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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Citrus COVID-19 update

According to the Florida Department of Health, 103 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update. One new hospitalization was reported; no new deaths were reported.

To date in the county, 5,877 people have tested positive (including 35 non-residents), 478 have been hospitalized and 218 have died.

### Help save the Crystal River

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Winners will be drawn at noon Saturday, Dec. 19, via Facebook Live on the Save Crystal River Facebook page. The winner for the Browning BL-22 rifle will be drawn on Mallard's Guns Facebook page.

### Schedule a pet adoption

Citrus County Animal Services and Citrus County Foundation for Animal Protection (CCFAP) are partnering this holiday season in hopes to give every adoptable pet at the shelter home for the holidays. In honor of the holiday season, adoption fees are \$20 for dogs and cats, not including county license fee for Citrus County residents.

Those who adopt from Dec. 19 through Dec. 23, Animal Services is offering, with support from CCFAP volunteers, the option to have elves deliver the pet on Christmas morning to your front door.

For information on how to reserve an "Elf Delivery" or to adopt a pet, call 352-746-8400 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/y2cxlo9k>.

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# US clears Moderna vaccine

## Outbreak worsens

LAURAN NEERGAARD AND  
MATTHEW PERRONE  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The U.S. added a second COVID-19 vaccine to its arsenal Friday, boosting

efforts to beat back an outbreak so dire that the nation is regularly recording more than 3,000 deaths a day.

Much-needed doses are set to arrive Monday after the Food and Drug Administration authorized an emergency rollout of the vaccine developed by Moderna Inc. and the National Institutes of Health.

The move marks the world's first authorization for Moderna's shots. The vaccine is very similar to one from Pfizer Inc. and Germany's BioNTech that's now being dispensed to millions of health care workers and nursing home residents as the biggest vaccination drive in U.S. history starts to ramp up.

The two work "better than we almost dared to hope," NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins told The Associated Press. "Science is working here, science has done something amazing."

Early results of large, still unfinished studies show both vaccines appear safe and strongly

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# Longtime local banker retires



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Rocky Hensley has been an influence on local banking in Citrus County for nearly 45 years. Hensley will be stepping away from his day-to-day duties at Brannen Bank, where he serves as vice president, to retire. He says that he still intends on serving as a volunteer in many capacities within the community he has served for decades. "I won't be a stranger," he said. "I'll still be out there."

## Inverness native Rocky Hensley to retire from Brannen Banks Dec. 31

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About six years ago, Rocky Hensley went to visit his longtime friend Joe Brannen, chairman and CEO of Brannen Bank.

The men had grown up together in Inverness, went to the same school that had 300 kids in the seventh through 12th grade, played ball together.

However, even though they were both career bankers, they had never worked together.

It was a Monday morning and Hensley had just lost his job at CenterState Bank on

Friday after that bank closed its retail branch operation, eliminating Hensley's position.

"We sat down together — me, Matt (Brannen), Joe and George (Brannen) — and I told them what had happened," Hensley said. "One of them asked, 'Why haven't you ever worked for us before?' and I said, 'You never asked.' They said, 'You never applied,' and I said, 'Well, I'm applying now.'"

Six years later, Hensley, 68, now the bank vice president, recently had another conversation with the Brannens, this time to tell them that, on Dec. 31, he's retiring.

"I've known the Brannens all my life, and to end my banking career working for them

— I couldn't ask for anything better," he said.

As a young man, Hensley hadn't set out to be a banker.

Forty-five years ago, he had been working for Norine and Bob Gilstrap at their furniture store in Inverness.

When they decided to close the store, he knew he needed to find another job.

"Lou Jacobs, who used to come into the furniture store all the time, told me of an opening at Citizens First National Bank," Hensley said. "I didn't know anything about banking — at that time I think I owned one sports coat and one clip-on tie."

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# Hernando woman sentenced to 7 years for theft

FRED HIERS  
*Staff writer*

A Hernando woman was sentenced to seven years in Florida prison Friday for stealing her employer's jewelry while employed as a part-time housekeeper by her 83-year-old victim.

Judge Richard "Ric" Howard handed Shanna Houle, 36, the

sentence after Houle changed her plea to no contest. The State Attorney's Office had charged Houle with one count of dealing in stolen property and two counts of falsification of ownership to a pawnbroker.

Houle told Howard she had been a drug addict and stole



Shanna Houle

the jewelry to support her habit. Since the theft, Houle entered a drug program and her counselors, during the sentencing, told Howard that Houle had made great progress in admitting her guilt and trying to end her addiction to opioids.

Houle told Howard and her

victim she was sorry.

"I'm not here to make a case for myself," Houle told the court. "I was selfish and self-centered."

"I truly am remorseful. I understand the pain and the hurt. They (my employers and her daughter) were very nice to me."

The estimated value of the jewelry Houle stole was \$6,573.99.

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# STORE WARS

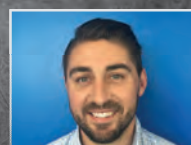
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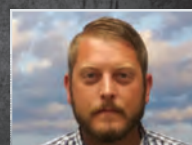
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
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# Citrus jobless rate jumps to 6.9%

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Citrus County's unemployment rate for November was 6.9%, up from 6.3% a month earlier and 4.3% one year ago, according to data released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Citrus County's labor force increased by 282 in November, to 45,748. The number of employed

dropped by 12 to 42,570 and the number of unemployed rose by 294, to 3,178.

Compared to November 2019, the labor force decreased by 1,607, the number of employed is down by 2,741 and there were 1,134 more unemployed.

Citrus' 6.3% rate was the ninth highest in the state.

Osceola County had the highest unemployment rate in Florida at 9.7%

while Wakulla County had the lowest at 3.9%.

Florida's rate in November was 6.3% and the nation was at 6.4%, both non-seasonally adjusted rates.

November labor statistics reflect the continued effects of COVID-19 and the efforts to reopen businesses and services, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) said in a

Friday release.

"I think we still have to keep doing the best we possibly can and hope we see some relief from our federal partners," County Economic Development Director Bruce Register said.

Congressional negotiators are considering a \$900 billion COVID-19 economic relief package for struggling business owners. That translates to \$300

per week jobless checks, and \$600 stimulus payments to many.

"November's employment data shows a continued positive growth in Marion County, both on a monthly basis and yearly," said Rusty Skinner, CEO with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion. "Growth in both labor force and employment indicate that our key metrics on availability of talent, and on labor

market absorption of that talent, are expanding.

"However, the level of unemployment indicates a market, that while expanding, is not growing at the rate of new or re-entering employees searching for jobs," Skinner said.

Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205 or mbates@chronicleonline.com. To see more of his stories, visit [tinyurl.com/y6kb23vv](https://tinyurl.com/y6kb23vv).

## Duke installs electric vehicle charging stations in downtown Inverness



Special to the Chronicle

Duke Energy, in partnership with the city of Inverness, recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of the installation of several electric vehicle charging stations in Inverness. Duke Energy's Dorothy Pernu and Duke team members gathered with city leaders to mark the milestone in the Inverness community. Pictured are city of Inverness senior staff members, Duke Energy senior staff including Dorothy Pernu; Inverness City Council members Cabot McBride, Linda Bega and Dave Ryan; City Manager Eric Williams; and Victoria White, legislative aide to U.S. Congressman Daniel Webster.

