according to the database, which tracks mass killings defined as four or more dead, not including the shooter.

Republicans seize on Biden border crisis

JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Delegation trips to the border: Apocalyptic warnings. A flurry of press conferences.

Republicans still divided over former President Donald Trump’s legacy are seizing on his signature campaign issue, turning their focus to immigration as they try to regain the political upper hand.

Faced with President Joe Biden’s early popularity, good news about vaccinations, and Americans’ embrace of the COVID relief bill Washington Republicans opposed, the GOP is leaning in on the highly charged issue amid a spike in border crossings. They hope immigration can unite the party

heading into next year’s elections.

“Heading into the midterms, I think that Republicans are increasingly realizing that this can be one of the most potent issues, both to motivate our voters, but equally as important, to appeal to” swing voters — especially in suburban swing districts — who voted for Democrats in 2020, said former Trump aide Stephen Miller, the architect of his immigration policies. He said the issue has been a subject of discussion in his recent conversations with lawmakers as child border crossings have surged, straining U.S. facilities.

The situation at the Southern border is complex. Since Biden’s inauguration, the country has seen

a dramatic spike in the number of people encountered by border officials, with 18,945 family members and 9,297 unaccompanied children encountered in February — an increase of 168% and 63% from the month before, according to the Pew Research Center. That creates an enormous logistical challenge, since children, in particular, require higher standards of care and coordination across agencies.

Still, the encounters of both unaccompanied minors and families remain lower than at various points during the Trump administration, including in spring 2019. That May, authorities encountered more than 55,000 migrant children, including 11,500 unaccompanied minors, and

around 84,500 migrants traveling in family units.

But that hasn’t stopped Republicans from seizing on the issue, led by Trump himself. They blame Biden, who has been deeply critical of Trump’s approach, for rolling back many of the former president’s hardline deterrence policies. And they liken Biden’s new, kinder tone to an invitation to would-be border crossers.

“They’re destroying our country. People are coming in by the hundreds of thousands,” warned Trump in an interview Tuesday night with Fox News Channel. “And, frankly, our country can’t handle it. It is a crisis like we have rarely had and, certainly, we have never had on the border.”

Nation/World BRIEFS

Iraq



Associated Press

People feed seagulls on the a bridge over the Tigris river in Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, March 17.

States sue Biden in bid to revive Keystone XL pipeline

BILLINGS, Mont. — Attorneys general from 21 states on Wednesday sued to to overturn President Joe Biden’s cancellation of the contentious Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada.

Led by Ken Paxton of Texas and Austin Knudsen of Montana, the states said Biden had overstepped his authority when he revoked the permit for the Keystone pipeline on his first day in office.

Because the line would run through multiple U.S. states, Congress should have the final say over whether it’s built, according to the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Texas.

Construction on the 1,200-mile pipeline began last year when former President Donald Trump revived the long-delayed project after it had stalled under the Obama administration.

Trump’s taxes in hand, Manhattan DA’s probe heats up

NEW YORK — With former President Donald Trump’s tax returns finally in hand, a team of New York prosecutors led by a newly hired former mob-buster is sending out fresh subpoenas and meeting face-to-face with key witnesses, scrutinizing Trump’s business practices in granular detail.

Amid the swirl of activity, the Manhattan district attorney’s office is scheduled Friday to meet again with Trump’s longtime former personal lawyer Michael Cohen, according to a person familiar with the investigation.

It would be the eighth time he has spoken with investigators working for District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr., dating to Cohen’s time in federal prison for tax evasion and campaign finance violations.

Scientists in US and Canada set to battle murder hornets

SPOKANE, Wash. — Scientists in the U.S. and Canada are opening new fronts in the war against so-called murder hornets as the giant insects begin establishing nests this spring.

The scientists said Wednesday that the battle to prevent the apex predators from establishing a foothold in North America is being fought mostly in Whatcom County, Washington, and the nearby Fraser Valley of British Columbia, where the hornets have been spotted in recent years.

“This is not a species we want to tolerate here in the United States,” said Sven-Erik Spichiger of the Washington state Department of Agriculture, which eradicated a nest of the Asian giant hornets last year. “The Asian giant hornet is not supposed to be here.”

“We may not get them all, but we will get as many as we can,” he said of eradication efforts this year.

German automaker BMW ramps up electric vehicle offerings

FRANKFURT, Germany — German automaker BMW said Wednesday it intends to speed the rollout of new electric cars, vowing to bring battery-powered models to 50% of global sales by 2030. The company underlined the point by unveiling a new all-electric model three months ahead of plan.

BMW declined, however, to follow General Motors and other automakers who have said their goal is to phase out internal combustion passenger vehicles by a specific date. Instead, the Munich-based carmaker said it would adjust production among battery, hybrid and efficient internal combustion engines as different parts of the world adopt electric driving at different rates.

CEO Oliver Zipse said during the company’s annual news conference that electrification was proceeding at a “higher speed.” He said BMW would sell its millionth electrified vehicle this year and sell another million by 2025. Zipse said the company was working on a new, all-electric framework for its range of electric cars coming from 2025.

NKorea ignores US offer for talks, citing its hostile policy

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Thursday it will ignore a U.S. offer for talks unless it withdraws its hostile policy on the North, days after Washington said it reached out to Pyongyang through various channels.

The statement by Choe Son Hui, the first foreign minister, came hours before the top diplomats and defense chiefs of the United States and South Korea meet in Seoul in their first joint talks in five years to discuss North Korea’s nuclear program.

“We don’t think there is need to respond to the U.S. delaying-time trick again,” Choe said in a statement carried by state media. “We have already declared our stand that no (North Korea)-U.S. contact and dialogue of any kind can be possible unless the U.S. rolls back its hostile policy toward (North Korea).”

Protesters in Myanmar fight back amid violent crackdown

YANGON, Myanmar — Protesters in Myanmar fired slingshots and threw Molotov cocktails toward lines of security forces after apparently coming under fire Wednesday in a rare incidence of anti-coup demonstrators fighting back against a relentlessly violent crackdown.

The growing resistance comes after one organization said that more than 200 people have been killed since the Feb. 1 takeover.

At least two people were shot dead during protests Wednesday in Kalay in northwestern Myanmar, according to press and social media posts.

— From wire reports

METH

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pre-sentence investigation done into his background.

Howard is expected to hand Vause a state prison term of at least 15 years, Florida's minimum-mandatory punishment for trafficking in between 200 and 400 grams of meth. Vause faces a maximum sentence of 30 years.

Vause was arrested alongside Cayla Jeanne Coile on March 8, 2019, after sheriff's office deputies seized 16 ounces of meth, 12 grams of cocaine, three grams of heroin, four grams of marijuana and a milliliter of fentanyl from inside Coile's Homosassa home.

Probation officers reported the narcotics to the sheriff's office when they searched the house in the 4000 block of South Centennial Avenue to make sure 28-year-old Coile was following the terms of her probation.

Howard had sentenced Coile in August 2018 to serve four years probation for cashing a stolen check earlier in March, court records show.

Probation officers decided to conduct a compliance check at Coile's home, which they're allowed to do with probationers, after the sheriff's office informed them Vause was living there with Coile as a non-listed resident, Assistant State Attorney Blake Shore told the Chronicle.

Shore said deputies were also looking for Vause in connection to a prior domestic incident, which didn't involve Coile.

When probation officers knocked on her front door, it took Coile "several minutes" to open, according to Coile's arrest report. Officers also spotted Vause peeking at them from behind closed window blinds.

After authorities were let inside the home, they found, within a closet,

12 ounces of meth in a plastic bag atop a Glad-Ware container filled with four ounces of meth, Shore said.

They also discovered a gram of cocaine next to a mirror covered with cocaine residue, Shore added, and 11 grams of bagged cocaine inside a container used for flour.

Sheriff's office crime scene analysts pulled Vause's fingerprints from the containers of meth and baggies of cocaine, according to arrest reports.