# Cases get updates; trials set

**FRED HIERS**  
Staff writer

The legal process continued Friday for some Citrus County residents arrested and facing potentially stiff sentences.

On Friday, Dec. 18, Circuit Judge Richard "Ric" Howard set a Feb. 15, 2021, trial date for Chadwick Perry Evans, 49, of Ocala, who was charged in April 2019 with one count of DUI with serious injury and five counts of DUI impairment involving injury.

Evans was charged after causing a three-vehicle crash that hospitalized five people, including a young child, when Evans drifted into the path of two oncoming vehicles, according to the Florida Highway Patrol and court records.

Evans' alcohol level was 0.169% and he collided head-on with two vehicles on West Grover Cleveland Boulevard near South

Roxbury Terrace, according to FHP and court records. The legal limit in Florida is 0.08%.

■ Judge Howard also set a Feb. 15, 2021, trial date for John Manuel Monsegur III, of Beverly Hills.

Monsegur, 26, is charged with kidnapping while armed, robbery with a deadly weapon, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and grand theft.

In July 2019, Citrus County Sheriff's deputies arrested Monsegur after a man told investigators that Monsegur and another man ambushed him when he went to Monsegur's home off of South Jefferson Street, according to court records.

The victim told deputies that Monsegur and the other man hit him several times and pistol-whipped him before they took his clothes, shoes, jewelry, cellphone and about \$4,000 in cash.

He said the men tied him up with rope and tape

and put him inside his own SUV before later releasing him.

■ Judge Howard also set a Jan. 19, 2021, trial date for George James Reider III, 63.

Reider is charged with attempted sexual battery, with no serious injury, and false imprisonment.

State prosecutors had offered Reider a plea deal involving five years in prison, but that offer was removed when Reider refused it Friday.

Prosecutors say Reider last year tried to rape an auto parts employee in the back of her store. Reider said he is not guilty.

■ Judge Howard also set a March 15, 2021, trial date for Kharess Charles Harrison, 42.

Harrison is charged with trafficking in cocaine, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture of cocaine, possession of oxycodone with intent to sell,

possession of cannabis with intent to sell, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Harrison was arrested in May 2019, and has 15 prior felony convictions.

■ Judge Howard also set an April 12, 2021, trial date for Guarry Marcial Theodule.

Theodule, 65, is facing an aggravated animal cruelty charge and a cruelty to animals charge.

Prosecutors say Theodule had two dogs and their fur near their paws was so matted that it cut off the circulation, causing one dog to lose one paw and the other to lose both of its front paws.

Contact Chronicle reporter Fred Hiers at [fhiers@chronicleonline.com](mailto:fhiers@chronicleonline.com) or 352-397-5914.



Kharess Harrison



George Reider



Guarry Theodule



Chadwick Evans



John Monsegur III

# Doctors urge patience on COVID-19 vaccine availability

News Service of Florida

Noting a limited amount of COVID-19 vaccine available for distribution in December, the state's largest physicians association urged people Thursday to be patient.

"There are far more health care providers and long-term care residents who qualify for the first round of the vaccine than there is vaccine available," Florida Medical Association President Mike Patete, a Venice physician, said in a prepared statement. "Manufacturing, distribution, and administration still pose challenges and will require an extraordinary level of

cooperation in order to ensure that everyone who wants the vaccine receives the vaccine as soon as it becomes available."

The association wants all physicians in what is described as the "high risk/high contact" category to be provided "appropriate" access to the vaccine. The FMA's statement came on the heels of a Palm Beach Post report that physicians were unsure when they would receive the vaccine.

The statement also followed news that Florida won't get another round of a vaccine manufactured by Pfizer next week, as The News Service of Florida reported Tuesday night.

On Wednesday, Gov. Ron DeSantis blamed the delay on production issues by Pfizer. Pfizer released a statement Thursday saying that wasn't the case.

"Pfizer is not having any production issues with our COVID-19 vaccine,

and no shipments containing the vaccine are on hold or delayed. This week, we successfully shipped all 2.9 million doses that we were asked to ship by the U.S. Government to the locations specified by them," the

company's statement said. "We have millions more doses sitting in our warehouse but, as of now, we have not received any shipment instructions for additional doses."

DeSantis announced Wednesday evening that

the state is preparing to receive 367,000 doses of a vaccine from the drug company Moderna next week.

The doses will be distributed to 173 hospitals in 43 counties, the announcement said.

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**Birthday** — Use whatever leverage you can drum up this year. Be creative, and take the initiative to broaden your skills. Love is apparent, along with self-improvement and a better lifestyle.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — A change at home will require transparency if you want it to unfold without a hitch. Don't keep secrets or be hesitant to question someone aloof or vague.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Take a passionate approach to whatever you do. Refuse to let anyone get you down or stand in your way. Anger will be a waste of time, so channel your energy into something that counts.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Slow down, take a break and catch your breath. Give yourself time to think about your priorities.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Heightened emotions will cause uncertainty. Consider your options, and if nothing looks good, take a pass and wait for something better to come along.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Stick to the script, and expect the same in return. Honesty will be essential if you plan to get things done.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — A promise may be difficult to collect. Don't let your emotions take charge if uncertainty regarding your position or status arises. Do something to ease stress.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — The information you receive will be misleading. Ask questions, get what you want and don't be afraid to walk away.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — There are deals to consider and money to be made. An innovative plan will pay off, and a chance to make a professional move is apparent. Take on a project that requires creative thinking.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Don't rely on others to do things for you. If you take an energetic approach, you'll reach your goal in record time.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — It will be challenging to know what to do based on the information you receive. Don't give in to someone trying to push you in a questionable direction.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Tackle unfinished tasks and get them out of the way before someone complains.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Be realistic about your plans and how you implement them. A change to the dynamics of a relationship will prove eventful.

ENTERTAINMENT

Jeremy Bulloch, Boba Fett in first 'Star Wars' trilogy, dies

LOS ANGELES — **Jeremy Bulloch**, the English actor who first donned a helmet, cape and jetpack to play Boba Fett in the original "Star Wars" trilogy, died Thursday.

Bulloch died at a London hospital from health complications after years of living with Parkinson's disease, his agents at Brown, Simcocks & Andrews said in a statement. He was 75.

As the Mandalorian bounty hunter Boba Fett, Bulloch made off with a froze-in-carbonite Han Solo in 1980's "The Empire Strikes Back," then zoomed around the desert of Tatooine in a jet pack in 1983's "Return of the Jedi."

"Today we lost the best bounty hunter in the galaxy," **Billy Dee Williams**, whose Lando Calrissian appeared in key scenes with Bulloch in the films, said on Twitter.

**Mark Hamill** tweeted that Bulloch was "the quintessential English gentleman."

"A fine actor, delightful company & so kind to everyone lucky enough to meet or work with him," the Luke Skywalker actor said. "I will deeply miss him & am so grateful to have known him. #RIP\_DearJeremy."

Boba Fett had just a few minutes of screen time, though important ones, between the two movies, and speaks just four lines of dialogue that were performed by another actor. But Boba Fett quickly became a cult favorite and eventually would emerge as one of the most beloved figures in the "Star Wars" galaxy, inspiring characters and plotlines in other "Star Wars" properties, most notably "The



Associated Press

**Jeremy Bulloch speaks in front of the costume he wore while playing Boba Fett in "Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back" and "Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi" at the Star Wars Identities exhibition in London on July 26, 2017. Bulloch, the English actor who played Boba Fett in the original "Star Wars" trilogy, has died. He ws 75.**

Mandalorian" on Disney+, where Boba Fett has recently reemerged.

The phenomenon made Bulloch a big draw on the convention circuit, where he was a regular in later years.

Born in Leicester, England, Bulloch began acting in commercials as a teenager and would have more than 100 credits in a career spent mostly in British television, with small roles on shows including "Dr. Who," "Crown Court" and "Sloggers."

He also appeared in a pair of James Bond films, 1981's "For Your Eyes Only" and 1983's "Octopussy."

Bulloch also played a pair of tiny "Star Wars" roles without the mask, Lieutenant Sheckil in "The Empire Strikes Back" and Captain Jeremoch Colton in "Revenge of the Sith."

Bulloch was the first of four actors to have taken on the role in some form. **Jason Wingreen** performed the voice in the original trilogy. **Temuera Morrison**,

who played Boba Fett's father Jango Fett in 2002's "Attack of the Clones," plays an aging, ravaged Boba Fett in season two of "The Mandalorian." And **Daniel Logan** played Boba Fett as a boy in "Attack of the Clones."

"CONVENTIONS WONT BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU ALWAYS," Logan said on Instagram along with a photo of himself and Bulloch.

When the prequels were still in development in 1999, Bulloch told The Associated Press he would like to return for the role.

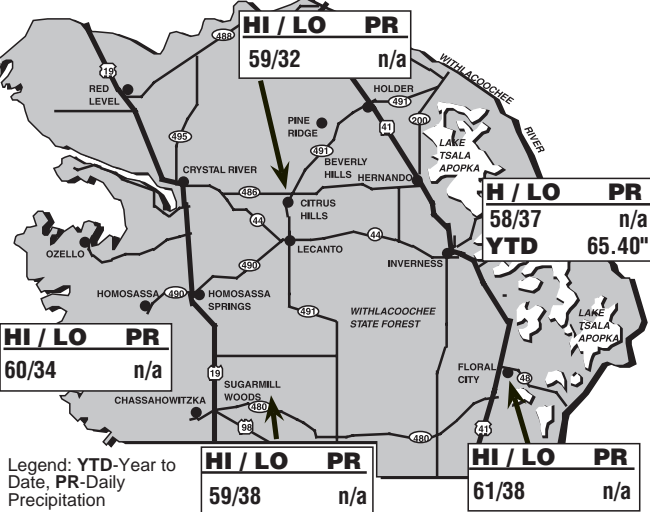
"But if he has to show his face, he would be much younger, and I would probably need a good plastic surgeon!" Bulloch said.

He would settle instead for the tiny role of Captain Colton, pilot of Alderaan, and one more flight through the "Star Wars" galaxy, instead.

Bulloch is survived by his wife Maureen and their three sons.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
High: 70° Low: 59°  
Mostly sunny and milder by afternoon.

**SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING**  
High: 71° Low: 60°  
Becoming clouds with rain developing by evening.

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**  
High: 70° Low: 50°  
Rain exits then clearing and cooler.

ALMANAC				Data from Crystal River Airport
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>		<b>DEW POINT</b>		
Yesterday	59/33	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	32°	
Record*	86/23			
Normal	72/44	<b>HUMIDITY</b>		
Mean temp.	58	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	38%	
Departure from mean	-12	<b>POLLEN COUNT**</b>		
<b>PRECIPITATION</b>		Today's active pollen:		
Yesterday	0.00"	Juniper, composites		
Total for the month	0.47"	<b>Today's count: 5.8/12</b>		
Total for the year	22.84"	<b>Sunday's count: 3.2</b>		
Normal for the year	50.72"	<b>Monday's count: 4.2</b>		
*Official record values from Tampa International		<b>AIR QUALITY</b>		
<b>UV INDEX:</b>	4	Yesterday observed	Good	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high		Pollutant	Ozone	
<b>BAROMETRIC PRESSURE</b>	30.30			

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfishn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR
12/19	SATURDAY	7:17	4:45	5:35	5:08
12/20	SUNDAY	7:18	5:31	5:36	5:53

**CELESTIAL OUTLOOK**

SUNSET TONIGHT ..... 5:35 pm  
SUNRISE TOMORROW ..... 7:18 am  
MOONRISE TODAY ..... 11:33 am  
MOONSET TODAY ..... 10:48 pm

**BURN CONDITIONS**

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

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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		

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TIDES						
*From mouths of rivers		**At King's Bay		***At Mason's Creek		
SATURDAY						
City		High		Low		
Chassahowitzka**	9:07 a.m.	0.6 ft	9:22 p.m.	0.2 ft	1:01 a.m.	0.1 ft
Crystal River**	6:59 a.m.	2.3 ft	8:09 p.m.	1.5 ft	1:09 a.m.	0.8 ft
Withlacoochee*	4:04 a.m.	3.1 ft	5:47 p.m.	2.5 ft	12:02 p.m.	-0.3 ft
Homosassa***	7:24 a.m.	1.3 ft	9:40 p.m.	0.7 ft	1:41 a.m.	0.3 ft
					4:51 p.m.	0.1 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	68	58	mc	Miami	74	68	pc
Fort Lauderdale	75	66	pc	Ocala	67	51	pc
Fort Myers	74	57	s	Orlando	73	56	mc
Gainesville	66	51	pc	Pensacola	62	54	pc
Homestead	75	63	s	Sarasota	73	57	s
Jacksonville	63	53	pc	Tallahassee	61	50	pc
Key West	74	69	pc	Tampa	72	55	s
Lakeland	71	53	pc	Vero Beach	71	61	pc
Melbourne	71	60	mc	W. Palm Bch.	73	69	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

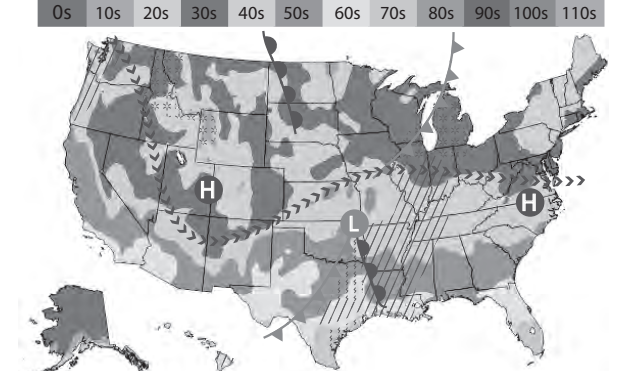
Today: East winds around 15 knots then becoming northeast 5 to 10 knots in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.