There was also a vial of fentanyl inside a vase and a plastic bag of heroin in the dishwasher, but prosecutors could not connect Vause to either possessing the opioids or the loaded long guns found in the attic, Shore said.

According to their arrest reports, Coile and Vause asked for an attorney when sheriff's office investigators questioned them.

Vause did tell authorities the narcotics were left behind by vagrants he had to chase from the house.

While arresting Vause for the drugs and domestic violence, according to arrest reports, deputies found a gram of bagged meth in his waistband.

Court records show the State Attorney's Office did not pursue charging Vause for his alleged domestic abuse because the victim did not want to cooperate or prosecute.

Vause was released from prison in April 2016 after serving a five-year sentence for charges from 2011 of burglary with battery, dealing in stolen property, aggravated assault and battery of a pregnant woman, according to the Florida Department of Corrections.

In exchange for 15 years in prison, Coile pleaded no contest in January 2020 to her March 2019 drug charges.

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CHURCH

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These partnerships are a means to distribute vaccines to vulnerable people with difficult access.

"We know trust, transportation and technology are just some of the major issues when it comes to getting members of our community vaccinated against COVID-19," said DOH-Citrus Administrator Tito Rubio. "Working with our faith leaders has allowed us to tackle those issues and bring this life-saving vaccine to our community in a way that is both accessible and reassuring."

"People trust their faith leaders," Stasko said. The church is responsible for organizing the registration and appointments.

"We just bring the vaccines," she added.

As the first faith-based outreach program in the county, DOH-Citrus was able to provide 140 to 160 vaccines by appointment to 60-plus residents.

Stasko explained they also have the capacity to vaccinate those who aren't in the required age range, but have been labeled as extremely vulnerable by their physician.

One of the obstacles for seniors who want the vaccine has been the process of online appointment-making. Although this feature was made for convenience, it has hindered many seniors to whom online access ranges anywhere from difficult to impossible.

"Many of them are technology challenged," said the Rev. Jerry Belloit, event chairman and church trustee at Floral City United Methodist.

Rather than making appointments online, church members were able to make appointments through their faith leaders.

"All they had to do was call," said Pastor Joyce Dunne of Floral City United Methodist.

"It's been a blessing for



HANNAH SACHEWICZ/Chronicle

Registered nurse Kenia Lugo vaccinates Alma Welch, a member of Floral City United Methodist Church.

a lot of people," added the Rev. Belloit.

In addition to technological issues, getting vaccinated can be physically demanding. For many residents of Floral City, the closest vaccination sites in the county constitute at least a 30 minute car ride.

Pastor Dunne explained that long car rides can be difficult for many seniors. The pop-up vaccination site at the church makes the vaccine available at a location and with people that they are comfortable with.

"It's easy for them to get here," said Pastor Dunne. "For the elderly, it's the best case scenario."

Rather than waiting in long lines, appointments at the church are quick and painless. Once vaccinated, patients are asked to remain on site for 15 minutes to ensure they don't have a negative reaction to the shot.

When the partnership with the DOH was established, the church enlisted volunteers to call through their membership list and invite people to get the vaccine.

Pastor Dunne explained that many members of the

church and head of outreach admissions.

Pastor Dunne emphasized the effect that COVID-19 has had on her community.

"It's really disrupted the way we live and the way we care for each other," she said.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the church has been following all COVID-19 protocols in an effort to best protect their community.

For safety reasons, they made the decision to temporarily disband the choir and cancel their chicken and biscuit fundraiser, which Pastor Dunne dubbed their biggest fundraiser of the year.

Those who received their first vaccination on Wednesday at the church will be asked to return on April 16 for their second dose.

The DOH also asks any churches or organizations in Citrus County who have the capacity to execute vaccine registration to reach out to DOH-Citrus at 352-527-0068.

"Floral City has been great," said Stasko. The main goal is to "get the vaccine out to members of the community."

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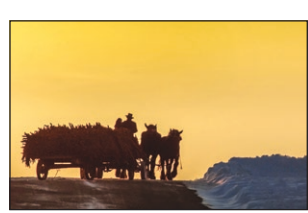
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Seeds of spring bring joy at Yoders'

I simply forgot how good sunshine feels. You know, those perfect spring days when even a sweater is no longer needed and the sun gently bestows the most gentle rays, relaxing every muscle of your body.



Gloria Yoder
THE AMISH COOK

Elijah has been begging for me to go outside and play ball with him in the yard. At long last, it's actually possible; it's not too muddy, neither is it bone-chilling cold. How can it go from 0 to 70 degrees in only a month? I don't know, but I know that there are no complaints of spring on the way!

On Sunday, the children came beaming in the door with flowers for me. Yes, they were real flowers from the flowerbed in front of the woods. We placed them in vases on the kitchen table for all to enjoy.

And oh, for pony rides. Last fall, we loved piling onto our pony cart and going for pony rides. For some time, the chilly weather kept us from doing so.

It really is a pile of us on the little pony cart if all eight of us decide to go. We want to buy a wagon to use instead, but so far, nothing has materialized.

This afternoon Daniel plans to work in the garden, hoping to beat the rain that's coming our way by tonight. He's a gardener at heart, which blesses my heart to no end. I keep wondering how things would turn out if I'd have the sole responsibility of gardening.

Why this year, he even got our seed order together and sent it to Amish folks in Berlin, Ohio, who sell seeds, plants and the likes.

Now after work, providing the rain holds off, he'll try out the new tiller he bought last fall and work in the fertilizer he had spread on the garden last year after harvest. Once the soil is ready, he'll have five little helpers, that is, ten hands and 50 fingers, to help him plant and cover seed potatoes.

Austin was wondering if they could have their own garden this year, so we'll see what works out. I'm amazed at what children can do if they have the motivation to carry them through. It's easy for me to become too distracted, and not take the time needed to help them set a goal, then stick with it until it's accomplished.

Take, for example, when I was a young girl, I loved organizing all my dresser drawers, then I'd set these lofty goals of keeping them that way, only to have those ideals crashing time and again.

Now I'm a mom. Not so long ago, it dawned on me that if I am being less organized than my ideal, I'm training six little ones to be just like me.

Oh my! I didn't like that thought at all. So, tackling one weak area at a time, we'll hopefully climb on top and refocus for more ways to increase efficiency in our household.

Believe me, this spring I'm especially grateful to my husband for taking the lead with gardening and

all it takes to keep up with it.

The children and I enjoy working in flower beds, at the same time I'm trying to condense my time spent with them, simply because they aren't as important as my six flowers "running around," as Aunt Edna would call the children.

When evaluating what will be the most important thing for me to do inside or out, I have to think of the verse, "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content."

I muse over it, I ponder it. I wonder, really, what was Jesus saying when he spoke those words?

What would my life look like if I were only to care about having food and clothing for my family? Really what would it look like? By His grace, may my life look more and more like the life of Jesus himself.

OK, on the subject of food, I was so deeply blessed when I got the message this forenoon that my dear neighbor and friend, Sarellen wants to bring a hot dish for our supper. It's like I told her, I take her act of kindness as a touch of God. God wanted to show me he saw that I was having an especially difficult forenoon.

And to all of you out there having one of those difficult days, I care. We are here to support you and pray for you. Your life is not in vain.

I'll wrap up with a recipe similar to what Sarellen used. She is the type of cook that tosses in a bit of this and that to have it come out tasting like a grand slam even without using an exact recipe. I'll do my best in telling you how she related to me, on how she put it together.

Sarellen's Maple Chicken

- 3 pounds boneless chicken thighs
- 4 potatoes, cubed
- 1/2 pound carrots, sliced
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 stick butter, melted
- Salt
- Pepper
- Garlic salt
- Parsley
- Any herbs of your choice
- 1 cup maple syrup

Place chicken, potatoes, carrots, and onions in a 9- by 13-inch pan. Add butter and seasonings of your choice. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for an hour or until veggies are tender and chicken is done. Add maple syrup last 10 minutes of baking.