**Gulf water temperature**  
**61°**  
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	FRI	THU	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	29.62	29.68	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.73	37.73	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.97	38.98	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.22	40.23	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Saturday

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Today in  
HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 19, the 354th day of 2020. There are 12 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**  
On Dec. 19, 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was subsequently acquitted by the Senate).

**On this date:**  
In 1777, during the American Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to camp for the winter.

In 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 2003, design plans were unveiled for the signature skyscraper — a 1,776-foot glass tower — at the site of the World Trade Center in New York City.

In 2008, citing imminent danger to the national economy, President George W. Bush ordered an emergency bailout of the U.S. auto industry.

**Ten years ago:** The body of an American tourist, Kristine Luken, 44, was found near a road outside Jerusalem.

**Five years ago:** Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton debated in Manchester, New Hampshire, where they engaged in a pointed but polite discussion of national security, Americans' heightened terrorism fears and the economy.

**One year ago:** Congress headed home for the holidays without a plan or timeline in place for President Donald Trump's impeachment trial in the Senate; Republicans resisted Democratic demands for new witness testimony.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Scott Cohen is 59. Magician Criss Angel is 53. Pro Football Hall of Famer Warren Sapp is 48. Actor Jake Gyllenhaal is 40.

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Obituaries

Gregory Mead, 68  
FLORAL CITY

Gregory Gail Mead, 68, of Floral City, FL passed away on December 17, 2020 under the care of Vitas Healthcare in Floral City, FL. Arrangements by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Inverness, FL.

Kathleen Sullivan  
GARDEN CITY PARK, N.Y.

Sullivan, Kathleen (Hannon) (nee Raney) of Garden City Park, on Aug. 25, 2020. Kathleen was born in NYC to William & Edna Raney. She grew up in St. Albans, raised a family in New Hyde Park and retired to Pine Ridge Florida where she lived for over 30 years before returning to New York.



Kathleen Sullivan

Pre deceased in death by her first love Richard Hannon and by her last love and best friend John Sullivan. Also pre deceased by a baby brother Jame Arthur (Buddy) and son in law George.

Survived by her siblings whom she adored, Brother Bill, sister in law Peggy, sisters Gert & Patsy, brother in law David, and several loving nieces and nephews. Also survived by daughters Kathlees & Lisa, her devoted son in law Kevin, loving step family, John (Lynn), Donna (John), Patrick (Mary), Barbara (Jimmy) and many step grandchildren that she loved dearly.

Special thanks to the Herricks community center for their wonderful Our Space program and to the Good Shepherd Hospice for their compassionate support during Kathleen's final days.

The family would also like to express their gratitude to retired Pastor Tom and Joany Walker and the congregation of The Inverness First Church of God and also their friends and neighbors in Florida for their kindness over the years for both Kathleen and John.

Interment in Holy Rood Cemetery following private service.

Arrangements by Krauss Funeral Home, Franklin Square.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

- Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, obituaries submitted for publication on any of the following days have a deadline of **noon Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020:**
- Friday, Dec. 25.
- Saturday, Dec. 26.
- Sunday, Dec. 27.
- Monday, Dec. 28.
- Obituaries are at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).
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Weekly roundup: Sleeves up, arms out

Recap and analysis of the week in state government and politics

DARA KAM  
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida had a “magical moment” this week, as the first health-care workers and long-term care residents received vaccinations considered the cornerstone of a promised return to normalcy amid the coronavirus pandemic siege.

With their sleeves rolled up and their arms held out, nurses, doctors and seniors were captured on camera as they received shots of Pfizer Inc.'s vaccine, the first COVID-19 pharmaceutical protection released throughout the nation on Monday.

But the rollout of the Pfizer vaccine in Florida wasn't without hiccups.

Gov. Ron DeSantis said last week that all of the state's long-term care facility residents could be inoculated by the end of the year.

But that now seems unlikely.

Despite what was originally expected, the state won't get another round of the Pfizer vaccine next week, prompting finger-pointing between the Republican governor and the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

On Wednesday, DeSantis blamed the delay on Pfizer production issues.

But the following day, Pfizer released a statement saying that wasn't the case.

“Pfizer is not having any production issues with our COVID-19 vaccine, and no shipments containing the vaccine are on hold or delayed. This week, we successfully shipped all 2.9 million doses that we were asked to ship by the U.S. government to the locations specified by them,” the company's statement said. “We have millions more doses sitting in our warehouse but, as of now, we have not received any shipment instructions for additional doses.”

Florida, however, is in line next week for a batch of vaccine doses from the drug company Moderna.

The doses will be distributed to 173 hospitals in 43 counties, DeSantis' office announced Thursday.

The vaccinations began on the same day the state surpassed another sober marker, with health officials on Monday reporting more than 20,000 coronavirus-related deaths of Florida residents. The state has logged more than 1.1 million cases of COVID-19 since March.

DeSantis has staunchly defended his decisions to reopen businesses, bars and restaurants, moves that drew



Associated Press

Registered nurse La Tanya Forbes, right, is inoculated Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine by R.N. Cheryl Birmingham, left, at Memorial Healthcare System in Miramar.

withering criticism from Democrats. He also has rejected requests to order a statewide face mask mandate and has banned local government officials from imposing penalties on people who don't wear masks.

As the virus continues to spread and COVID-19 hospitalizations climb, DeSantis doubled down this week on urging Floridians and visitors to dine out.

The governor bristled when a reporter said local officials were accusing DeSantis of hamstringing their ability to curb the spread of the highly contagious virus. DeSantis insisted that further restrictions would harm business owners and their employees.

“If a local leader wants to put them out of work, you're damn right I'm hobbling them from doing that,” DeSantis said during a press conference Tuesday at the Okeechobee Steakhouse in West Palm Beach, where he was flanked by restaurant workers. “If they want to shut down businesses, I'm going to stand in the way.”

HOPE IS ON THE WAY

Florida received 179,400 doses of the Pfizer vaccine this week. About 100,000 were sent to five Florida hospitals, and tens of thousands of doses went to CVS and Walgreens, which signed agreements with the federal government to vaccinate residents and staff members at long-term care facilities.

DeSantis also directed 21,450 doses be sent to the Florida Department of Health to help at long-term care facilities.

Long-term care residents and staff members at facilities in Broward and Pinellas counties began receiving COVID-19 vaccinations Wednesday after DeSantis directed “strike” teams to use the state's supply of the coveted Pfizer vaccine at the facilities.

“Our residents of long-term care facilities are

more susceptible to negative outcomes than people who are very young, and we also knew that protecting them was important. It's been a big mission for my administration since day one,” DeSantis said.

In addition to vaccinating people at facilities in Broward and Pinellas, DeSantis said the state also would provide the Pfizer vaccine to six nursing homes in Miami-Dade County. Those Miami-Dade facilities have the ability to vaccinate their own staff and residents.

DeSantis' office said Thursday the state expects next week to receive 367,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine, which was poised for federal Food and Drug Administration approval Friday.