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Photo courtesy of The Amish Cook
Sarellen's Maple Chicken is a grand-slam dinner.

DOWN-HOME COOKIN'



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle
Traditional breakfast fare like biscuits and gravy, along with a host of other breakfast items can be found at Biscuit Barn in Crystal River.

Surviving the pandemic: The Biscuit Barn still strong

JULIANNE MUNN
Chronicle food writer

All is well at the venerable Biscuit Barn in Crystal River, where proprietor A.J. Green has faced down the pandemic with a calm resolve that has both regular and new customers flocking to the popular site.

The COVID-19 scare that has challenged so many restaurants here and across the nation did little to stop the family that counts many years serving the public in Citrus County.

It did, however, tamp down recent plans, Green said, to expand the repertoire to serving upscale evening meals for the time being "until the economy shakes out a little more — hopefully soon."

In the meantime, hungry patrons will find their favorite early morning breakfasts with homemade cinnamon buns, a variety of muffins and a selection of lunches prepared fresh on a daily basis.

And the same spirit is ongoing at the original Breakfast Barn in Homosassa helmed by Green's wife, Tiffany, staying strong amid the years long highway work on U.S. 19.

During the past year, Green said the kitchen and other areas of the restaurant were updated and an attractive new brick facade was added to the exterior of the building on U.S. 19 about a half mile north of the Crystal River Mall.

Some new items grace the lengthy menu, Green noted, including Cajun crab cakes, seafood platter, shrimp and grits and that old favorite dried beef gravy on toast, chicken livers, and savory homemade chicken potpies.

The Biscuit Barn offers full breakfasts that include such

specials as "create your own skillet," a variety of omelets, eggs Benedict, steak or pork chops and eggs and of course, the namesake huge fluffy homemade specialty biscuits.

Lunch specials are many and include homemade soups, salads, open face turkey sandwiches, liver and onions, meat loaf and more, ranging from \$7.98 to \$9.29.

There are plenty of Southern style sides, too, such as turnip greens, black-eyed peas, fried apples, fried okra and a whole lot more.

An upside to economic changes, Green noted, is that his catering business and private parties "have really taken off, including at home catering."

Is attention paid to assuring customers their dining spot is safe? You bet, Green declared, by following all Department of Health guidelines and constant sanitizing of all items inside the building.

Servers, he said, are temperature-checked daily and to date, there have been no illness

outbreak among the staff.

Decisions to wearing masks inside are left up to customers and the staff, but Green said if any customer requests that a server wear a mask, they will oblige.

Green's father, A.J. Green Sr., owned and managed the site prior to his son taking over the Crystal River restaurant.

The family is proud of their Southern heritage and that is reflected in the food and hospitality of the owners and service — welcoming and friendly.

Green is on hand most of the time to say hello to old and new friends and chat about the news of the day and recollections of the past.

The Biscuit Barn is a place to meet and greet and relax a spell in an atmosphere of home town ambiance.

The Biscuit Barn at 1960 NW U.S. 19 is open six days a week: Tuesday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Mondays.

For information and to schedule catering, call 352-794-3385.



This Biscuit Barn is on U.S. 19 slightly north of the Crystal River Mall, with another location on U.S. 19 in Homosassa.

Sunshine, asparagus quiche signal spring

Spring is finally here with lots of warm days and welcome relief from lockdowns, masks and scary headlines. Life is good and getting better for most of us and we are blessed to live in the Sunshine State.

I feel personally blessed to be back writing articles and columns for our Flair for Food page in the Chronicle.

Our community newspaper, like most everyone else here and around the world, has struggled to cope with the flu pandemic.

I am so impressed with the stalwart optimism and ingenuity of our area businesses who dove right into the calamity to provide customers with myriad service alternatives.

It is apparent in most of our restaurants, where many have installed permanent plexiglass barriers between booths, regulated the number of patrons, offered more takeout, delivery and curbside service, and maintained hygiene standards to ensure customers will feel safe.

Many other businesses were also quick to recognize the perils of this terrible plague and they, too, offered extra services to maintain their livelihoods and serve clients and patients.

Our schools are open —and that is a major plus for families here.

Not only are we surviving in the Citrus County area, there is a slow, but steady boom seems to be underway with new businesses opening rapidly all over the place, which means more jobs and more hope.

The new and improved Subway in Crystal River opened this week with inside seating and drive-thru service on U.S. 19.

The popular World Fusion restaurant near Citrus Hill announced a second location to open in Crsytal River sometime this summer.

That's just a couple of the many new and improved dining outlets throughout the county and there is no sign of letting up.

Until next time, here is a nice spring recipe to brighten your day:

Asparagus Ham Quiche

- 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen cut asparagus, thawed
- 1 pound fully cooked ham, chopped
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk baking mix
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

In two greased 9-inch pie plates, layer the asparagus, ham, cheese and onion. In a bowl, beat eggs. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.

Divide mixture in half and pour over asparagus mixture in each pie plate. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.

Yield: 12 servings. You can cut this recipe in half — no problem.

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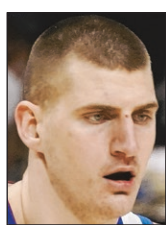


Julianne Munn
OVER EASY

THE NUMBER:

228

Career double-doubles for Nikola Jokic, who broke the team record for the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.



Nikola Jokic

SPORTS

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Meadows, Wendle lead Rays to win

Astros' Valdez gets positive update on injury

Associated Press

Tyler Glasnow pitched four innings in his third start for Tampa Bay, allowing four runs and six hits. Austin Meadows connected for a two-run homer, and Joey Wendle collected three hits.

Pittsburgh right-hander Mitch Keller was hit hard again, allowing eight runs and 10 hits in two-plus innings. Keller's ERA is 21.60.

Bryan Reynolds and Colin Moran each hit a two-run homer for the Pirates.

LHP on the mend

The Houston Astros received

a positive update on left-hander Framber Valdez on the same day Forrest Whitley had season-ending surgery on his right elbow.

Valdez met with Dr. Steven Shin in Los Angeles on Wednesday, and new images of the pitcher's fractured left ring finger showed significant healing, according to the team. Valdez is expected to continue his rehab at the team's facility in Florida, and there is no timetable yet for his return to the mound.

The 27-year-old Valdez went 5-3 with a 3.57 ERA in 11 games last year, including 10 starts. He got hurt when struck by a comebacker while pitching against the Mets on March 2.

Whitley's Tommy John surgery was performed by Dr. Keith Meister in Arlington, Texas. He got hurt while throwing batting practice this spring training.

The 23-year-old Whitley, one of Houston's top prospects, is

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays second baseman Miles Mastrobuoni, left, rounds third after hitting a solo home run off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Mitch Keller during the second inning of a spring training exhibition game on Wednesday, in Bradenton.

Panthers pull thru

Lecanto outlasts CR for county crown

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

LECANTO — Fittingly, the team in green came out on top on St. Patrick's Day.

Hosting Citrus and Crystal River for the County Championship meet on Wednesday, the Panthers tallied 48 points, holding off the Pirates in second with 38.

"Happy St. Patrick's Day to us," Lecanto head coach Wyndell "Chop" Alexander said. "Man, this is amazing. I knew it was going to be real tight. I've seen the way Citrus and Crystal River have been lifting all year. I tip my hat to Coach (Cliff) Lohrey. His (Crystal River) team has stepped up and they lifted phenomenal.

"We had a couple kids who were able to drop weight. Ramius Diaz dropped to the 199 weight class. We had Tanner Ledsome drop to the 129 weight class. And by them being able to do that, I think that's what kind of spread out the first-place finishes."

Ledsome bench-pressed 145 pounds and threw up 160 in the clean-and-jerk for a 305 total, five pounds better than Tyler Townsend (140-160—300) of the Pirates.

"We all hard workers, we all been working out since freshman year," Ledsome said. "I'm just proud of us. We should have done a little bit better. I feel like we all could have done better. But we still pulled out the win and we're just the hardest workers here.

"I messed up a little bit but I still ended up getting first. I ended up making up for it, cutting the slack off."

Diaz didn't win at 199, but he did have a 300-225—525 to take second behind Crystal River's Tommy Cavanaugh (310-235—545), indicative of the depth that helped carry the Panthers to victory.

"I feel like I did personally good on bench and clean," Diaz said. "I just need to work on my clean and getting below it. And then I think I should be set for districts and going on forward, hopefully to states.

"It feels amazing to be county champions cause we've been working on this since freshman year. Ever since I got to this high school it's been a grind all my life to get higher weight, higher weight every day. That's how I got to 305 bench."

Overall, Lecanto had eight lifters place second across the 10 weight classes. That included James Greene at 119 (130-95—225), Braden Phillips at 129 (120-110—230), Devin Thornton at 154 (260-205—465), Jose Rodriguez at 169 (230-190—420), Sam Begin at 183 (245-190—435), Jared Sheeley at 219 (235-225—460), Benjamin Tyler at 238 (230-195—425) and Tanner Short at heavyweight (315-255—570).

"We had five first-places. It's that dynamic of weightlifting where you start having three teams and people pull points from each other. It's not just a black and white necessarily," Lohrey said. "I think Lecanto's depth on top of they do a good job, that was what catapulted them to the team title."

Certainly the Panthers pulled off some first-place performances as well. Terry Kitchen did so at 154, with a 260



JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

Lecanto's Tanner Ledsome hoists 160 pounds in the clean-and-jerk Wednesday, at Lecanto High School to capture top honors in the 129-pound division. His victory in the weight group helped pace the Panthers to the county championship.

bench and 210 clean for a 470.

"Feel like I put a lot of work in since sophomore year up to this to get to this goal that I am now, so I'm very proud of it, and me and my teammates for what we accomplished today," Kitchen said. "I feel like we're going to do good at districts too, if we just keep it together."

At 169, Cason Phillips earned an

individual county crown with a 255 bench and 245 clean, giving him 500 even.

"I feel like I did pretty good. I was working on it all this week," Phillips said. "I messed up last Friday, scratched out on all my clean-and-jerks, and I fixed it this weekend, this Monday. I got

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UConn's Bueckers among honorees

UConn frosh leads women's AP All-Americans

DOUG FEINBERG
AP basketball writer

Paige Bueckers came to Connecticut with a lot of hype surrounding her.

The freshman guard has lived up to it so far, delivering record-breaking performances and earning a spot on The Associated Press women's basketball All-American team Wednesday. She's only the third freshman to make the AP team, joining Oklahoma's Courtney Paris and UConn's Maya Moore.

Bueckers received 28 first place votes from the national panel of 30 media members that vote each week in the AP Top 25 poll. She was joined by Dana Evans of Louisville, Aliyah Boston of South Carolina, Rhyné Howard of Kentucky and NaLyssa Smith of Baylor.

"Name one player that has taken a team this young to where we are today," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Who's done more than her? And if you can give me a better argument, then I would say I'll vote for them, too. But I don't think you can."

Bueckers averaged 19.7 points, 6.1 assists and shot nearly 54% from the field and a remarkable 47% from 3-point range. She became the first UConn player to score 30 or more points in three straight games, including a 31-point effort against South Carolina. She also set the school record for assists in a game (14) and the freshman mark.

"You see some of the things that Paige does with the ball, and you realize that if somebody told you she was a senior, you wouldn't be surprised," Auriemma said. "She handles the ball like one and she sees the floor like one."

Evans was a key to Louisville's regular-season ACC championship. She averaged 20 points and saved her best effort for the fourth quarter when she consistently would take over games to give the Cardinals the victory. She shot 92% from the free throw line.

"It's a kid who's worked from day one, trusted the process, came here as a freshman and played important minutes on

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HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Washington	29	19	6	4	42	103	88		
N.Y. Islanders	30	19	7	4	42	87	67		
Pittsburgh	29	18	10	1	37	94	82		
Boston	27	15	8	4	34	73	65		
Philadelphia	27	14	10	3	31	88	96		
N.Y. Rangers	28	12	12	4	28	85	76		
New Jersey	26	9	13	4	22	65	84		
Buffalo	28	6	18	4	16	60	97		

Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Tampa Bay	28	20	6	2	42	102	67		
Florida	28	19	5	4	42	99	81		
Carolina	28	20	7	1	41	97	72		
Chicago	30	14	11	5	33	92	98		
Columbus	30	11	12	7	29	80	99		
Dallas	25	9	9	7	25	72	68		
Nashville	29	12	16	1	25	71	97		
Detroit	30	9	17	4	22	68	99		

West Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Vegas	26	19	6	1	39	85	57		
Minnesota	27	18	8	1	37	86	64		
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	86	64		
St. Louis	28	14	9	5	33	88	92		
Los Angeles	27	11	10	6	28	79	78		
Arizona	29	12	13	4	28	70	88		
San Jose	26	11	12	3	25	76	91		
Anaheim	30	8	16	6	22	67	103		

North Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Toronto	30	19	9	2	40	102	79		
Winnipeg	28	17	9	2	36	93	82		
Edmonton	31	18	13	0	36	103	91		
Montreal	28	13	8	7	33	90	76		
Vancouver	33	15	16	2	32	92	104		
Calgary	29	14	12	3	31	80	85		
Ottawa	33	10	20	3	23	87	130		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for over-time loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

Tuesday's Games									
Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 1									
Boston 2, Pittsburgh 1									
New Jersey 3, Buffalo 2									
Detroit 4, Carolina 2									
Minnesota 3, Arizona 0									
Tampa Bay 4, Dallas 3, SO									
Colorado 8, Anaheim 4									

Wednesday's Games									
Vancouver 3, Ottawa 2, SO									
N.Y. Rangers 9, Philadelphia 0									
Montreal at Winnipeg, late									
Edmonton at Calgary, late									
San Jose at Vegas, late									
St. Louis at Los Angeles, late									

Today's Games									
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.									
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.									
Columbus at Carolina, 7 p.m.									
Nashville at Florida, 7 p.m.									
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.									
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.									
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.									
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.									
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 9 p.m.									
Arizona at Anaheim, 10 p.m.									

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Philadelphia	28	13	.683	—					
Brooklyn	28	13	.683	—					
Boston	20	20	.500	7½					
New York	20	21	.488	8					
Toronto	17	23	.425	10½					

Southeast Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Miami	22	18	.550	—					
Charlotte	20	19	.513	1½					
Atlanta	20	20	.500	2					
Washington	14	25	.359	7½					
Orlando	13	26	.333	8½					

Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Milwaukee	26	14	.650	—					
Chicago	18	21	.462	7½					
Indiana	17	22	.436	8½					
Cleveland	15	25	.375	11					
Detroit	11	29	.275	15					

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
San Antonio	21	16	.568	—					
Dallas	20	18	.526	1½					
Memphis	17	19	.472	3½					
New Orleans	17	23	.425	5½					
Houston	11	28	.282	11					

Northwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Utah	29	10	.744	—					
Denver	24	16	.600	5½					
Portland	23	16	.590	6					
Oklahoma City	17	23	.425	12½					
Minnesota	9	31	.225	20½					

Pacific Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Phoenix	26	12	.684	—					
L.A. Lakers	27	13	.675	—					
L.A. Clippers	26	15	.634	1½					
Golden State	21	20	.512	6½					
Sacramento	16	24	.400	11					

Tuesday's Games									
Utah 117, Boston 109									
Atlanta 119, Houston 107									
Chicago 123, Oklahoma City 102									
Miami 113, Cleveland 98									
Philadelphia 99, New York 96									
Portland 125, New Orleans 124									
L.A. Lakers 137, Minnesota 121									

Wednesday's Games									
Sacramento 121, Washington 119									
Brooklyn 124, Indiana 115									
Detroit 116, Toronto 112									
Milwaukee 109, Philadelphia 105, OT									
San Antonio 106, Chicago 99									
Golden State 108, Houston 94									
Cleveland 117, Boston 110									
Denver 129, Charlotte 104									
Miami at Memphis, late									
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, late									

Today's Games									
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.									
Oklahoma City at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.									
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.									
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10 p.m.									
New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.									
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.									