WADING INTO WETLANDS

In a relatively rare move, the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection on Thursday announced approval of a plan to hand over federal permitting authority to Florida for projects that affect wetlands.

Supporters praised the

move as helping reduce duplicative state and federal permitting and giving Florida more control over such decisions. Florida is only the third state, joining Michigan and New Jersey, which have received the authority, according to the EPA.

“Our waters and wetlands are critical to our economy and way of life in Florida. As such, it is important for the state to be in charge and take the lead in their protection,” state Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstein said in a statement released by the EPA. “We are pleased that with the assumption, Florida scientists and permittees will now be accountable for state and federal wetlands permits.”

But Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, the only statewide elected Democrat, and some environmental groups criticized the decision, saying it will reduce protections for wetlands. They also pointed to the announcement's timing as Republican President Donald Trump is slated to leave office next month.

Despite what was originally expected, the state won't get another round of the Pfizer vaccine next week, prompting finger-pointing between the Republican governor and the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

“This is a parting gift to developers from the outgoing administration in Washington in coordination with the sitting administration in Florida,” Tania Galloni, managing attorney for Florida for the environmental law group Earthjustice. “The fact is that Florida's proposed program to take over wetlands permitting doesn't comply with federal environmental laws. It's about destroying wetlands faster and cheaper at a time when we need more protection, not less. We're considering our options.”

STORY OF THE WEEK

Florida began inoculating health-care workers and residents of long-term care facilities, after receiving nearly 180,000 doses of the first COVID-19 vaccinations.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“From a health care perspective, this is our magical Neil Armstrong moment.” — Charles Lockwood, dean of the University of South Florida College of Medicine, as COVID-19 inoculations began with a Pfizer, Inc. vaccine.

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# Nursing homes to begin vaccinations

## CVS, Walgreens to administer shots

**ADRIANA GOMEZ-LICON**  
*Associated Press*

MIAMI — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Walgreens' chief medical officer are announcing that Florida nursing homes are among the first in the country where residents will be vaccinated against COVID-19 through a federal government partnership with drug-store chains.

The company said it selected 10 nursing homes in Florida, Ohio and Connecticut to roll out the effort Friday. Next week, Walgreens will ramp up visits to 800 long-term care facilities in 12 states.

The plan is for the pharmacy to eventually visit 35,000 facilities and vaccinate 3 million residents. CVS and other companies are also part of the partnership to deliver shots at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

DeSantis said the long-term care facilities scheduled for the first day through Walgreens were in Jacksonville. He said he was pleased to learn the drugstore chain was set to start ahead of schedule in Florida. Army Gen. Gustave Perna, who is leading Operation Warp Speed, had said earlier this week that the pharmacies would begin administering the shot in more than 1,100 nursing homes next week.

"I appreciate Walgreens for leaning in. There is no time to waste!" DeSantis posted on Twitter.

Meanwhile in Florida, the state fair's board of directors have postponed the annual event until April. It was originally scheduled for Feb. 11-22. An exact date hasn't been set and will be based on health and safety developments, officials wrote on the event's website.

"With no guarantees in our current environment, moving the dates of the Florida State Fair to April



Patricia Wasseman, holds Hermina Levin's hands as nurse Eva Diaz administers the Pfizer vaccine Wednesday at John Knox Village in Pompano Beach. Nursing home residents and health care workers in Florida began receiving the Pfizer vaccine this week.

2021 provides a better opportunity to host the large event," the website said. "Additional details surrounding the 2021 Fair and its full health and safety guidelines will be shared in the coming weeks."

According to the Florida Department of Health, about 1,168,483 people have been diagnosed with the virus since March. About 20,600 people have died from the virus.

Earlier this week, the first vaccines were given to health care workers in Miami, Broward, Tampa, Jacksonville and Orlando. Residents in some care facilities have also been vaccinated in recent days.

The Orlando Sentinel reported Friday that the state has not revealed any specific plans for COVID-19 vaccine distributions to state prisons or local jails — for either corrections staff or those incarcerated — despite the CDC and other health experts recommending that these at-risk populations be prioritized.

"If we don't pay attention to prisons, it ends up being a detriment to us all," said Zinzi Bailey, a University of Miami assistant professor who is an investigator for the

COVID Prison Project, which tracks coronavirus cases and policies in correctional facilities nationwide. "... There is a lot of movement in and out of a prison, there's a lot of movement in and out of a jail. ... By not prioritizing (these populations), it makes us a lot more vulnerable."

But the state, along with Walgreens, does have a plan for vaccinating those in nursing homes.

Dr. Kevin Ban, Walgreens' chief medical officer, told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Friday that the effort will be quickly expanded in the coming months before the pharmacies can offer the COVID-19 vaccine to the general public in March or early April.

"This is a great moment. There's a deep sense of pride that all of the people at Walgreens feel," he said.

Florida began administering the Pfizer's vaccine at nursing homes in the Fort Lauderdale and St. Petersburg areas with emergency medical technicians and Florida National Guard medical personnel on Wednesday. DeSantis said he did not want to waste any time as the drugstore chains were set to begin next week.

# HENSLEY

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He got the job, starting in collections making phone calls to loan customers who were past due on their payments.

From there, he rose up the ranks in various positions at various banks in Citrus County throughout the years, culminating with Brannen Bank.

"Rocky knows a lot of people and had some customers who followed him, and when he came to work for us he brought some very good customers," Joe Brannen said. "But more than that, I've known him all my life, and we've served in Rotary together for probably 30 years ... He's loyal to his employer and to his friends, and you can always count on him to be there if you need him."

"I hated to hear that he's retiring, but I understand," Brannen said. "We'll miss him at the bank, but we'll continue to be good friends."

Hensley said he's looking forward to spending time with his grandkids and his wife, Melanie, who retired about five years ago.

"People ask me what I think my biggest achievements have been, and I'd have to say it's the relationships I've made," Hensley said. "I've been fortunate to be able to help bank customers and have many of them become friends."

So, what's Hensley going to do on Monday, Jan. 4?

"I'm going to wake up and walk to my closet like I've got to get dressed to go to work, and then something will click and I'll say, 'No, not today,' and then I'll do whatever my wife will let me do," he said with a laugh.

"My mother is 94 ... and I want to spend time with her, and I'll just keep focusing on moving forward. I think I'll donate my ties," he said, "but I'll keep one suit — for weddings and funerals."

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# THEFT

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according to court documents.

The victim's daughter, Robin Savino, told Howard the jewelry was never recovered, including a ring belonging to her deceased father, and investigators think that the jewelry had been melted down to recover the precious metals.

Savino told Howard she thought Houle was using her drug addiction as an excuse to steal. She also pointed out that Houle was calculating when it came to deciding whom she would steal from.

"Shanna made choices," she said, citing that her victim was an immobile and elderly woman.

As for reforming, "I don't believe she has really learned anything," the daughter said.

According to court records, Houle stole the

jewelry last year, and twice in June 2019 went to a pawnshop, telling the business the jewelry belonged to her, and selling it.

Savino cited Houle's extensive criminal conviction record for theft and other crimes and it shows that Houle continues her criminal behavior because there were never any consequences.