Florida

LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 3 - 6	PICK 5 (late) 7 - 6 - 6 - 1 - 8
PICK 2 (late) 3 - 7	FANTASY 5 1 - 2 - 3 - 22 - 28
PICK 3 (early) 9 - 6 - 3	LOTTO 7 - 16 - 17 - 28 - 32 - 41
PICK 3 (late) 4 - 9 - 5	POWERBALL 34 - 38 - 42 - 61 - 62
PICK 4 (early) 4 - 4 - 5 - 2	POWER BALL 19
PICK 4 (late) 4 - 2 - 9 - 4	CASH 4 LIFE 3 - 26 - 27 - 34 - 36
PICK 5 (early) 1 - 6 - 2 - 4 - 9	CASH BALL 2

Tuesday's winning numbers and payouts:

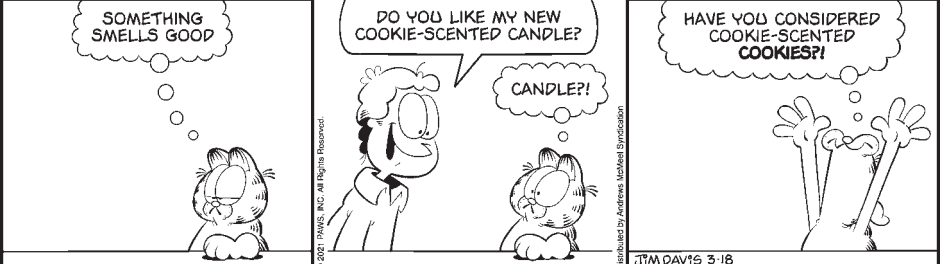
Jackpot Triple Play: 2 – 11 – 12 – 26 – 28 – 39	5-of-5 No winner
6-of-6 No winner	Fantasy 5: 1 – 14 – 18 – 21 – 36
5-of-6 29 winners \$392	5-of-5 3 winners \$65,349.

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 18, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights								
	C	S	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	ET	Holly	Super	Rock	Law & Order: SVU		Dateline NBC (N)		News	J. Fallon	
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)	WEDU Arts Plus	Up Close		The Best of WEDU						
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	BBC	PBS NewsHour (N)	Downton Abbey Returns! 'G'					Longevity Paradox-Steven		Capitol		
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Ent. Tonight	Superstore '14'	Young Rock 'PG'	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show		
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 "Learning to Fly" (N) '14'		Grey's Anatomy "It's All Too Much" '14'		A Million Little Things (N) '14'	Eyewit. News	Jimmy Kimmel		
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Young Sheldon	B Positive 'PG'	Mom (N) '14'	The Unicorn 'PG'	Clarice "Ghosts of Highway 20" '14'	10 Tampa Bay	Late-Colbert		
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Ac. Hollywood	TMZ (N) 'PG'	Hell's Kitchen "Sink or Swim" (N) '14'		Call Me Kat '14'	Last Man Standing	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)	FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo)			
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			News	ABC	ET	Inside Ed.	Station 19 (N) '14'		Grey's Anatomy '14'		Million Little		News	J. Kimmel	
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Bay Focus	Great Awakening with	Steve		Man360	Andrew Wom	Abundant Life	Sound of Awak	Phil Driscoll 'G'	The Great Awake	
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash 'G'	Citrus Today	Sully's Biz Brew		Heartland Poker Tour		Vegas Unveiled: A Virtual Vegas		Citrus Court	Citrus Today	
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Inside Edition	The List (N) 'PG'	Station 19 "Learning to Fly" (N) '14'		Grey's Anatomy "It's All Too Much" '14'		A Million Little Things (N) '14'	ABC Action News	Jimmy Kimmel		
62 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'	
63 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Dateline '14'		Law Order: CI		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			Vic Show	The 700 Club		Involved	Impact	Action	Paid Prg.	Jeffress	S.Channel	Healing	Faith	Prince	
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Walker "Tracks" (N) (In Stereo) '14'		Legacies (N) (In Stereo) '14'		CW44 News (N)	CW44 News (N)	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls '14'	
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe	Te doy la vida 'PG'	Amor eterno (N) 'PG'		Como tú no hay dos		Noticias	Noticiero			
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	Hell's Kitchen '14'		Kat	Last Man	FOX 51 News		Dateline 'PG'		
66 (WXPX) ION		17				Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'		Chicago P.D. '14'		Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'			
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	The First 48 (In Stereo) '14'	The First 48 (In Stereo) '14'	The First 48 (In Stereo) 'PG'	The First 48 "Spree Killer" '14'			The First 48 "Close to Home" (N) '14'		Nightwatch "Return to the Big Easy" '14'		The First 48 (In Stereo) '14'		
(ACCN)		99				All Ac	ACC Tra	Women's College Lacrosse				College Track and Field				All ACC	All ACC	
(AMC)	55	64	55			**** "The Green Mile" (1999)		**** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Gary Sinise. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. 'PG-13'				**** "Forrest Gump" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks. 'PG-13'						
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N) (In Stereo) '14'				Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'		Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'				
(BET)	96	71	96			** "Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club" (2014) Nia Long. Single mothers from different backgrounds form a support group.				* "Obsessed" (2009, Suspense) Idris Elba, Ali Larter. A stalker threatens a married man's idyllic life. 'PG-13'								
(BIGTEN)	742	809				To Be Announced				B1G Basketball in 60		B1G Basketball in 60		Big Ten Elite 'G'		B1G Basketball in 60		
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Summer House '14'	Summer House '14'	Watch		** "Fifty Shades of Grey" 'R'				
(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	"Counseling" 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office '14'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Daily Show	The Office 'PG'	
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	*** "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. 'PG-13'				*** "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt. 'PG-13'				
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room		Erin Burnett OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight				
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)		2021 NIT Basketball Tournament		2021 NIT Basketball Tournament				SportsCenter (N)				
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	College Wrestling			To Be Announced	College Wrestling				NFL Live				
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)	Kudlow		Kennedy (N)	Fox Business		The Evening Edit		Kudlow				
(FLIX)		118	170			"You Better" (1989, Horror) Donovan Leitch. 'R'	* "Cutting Class" (1989, Horror) Donovan Leitch. 'R'		* "The Cold Light of Day" (2012) Henry Cavill. 'PG-13'	** "Sniper" (1993, Action) Tom Berenger. 'R'		** "Seed of Chucky" (2004) 'R'						
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report	FOX News Primetime		Tucker Carlson	Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night				
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Restaurant: Im.		Dinner: Impossible		Beat Play	Beat Play	
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "Shrek" (2001, Children's) Mike Myers. (In Stereo) 'PG'	Children's Voices of Mike Myers. (In Stereo) 'PG'		grown-ish '14'	** "The Game Plan" (2007, Children's) Johnson, Madison Pettis. (In Stereo) 'PG'		Dwayne The Rock Johnson. (In Stereo) 'PG'		The 700 Club (In Stereo)				
(FS1)	732	112	732			CONCACAF	Match	CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying		CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying		CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying		CONCA				
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Gator	Inside	Pregame	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at New York Knicks. (N)	Postgame		In Magic		World Poker				
(FX)	30	60	30		51	** "The Fate of the Furious" (2017, Action) Vin Diesel. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'		** "Ride Along 2" (2016, Comedy) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'	** "Ride Along 2" (2016, Comedy) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'		** "Ride Along 2" (2016, Comedy) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'							
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Golf Central (N) 'G'		PGA Tour Golf Honda Classic, First Round. 'G'							Golf Central 'G'			
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"Love Under the Stars" (2015) 'NR'		"The Sweetest Heart" (2018, Romance) Julie Gonzalo, Chris McNally. 'NR'	"Wedding Every Weekend" (2020) Kimberley Sustad, Paul Campbell. 'NR'		Golden Girls		Golden Girls					
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	"Going in Style" (2020) Will Ferrell. 'R'	** "Underwater" (2020) Kristen Stewart. 'PG-13'	Allen v. Farrow 'MA'	Allen v. Farrow (In Stereo) (Part 4 of 4) 'MA'		** "Man on a Ledge" (2012) Sam Worthington. 'PG-13'		(2012) Sam Allen v. Farrow					
(HBO2)	303	202	303			** "Downhill" (2020) Will Ferrell. 'R'	Allen v. Farrow 'MA'	Allen v. Farrow (In Stereo) (Part 4 of 4) 'MA'	Allen v. Farrow (In Stereo) (Part 4 of 4) 'MA'		*** "Joker" (2019) 'R'		*** "Joker" (2019) 'R'					
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Rehab Addict Rescue "Sell or Stay"	Rehab Addict Rescue "Sell or Stay"	Rehab Addict Rescue "Sweat Equity"	Rehab Addict Rescue (N)	Rehab Addict Rescue (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	Swamp People "Heat Wave" 'PG'	Swamp People 'PG'	Swamp People "Darkest Fears" 'PG'	Swamp People (N) 'PG'	Swamp People (N) 'PG'	Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 'PG'	Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 'PG'	Swamp People: Serpent Invasion 'PG'	Swamp People 'PG'	Swamp People 'PG'	Swamp People 'PG'	Swamp People 'PG'	
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles "Just Push Play" '14'	Rizzoli & Isles "Food for Thought" '14'	Married at First Sight (N) '14'	Married at First Sight (N) '14'	Married at First Sight ceremony. (N) '14'	The second commitment ceremony. (N) '14'		Married at First Sight '14'					
(LMN)	119	50	119			"Cheer Camp Killer" (2020, Suspense) Mariah Robinson, Sydney Malakeh. 'NR'		"Deep Blue Nightmare" (2020, Suspense) Michael Madsen. Premiere. 'NR'	"Killer Daddy Issues" (2020, Suspense) Carolyn McCormick. 'NR'									
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			The Beat With	The ReidOut (N)	All In With	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word		The 11th Hour						
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Mecum Auto Auctions "Glendale" (N Same-day Tape)		Dale Jr. Download	Boxing Ring City USA. (N) (Live)		Sailing America's Cup. (N) (Live)							
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'	Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'	Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'	Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'	Port Protection Alaska: Off the Grid	Life Below Zero: Next Generation '14'							
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud	Loud	Casagran	Hustle	*** "Rio" (2011) (In Stereo) 'G'	Friends		Friends		Friends			
(OWN)	125	24	103			20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN 'PG'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN 'PG'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	
(OXY)	123	44	123			Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Snapped 'PG'	Snapped 'PG'	Snapped 'PG'	Snapped 'PG'	Dateline: Secrets				
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown. (In Stereo) 'R'	*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown. (In Stereo) 'R'		*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown. (In Stereo) 'R'		*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown. (In Stereo) 'R'					
(SEC)	745	72				The Paul Finebaum Show (N) (Live)		College Baseball Texas A&M at Florida. (N) (Live)	SEC Storied 'G'		SEC Now (N) (Live)		SEC Now (N) (Live)					
(SHOW)	340	241	340			Shameless "Cancelled" 'MA'	*** "Lethal Weapon" (1987, Action) Mel Gibson. (In Stereo) 'R'	*** "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Action) Mel Gibson. (In Stereo) 'R'	Desus & Mero (N)		VICE 'MA'							
(SUN)	36	31	36			Florida Insider	Sport Fishing	Silver Kings 'G'	Sportsman	Florida Insider Fishing Report (In Stereo)	To Be Announced							
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	* "Death Wish" (2018, Action) Bruce Willis, Vincent D'Onofrio. 'R'	* "Death Wish" (2018, Action) Bruce Willis, Vincent D'Onofrio. 'R'	* "Robin Hood" (2018) Taron Egerton. Robin Hood leads a revolt against the Sheriff of Nottingham. (N) (Live)	*** "Salt" (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie. 'PG-13'		*** "Salt" (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie. 'PG-13'							
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Pre-Game	2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament	First Four: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament		2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament							
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "Ice Station Zebra" (1968, Suspense) Rock Hudson. 'G'		*** "The Searchers" (1956, Western) John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter. 'NR'	*** "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961) Audrey Hepburn, Patricia Neal. 'NR'		*** "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961) Audrey Hepburn, Patricia Neal. 'NR'							
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	BattleBots (N) 'PG'	BattleBots (N) 'PG'	Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch 'PG'	Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch 'PG'	Homestead Rescue (In Stereo) 'PG'	Homestead Rescue (In Stereo) 'PG'	Homestead Rescue (In Stereo) 'PG'	Homestead Rescue (In Stereo) 'PG'	Homestead Rescue (In Stereo) 'PG'	Homestead Rescue (In Stereo) 'PG'	Homestead Rescue (In Stereo) 'PG'		
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	Return to Amish (In Stereo) '14'		Return to Amish (N) (In Stereo) '14'	Return to Amish (N) (In Stereo) '14'				Return to Amish (N) (In Stereo) '14'					
(TMC)	350	261	350			*** "Hotel Rwanda" (2004, Drama) Don Cheadle. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'		*** "Miami Vice" (2006, Crime Drama) Colin Farrell, Gong Li. (In Stereo) 'R'	*** "21 Bridges" (2019, Action) Chadwick Boseman. (In Stereo) 'R'									
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	Bones "The Bones That Foam" '14'	Bones Pregnant teen murdered. '14'	** "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016) Ben Affleck. Batman embarks on a personal vendetta against Superman.					*** "Batman v Superman: Dawn"					
(TOON)	38	58	38	33		Teen	Teen	Gumball	Apple	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	
(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) 'PG'					Paranormal Ca.			
(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	2021 NCAA Tournament		NCAA Studio Update	2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament						Post			
(TVL)	32	49	32	34	24	Andy G.	Andy G.	Andy G.	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
(USA)	47	32	47	17														