State prosecutors told Howard that Houle had 11 prior criminal convictions, four of which were felonies involving theft.

"I don't think restitution will help," Savino told Howard. "What she hasn't had before is prison."

Houle told Howard she has three children, ages 17, 12, and an 8-year-old daughter she is giving up for adoption.

Howard sentenced her to seven years for dealing in stolen property and five years each for two counts of falsification of ownership to a pawn broker. The sentences will run concurrently.

## Around the COUNTY

### Input sought for 2021 Legislative Session

The Citrus County Legislative Delegation is modifying the process for receiving public input for the 2021 Legislative Session.

As millions of Floridians have made adjustments to normal events and

activities, we too are making changes in response to the challenges that COVID-19 has presented. All testimony, concerns, legislative input and budget requests will be received by delegation members via email.

Write to [adele.hembree@myflorida.house.gov](mailto:adele.hembree@myflorida.house.gov) and [harrison.patty@flsenate.gov](mailto:harrison.patty@flsenate.gov) by Monday, Dec. 21. Additionally,

members of the community may fill out budget request forms for the House of Representatives (<https://tinyurl.com/y3bh3qpb>) and the Senate (<https://tinyurl.com/yxca9map>).

Keep in mind, the financial outlook for the state has been negatively impacted due to the pandemic.

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# Congress passes bill to avert shutdown

*Fight continues over pandemic aid*

ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress swiftly passed a two-day stopgap spending bill Friday night, averting a partial government shutdown and buying time for frustratingly slow endgame negotiations on an almost \$1 trillion COVID-19 economic relief package.

The virus aid talks remain on track, both sides said, but closing out final disagreements is proving difficult.

The House passed the temporary funding bill by a 320-60 vote as lawmakers headed for a Sunday session. The Senate approved the bill by voice vote almost immediately afterward, sending it to President Donald Trump.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said both

sides remain intent on closing the deal, even as Democrats launched a concerted campaign to block an effort by Republicans to rein in emergency Federal Reserve lending powers. The Democrats said the GOP proposal would deprive President-elect Joe Biden of crucial tools to manage the economy.

It appeared unlikely that there would be a deal reached Friday night, lawmakers and aides said.

Democrats came out swinging at a key obstacle: a provision by conservative Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., that would close down more than \$400 billion in potential Federal Reserve lending powers established under a relief bill in March. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is shutting down the programs at the end of December, but Toomey's language



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., removes his face mask as he arrives with Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., left, and John Thune, R-S.D., right, for a news conference with other Senate Republicans on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday.

goes further, by barring the Fed from restarting the lending next year, and Democrats say the provision would tie Biden's hands and put the economy at risk.

The key Fed programs at issue provided loans to small and mid-sized businesses and bought state and local government bonds, making it easier for those

provide funds to backstop those programs without congressional approval and could ease the lending requirements. That could encourage more lending under the programs, which have seen only limited use so far.

The battle obscured progress on other elements of the hoped-for agreement. After being bogged down for much of Thursday, negotiators turned more optimistic, though the complexity of finalizing the remaining issues and drafting agreements in precise legislative form was proving daunting.

The central elements appeared in place: more than \$300 billion in aid to businesses; a \$300-per-week bonus federal jobless benefit and renewal of soon-to-expire state benefits; \$600 direct payments to individuals; vaccine distribution funds and money for renters, schools, the Postal Service and people needing food aid.

## VACCINE

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protective although Moderna's is easier to handle since it doesn't need to be stored at ultra-frozen temperatures.

A second vaccine represents a ray of hope amid despair as the virus continues to spread unabated even before holiday gatherings that are certain to further fuel the outbreak.

The scourge has claimed more than 312,000 U.S. lives and killed 1.7 million people worldwide. New cases in the U.S. are running at over 216,000 per day on average. Deaths per day have hit all-time highs, eclipsing 3,600 on Wednesday.

Moderna expects to

have between 100 million and 125 million doses available globally in the first three months of 2021, with 85-100 million of those available in the U.S.

Even with additional candidates in the pipeline, there won't be enough for the general population until spring, and shots will be rationed in the meantime. And while health workers are enthusiastically embracing vaccination, authorities worry the public may need more reassurance to ensure more people get in line when it's their turn.

Moderna has about 5.9 million doses ready for shipment set to begin over the weekend, according to Operation Warp Speed, the government's vaccine development program.

Injectors of health workers and nursing home residents continue next week, before other essential workers and vulnerable groups are allowed to get in line.

Both Moderna's and Pfizer-BioNTech's shots are so-called mRNA vaccines, made with a groundbreaking new technology. They don't contain any coronavirus — meaning they cannot cause infection. Instead, they use a piece of genetic code that trains the immune system to recognize the spike protein on the surface of the virus, ready to attack if the real thing comes along.

The FDA's main messages:

- Both the new Moderna vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech shot require

- two doses several weeks apart. The second dose must be from the same company as the first.
- In a study of 30,000 volunteers, the Moderna vaccine was more than 94% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 in people 18 and older. It also strongly protected older adults, who are most vulnerable.
- The inoculated can't throw away their masks as it's not yet clear either vaccine prevents silent, symptomless virus spread. But there was a hint that Moderna's shot might provide some protection against asymptomatic infection.
- The Moderna study uncovered no major safety problems. Like with the Pfizer-BioNTech shot, expect sore arms, fever,

fatigue and muscle aches, which are signs the immune system is revving up.

- Both vaccines carry "a remote chance" of causing a severe allergic reaction. Moderna's study turned up none of these, though a handful were reported in Britain and Alaska as the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccinations got underway. The vaccines' ingredients aren't identical. Still, after any COVID-19 vaccination, people should stick around for 15 minutes — or 30 minutes if they have a history of severe allergies — so if they do have a reaction, it can be treated immediately.
- Both vaccines remain experimental, and the government is closely monitoring safety in case rare problems crop up.



A nurse prepares a syringe during a study of a COVID-19 vaccine, developed by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc.

- Additional studies are needed to tell if the vaccine should be used by pregnant women and children. Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding should discuss whether to get the vaccine with their doctor.