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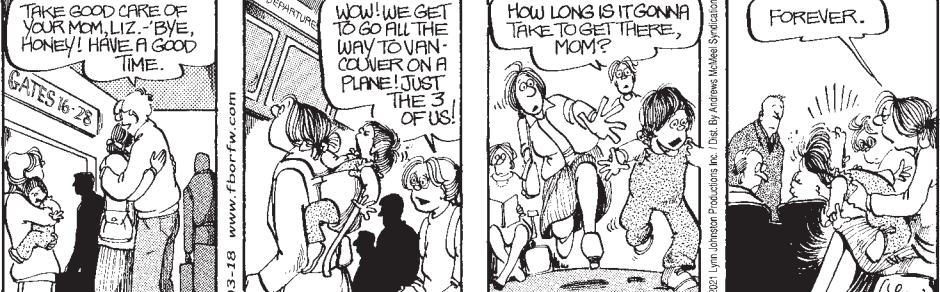
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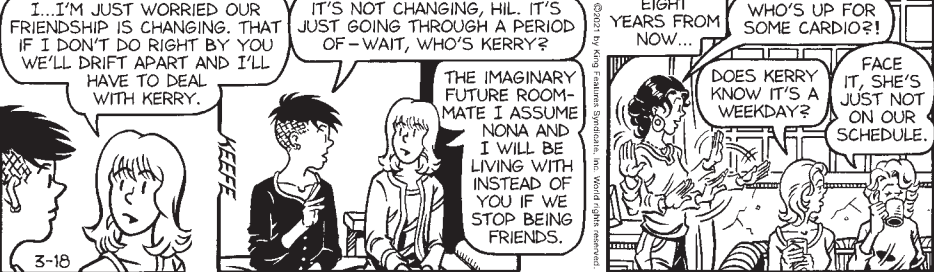
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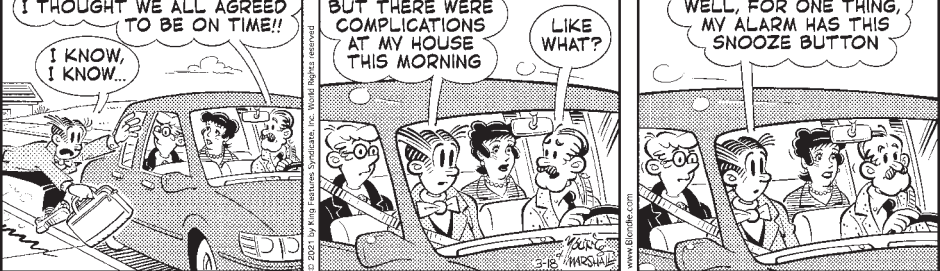
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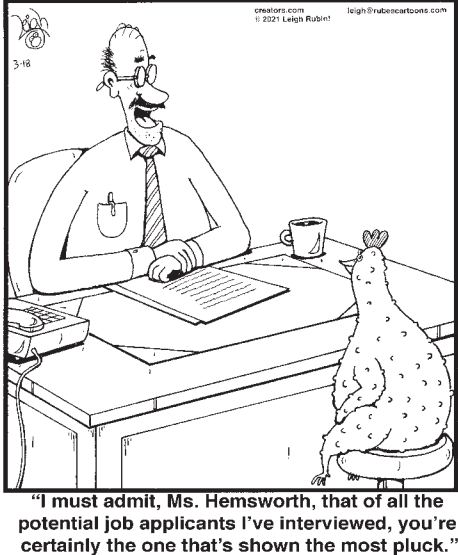
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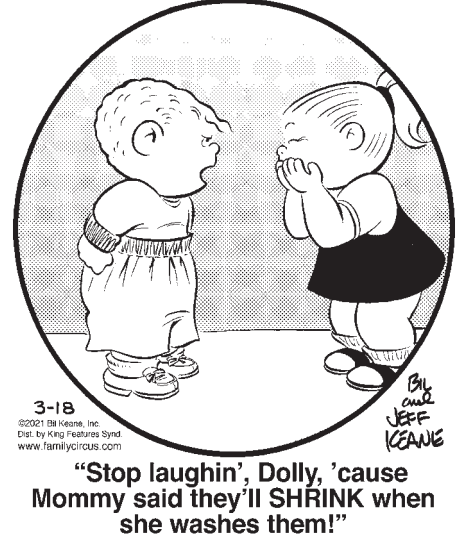
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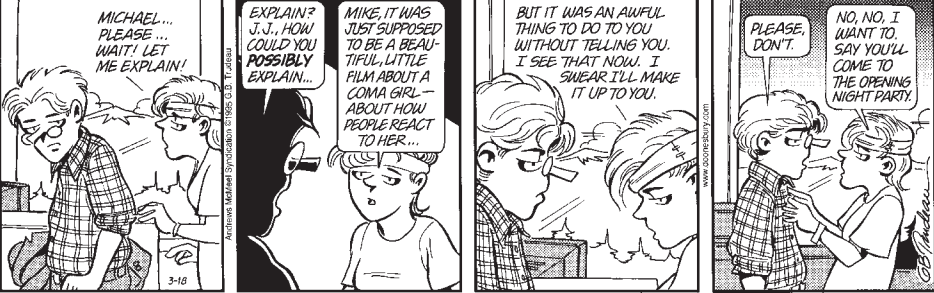
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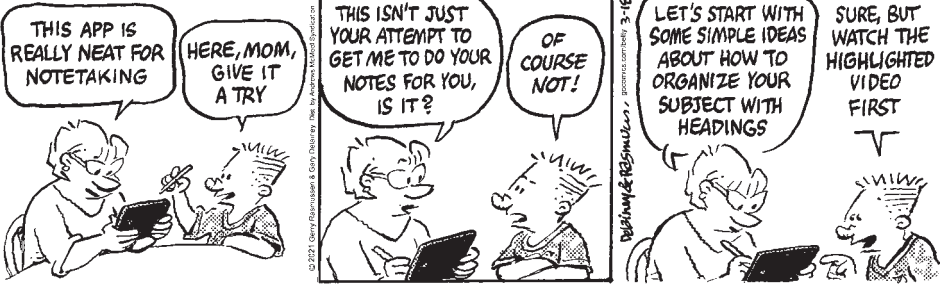
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Doonesbury Flashbacks



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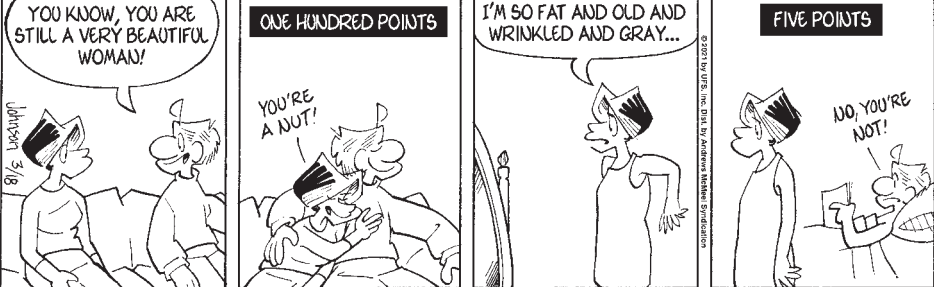
Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

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- “The Pride Of The Yankees” (NR) March 22, 1 p.m.
- “Monty Python And The Holy Grail” (PG) March 26, 7 p.m.
- “Grease” (PG) March 27, 3 p.m.
- “Harvey” (NR) March 28, 3 p.m.

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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: D equals U

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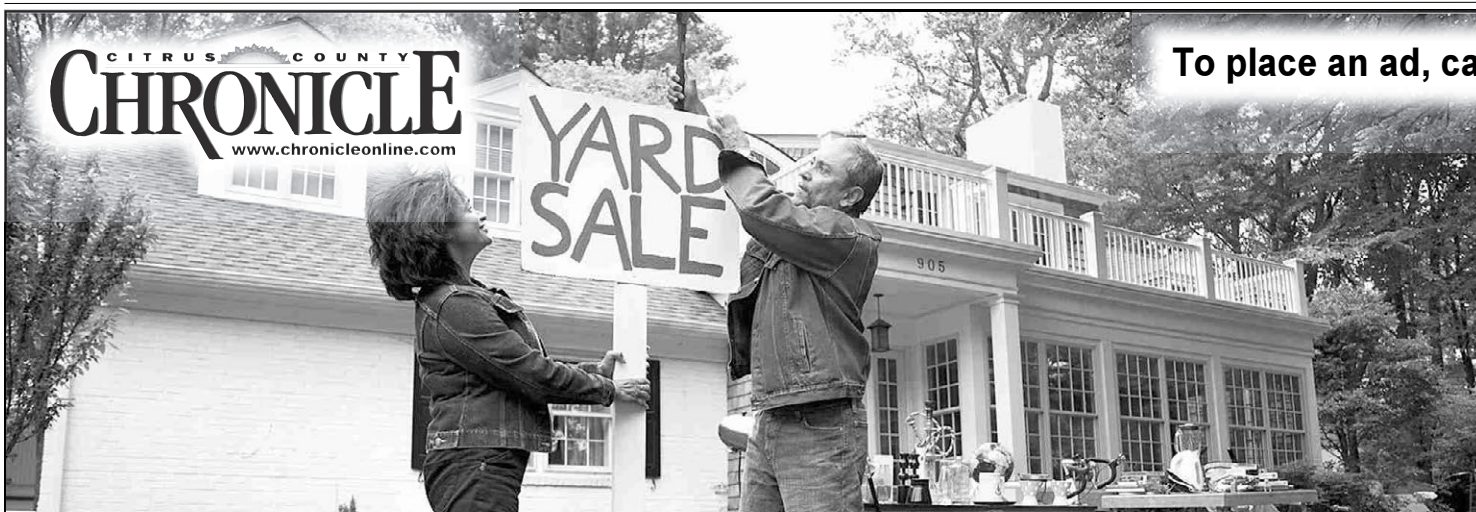
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Lien Notices

5802-0318 THCRN (3/30, 4/4)

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Auction Date: 3/30/2021: 5NPEC4AC2DH659090 2013 Hyundai
Auction Date: 4/04/2021: 1N6BA06A96N526173 2006 Nissan

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**Foreclosure Sale/
Action Notices**

8203-0318 THCRN Samuel L. Schultz Estate
2020 CA 000627 A Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2020 CA 000627 A

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR
GSAMP TRUST 2006-FM3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFI-
CATES, SERIES 2006-FM3,
Plaintiff,
VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE,
GRANTEES, ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL
OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH UNDER OR
AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL L. SCHULTZ A/K/A SAMUEL
SCHULTZ, DECEASED; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
(Publish in CITRUS CHRONICLE LEGALS)

TO: Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Surviving Spouse,
Grantees, Assignee, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, And All Other
Parties Claiming An Interest By Through Under Or Against The
Estate Of Samuel L. Schultz A/K/A Samuel Schultz, Deceased
Last Known Residence: 2692 N Brentwood Circle
Lecanto FL 34461

TO: Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Surviving Spouse,
Grantees, Assignee, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, And All Other
Parties Claiming An Interest By Through Under Or Against The
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TO: Sean Veerapen

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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle 3/18/21

6	5	4	8	3	2	7	9	1
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk

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Thursday, March 18, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- EMPRISE

(EMPRISE: em-PRIZE: A chivalrous or adventurous undertaking.)

Average mark 20 words
Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 27 or more words in EMPRISE?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- NECESSITY

ness	cense	sect	site	inset
nest	cent	seen	snit	teen
nice	cite	seine	stein	teeny
nicest	city	sense	sties	tense
nicety	cyst	sent	stye	tine
niece	scene	since	incest	tiny
entice	scent	sine	insect	yeti

RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at kzsaxe@gmail.com.

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ACROSS

1 Collection of fauna
4 Thurs. follower
7 Conduct a meeting
11 Safe caller
12 Oregon's Mount —
13 PC enthusiast
14 Meadow
15 Seine moorages
16 Tart plum
17 Open up
19 Beach sandal
20 Calendar divs.
21 Garden implement
22 Trunk
25 Unwitting tool
29 Type of poem
30 Zen riddle
32 Drink cooler
33 Whitney invention
34 In that case (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 Bantu language
2 Foreshadow

36 Maple Leafs org.

37 Windflower
40 Glutted
42 Broad-antlered deer
43 Showery mo.
44 Roomy
47 Originate
51 Farm denizens
52 Gambling stake
54 Smoked salmon
55 Delight
56 Chop —
57 Actress Lupino
58 Skippers' OKs
59 Bonn connector
60 Jones of fiction

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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3 Whitish gem
4 Mom and Pop
5 Future fish
6 Gl tags
7 Pipes down
8 Scandinavian city
9 Trotsky's first name

10 Remnant
12 "Wild Bill"
18 Startled cries
19 Sandbox enjoyer
21 — Christian Andersen
22 Nero's outfit
23 Norse god
24 Russo or Magritte
25 Restaurant
26 Half a quart
27 Hurt all over
28 Join metal
31 Sty noise
35 Seabird
38 Predicaments
39 Bravo, in Spain
41 "— you for real?"
43 Took steps
44 Org. for Michelle Wie
45 Too smooth
46 Kind of molding
48 Found a perch
49 Commotion (hyph.)
50 Test
52 Tempe inst.
53 Wimple wearer

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8206-0325 THCRN Willie B. Pender
2020 CC 000378 Notice of Action
IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2020 CC 000378

TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST REO, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF JAMES AUSTIN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF WIL-LIE B. PENDER, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSES-SION OF 920 RAILROAD STREET, INVERNESS, FL 34453,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF JAMES AUSTIN, DECEASED; ANDTHE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF WIL-LIE B. PENDER, DECEASED
Last known address: unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

1997, 64x28 Shadowridge, Mobile Home
Serial Number(s): FLA14611077A, FLA14611077B.

Property address: 920 Railroad Street, Inverness, FL 34453

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2021.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court

(COURT SEAL)

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8199-0318 THCRN Tschuschke vs. Tschuschke
2020-DR-832 Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2020-DR-832

IN THE MARRIAGE OF:

MARGARET SUSAN TSCHUSCHKE,
Petitioner/Wife,
And
FREDERICK J. TSCHUSCHKE,
Respondent/Husband.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: FREDERICK J. TSCHUSCHKE, Last known address: 8150 W. Oak Street, Crystal River, FL 34428

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action seeking Dissolution of Mar-riage from MARGARET SUSAN TSCHUSCHKE and a Partition of certain real properties located in Citrus County, Florida has been fded against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on STEVEN D. FICHTMAN, ESQ. the Wife's attorney, whose address is Law Office of Steven D. Fichtman, PLLC., P.O. Box 4290, Homosassa Springs FL, 34447, within thirty (30) days from the first publication and fi le the original with the Clerk of this Court at 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450, before service on Plaintiff or immediately there- after. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

The action is asking the Court to decide how both real or per-sonal property should be divided located in Citrus County in Florida and legally described as follows:

Property# 1
Description Parcel A: The West 120.00 Feet of the North 363.00 Feet of Lot 3, Holiday Acres, Unit No.2 as recorded in Plat Book 6, pages 40 and 41, public records Citrus County Florida, being more particularly descried as follows: Beginning at the North-west Corner of Said Lot 3; thence N 88 Deg. 59'54" East 120.00 Feet along the North line of said lot 3; thence S. 00 Deg. 20'32"

BY: Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

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east, 363.00 feet; thence S. 88 Deg 59' 54" West., 120.00 Feet to an intersection with the west line of said Lot 3; thence N. 00 Deg. 20'32" West., 363.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Description Parcel B: A Portion of the Lot 3, Holiday Acres, Unit No. 2 as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 40 and 41 Public Rec-ords of Citrus County Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence as the Northwest corner of said Lot 3, thence N. 88 Deg., 59'54" East along the North Line of said Lot 3, a distance of 120.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence con-tinue along last said line N, 88 Deg. 59'54" East, 216.26 Feet to the Northeast Corner of said Lot 3; thence S. 00 Deg. 20'32" East., 643.43 Feet the South east corner of said lot 3; Thence S. 89 Deg. 00'36" West 326.26 Feet to the Southwest Corner of said lot 3 thence N 00 Deg. 20'32" West, along the West line of said lot 3 a distance of 280.36 feet; Thence N. 89 Deg 59'54" East 120.00 feet thence N 00 Deg. 20'32" west., 363.00 Feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Property # 2
Lot 18, Holiday Acres Unit #2, According to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6 Pages 40 and 41 of the public records of Citrus County Florida. Together with a 1979 Skyline sing-lewide mobile Home I.D. No. 01611277M.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may re-view these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address.

(You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Ad-dress, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e- mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and infor-mation. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dis-missal or striking of pleadings.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on the 22nd day of February, 2021.

(COURT SEAL)

CLERK OF THE COURT

L. Pickett, Deputy Clerk

Published February 25, March 4, 11 & 18, 2021.