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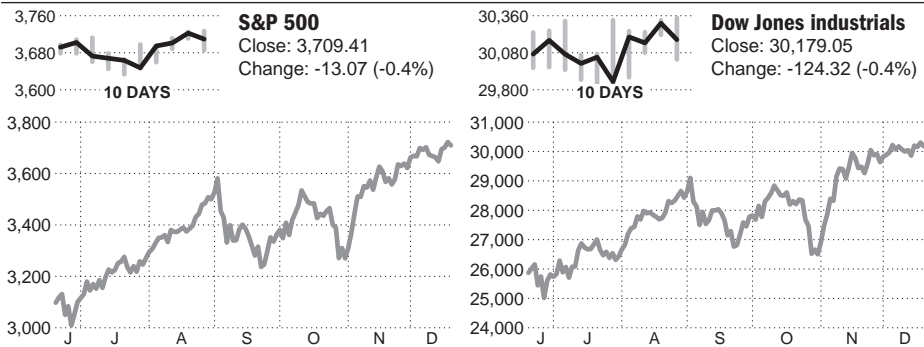
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## StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD		HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	6,508	6,375	DOW	30,343.59	30,029.44	30,179.05	-124.32	-0.41%	+5.75%
Pvs. Volume	3,733	4,386	DOW Trans.	12,624.29	12,471.78	12,566.07	-73.11	-0.58%	+15.27%
Advanced	1002	1421	DOW Util.	870.24	853.89	857.26	-9.52	-1.10%	-2.49%
Declined	1523	1818	NYSE Comp.	14,529.88	14,394.35	14,467.82	-48.91	-0.34%	+3.99%
New Highs	212	385	NASDAQ	12,809.60	12,654.61	12,755.64	-9.11	-0.07%	+42.16%
New Lows	3	10	S&P 500	3,726.70	3,685.84	3,709.41	-13.07	-0.35%	+14.81%
			S&P 400	2,309.73	2,277.40	2,287.26	-10.65	-0.46%	+10.87%
			Wilshire 5000	39,292.13	38,862.78	39,130.65	-89.93	-0.23%	+18.99%
			Russell 2000	1,992.72	1,965.67	1,969.99	-8.06	-0.41%	+18.07%

## 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	—	39.55	29.40	-22	-0.7	▼	▲	▲	▲	-24.8	-16.1	15	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	54.82	—	121.69	118.10	+47	+0.4	▼	▲	▲	▲	+18.4	+18.4	49	0.72
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	32.58	—	83.54	71.50	+05	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	-12.8	-11.6	18	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	17.95	—	35.72	28.67	-16	-0.6	▲	▲	▲	▲	-18.6	-15.2	10	0.72
Capital City Bank	CCBG	15.61	—	30.95	24.25	-177	-6.8	▼	▲	▲	▲	-20.5	-12.4	2	0.60f
Citigroup	C	32.00	—	83.11	59.06	-99	-1.6	▲	▲	▲	▲	-26.1	-19.7	8	2.04
Disney	DIS	79.07	—	179.45	172.89	-66	-0.4	▼	▲	▲	▲	+19.5	+16.6	23	1.76
Duke Energy	DUK	62.13	—	103.79	90.32	-120	-1.3	▼	▼	▲	▲	-10	+4.4	22	3.86f
EPR Properties	EPR	12.56	—	73.59	32.17	-117	-3.5	▼	▼	▲	▲	-54.5	-48.1	10	4.32
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	24.38	—	30.97	26.40	-06	-0.2	▲	▼	▼	▼	-8.9	-5.0	27	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	30.11	—	71.37	42.73	-75	-1.7	▼	▲	▲	▲	-38.8	-32.6	10	3.48
Ford Motor	F	3.96	—	9.58	8.95	-13	-1.4	▼	▲	▲	▲	-3.8	-2.1	7	...
Gen Electric	GE	5.48	—	13.26	10.81	-06	-0.6	▼	▲	▲	▲	-3.1	-1.8	dd	0.04
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	58.38	—	165.74	164.34	-41	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	+11.2	+12.8	25	1.72f
Home Depot	HD	140.63	—	292.95	270.45	-352	-1.3	▲	▲	▼	▼	+23.8	+27.9	27	6.00
Intel Corp	INTC	43.61	—	69.29	47.46	-319	-6.3	▼	▲	▼	▼	-20.7	-9.1	16	1.32
IBM	IBM	90.56	—	158.75	125.85	+30	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	-6.1	-1.5	13	6.52
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	13.31	—	38.38	36.15	-97	-2.6	▼	▲	▲	▲	+1.3	+3.3	21	...
Lumen Cos	LOW	60.00	—	180.67	163.20	-34	-0.2	▲	▲	▼	▼	+36.3	+37.8	36	2.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	8.16	—	15.30	10.16	-09	-0.9	▼	▲	▲	▲	-23.1	-16.4	4	1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	124.23	—	231.91	215.08	+83	+0.4	▲	▲	▼	▼	+8.8	+10.6	33	5.16f
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	132.52	—	232.86	218.59	-83	-0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	+38.6	+42.3	43	2.24f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	120.77	—	187.49	170.26	+61	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	+5.7	+5.1	32	2.84f
NextEra Energy	NEE	43.70	—	83.34	74.51	-55	-0.7	▲	▼	▼	▼	+25.0	+26.7	5	1.40
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	11.26	—	24.78	15.91	-82	-4.9	▼	▼	▼	▼	-28.5	-18.9	7	0.84
Regions Fnd	RF	6.94	—	17.54	15.26	-30	-1.9	▼	▲	▲	▲	-11.1	-5.9	11	0.62
Smucker, JM	SJM	91.88	—	125.62	115.88	+56	+0.5	▲	▼	▲	▲	+11.3	+14.4	15	3.60f
Texas Instru	TXN	93.09	—	167.24	164.07	+138	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	▲	+27.9	+30.5	29	3.60
UniFirst Corp	UNF	121.89	—	217.90	209.10	-51	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.5	-0.8	24	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	48.84	—	62.22	60.46	+45	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	-1.5	+1.9	14	2.52f
Vodafone Group	VOD	11.46	—	20.53	17.15	+03	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	-11.3	-8.1	0.97e	
WalMart Strs	WMT	102.00	—	153.66	145.95	-15	-0.1	▼	▼	▲	▲	+22.8	+22.4	84	2.16f
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	33.36	—	59.78	40.69	-19	-0.5	▼	▲	▲	▲	-31.0	-26.8	7	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-distribution date. PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

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TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.08	.09	-0.01	1.57
6-month T-bill	.09	.08	+0.01	1.56
52-wk T-bill	.09	.09	...	1.51
2-year T-note	.13	.13	...	1.60
5-year T-note	.39	.37	+0.02	1.71
7-year T-note	.67	.64	+0.03	1.83
10-year T-note	.93	.91	+0.02	1.91
30-year T-bond	1.70	1.67	+0.03	2.34

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	4.02 ▼	4.04	4.04	4.19
Money market account	0.20 ▬	0.20	0.20	0.28
1 year CD	0.40 ▼	0.41	0.41	0.51
\$30K Home equity loan	4.76 ▼	5.26	4.97	5.43
30 year fixed mortgage	2.86 ▼	2.92	2.95	3.40
15 year fixed mortgage	2.37 ▼	2.50	2.46	2.86

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	49.10	48.36	+1.53	-19.6
Ethanol (gal)	1.32	1.32	...	-4.0
Heating Oil (gal)	1.51	1.50	+1.19	-25.3
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.70	2.64	+2.43	+23.3
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.40	1.39	+0.54	-17.4
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1885.70	1887.20	-0.08	+24.1
Silver (oz)	25.95	26.10	-0.58	+45.6
Platinum (oz)	1043.10	1050.10	-0.67	+7.4
Copper (lb)	3.63	3.60	+0.88	+29.9
Palladium (oz)	2360.90	2338.00	+0.98	+23.7
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.10	1.09	+1.02	-11.4
Coffee (lb)	1.24	1.25	-1.08	-4.6
Corn (bu)	4.38	4.33	+1.16	+12.8
Cotton (lb)	0.77	0.77	-0.04	+11.8
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	850.30	840.10	+1.21	+109.6
Orange Juice (lb)	1.17	1.16	+1.34	+20.6
Soybeans (bu)	12.20	12.01	+1.56	+29.4
Wheat (bu)	6.08	6.09	-0.08	+8.9

## Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	29.96	-05	+10.0	+10.9	+8.4	+10.1
	CptWldGrlnCA m	58.73	-18	+14.1	+15.2	+8.8	+11.6
	CptlncBldrA x	62.63	-81	+2.4	+3.2	+3.9	+6.7
	FdmtilnvsA x	68.69	-62	+13.6	+14.8	+10.6	+13.9
	GrAmrcA x	67.15	-261	+37.0	+38.4	+19.5	+18.9
	IncAmrcA m	23.42	-04	+4.4	+5.1	+5.7	+8.4
	InvCAmrcA m	43.99	-09	+13.4	+14.7	+9.7	+13.1
	NwPrspctvA m	59.82	+15	+31.9	+33.4	+17.4	+16.6
	WAMtilnvsA x	49.55	-107	+6.3	+7.5	+9.0	+12.5
	Stk x	14.60	-38	+9.1	+9.3	+6.1	+5.6
Dodge & Cox	Stk x	189.81	-10.62	+10.2	+11.6	+8.6	+13.4
	Stk x	189.81	-10.62	+10.2	+11.6	+8.6	+13.4
Fidelity	500ldxlnsPrm	128.50	-44	+16.9	+18.4	+13.5	+15.4
	Contrafund	16.66	-01	+31.7	+33.5	+18.4	+18.3
Schwab	TlMktldxlnsPrm	106.68	-25	+19.6	+21.1	+13.9	+15.6
	USBldxlnsPrm	12.42	...	+7.5	+7.6	+5.3	+4.3
T. Rowe Price	SP500ldx x	56.68	-124	+16.9	+18.4	+13.4	+15.3
	BCGr	165.02	-29	+34.3	+36.0	+20.7	+20.1
Vanguard	500ldxAdmrl	343.50	-118	+16.8	+18.3	+13.4	+15.3
	DivGrlnv	33.69	-03	+11.2	+12.6	+13.3	+13.7
Vanguard	GrldxAdmrl	129.60	+01	+39.0	+41.4	+22.2	+20.6
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.86	...	+5.1	+5.2	+4.5	+3.6
Vanguard	IntlGrAdmrl	159.50	+47	+59.0	+60.5	+22.4	+21.9
	MdCpldxAdmrl	257.49	-42	+18.2	+19.8	+12.0	+13.8
Vanguard	PmCpAdmrl	168.38	-54	+16.8	+18.0	+13.3	+16.4
	STlnvmGrdAdmrl	11.02	...	+5.1	+5.3	+3.9	+3.3
Vanguard	TrgtRtr2025lnv	22.32	-04	+12.5	+13.2	+8.5	+10.0
	TrgtRtr2030lnv	41.28	-08	+13.3	+14.1	+8.9	+10.6
Vanguard	TlBMldxAdmrl	11.61	...	+7.4	+7.6	+5.3	+4.3
	TlBMldxAdmrl	23.42	+01	+4.4	+4.3	+4.9	+4.4
Vanguard	TltnSlldxAdmrl x	32.11	-44	+10.1	+10.9	+5.1	+9.2
	TltnSlldxlnv x	19.20	-26	+10.0	+10.9	+5.0	+9.1
Vanguard	TltnSlldxAdmrl	94.21	-21	+19.8	+21.3	+13.9	+15.6
	TltnSlldxlnv	94.16	-22	+19.7	+21.2	+13.8	+15.5
Vanguard	WlghtnAdmrl	80.54	-16	+9.6	+10.4	+9.1	+10.9
	WlghtnAdmrl	69.79	-07	+7.8	+8.5	+7.0	+8.0

\* - 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

# Winnebago wins

Winnebago shares jumped as Americans weary of being cooped up by coronavirus invested in recreational vehicles and hit the open road. Iowa-based Winnebago reported fourth-quarter earnings that beat expectations on strong sales of their towable travel trailers and recently-acquired Newmar brand of luxury motorhomes. Revenue for towables was up 35% over the prior year period and revenue for the motorhome segment was up more than



50%, driven by last year's addition of Newmar, Winnebago said. The company logged earnings of \$1.69 per share, easily topping analysts' expectations of \$1.01 per share. "We added motorized scale through the acquisition of Newmar and continued to grow our RV market share throughout the year by leveraging strong dealer relationships, exciting new products and record consumer interest," said CEO Michael Happe. Winnebago rose 5.3% to close at \$62.67 on Friday.

Winnebago (WGO)	Friday's close: \$62.67, +3.13	Total return	1-yr	3-yr*	5-yr*
52-WEEK RANGE	\$17 - \$72	WGO	29.8%	4.7	28.6
AP	Price-earnings ratio: 34 (Based on past 12-month results)	Div. yield: 0.8%	Dividend: \$0.48		
		*annualized		Source: FactSet	

# Stocks slide from records

STAN CHOE AND ALEX VEIGA  
Associated Press

Wall Street capped a solid week of gains on a down note Friday as the wait drags on to see if Congress can reach a deal to send more cash to struggling workers and businesses. The S&P 500 fell 0.4%, a day after it and other major indexes returned to record heights. The decline snapped a three-day winning streak for the benchmark index, but it still notched a 1.3% weekly gain that more than made up its prior week's loss. Hope that Congress may be nearing a deal to offer more financial support for the economy has helped stocks set more record highs. The S&P clocked its 31st all-time high this year on Thursday. Enthusiasm about vaccines for COVID-19, which investors hope

will get the economy back on the road to normalcy next year, has also fueled traders' optimism. Friday's



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### PROPOSED BEACH

# Inverness beach study has merit

In Florida, beaches are a well-proven draw for families and tourists seeking to enjoy fun in the sun.

Inverness city officials haven't lost sight of it, and the city council's recent approval to review the possibility of a beach at one of its two parks in the Depot District makes sense.

Not only would the almost \$29,000 study pave way for a new beach/swimming area in Inverness, it would help craft a watercraft management plan to protect the shoreline and how to best use the shoreline for watercraft.

City Manager Eric Williams said you learn something over one year and that with hindsight 20/20, a beach should have been considered in the original design for the overhaul of the parks.

This is a very smart and proactive move by the Inverness City Council. The \$28,910 approved for a study to maximize the best use of the shoreline while protecting it from erosion and to develop a watercraft management plan to afford optimum use will be money well spent.

Also, the council should be applauded for hiring a local environmental consultant who knows the parks and for keeping the expenditure local.

A beach makes sense. We had Ski Beach for many years on State Road 44 and people loved it.

The property is already being used in a semi-beach manner. Revamping it to best benefit the citizens and the

natural environment is smart. Inverness officials identified a need and is working so the people of Inverness can best

utilize the park property.

Now there might be the nay-sayers scoffing at the idea, because of the presence of alligators. Here's one undeniable fact: Alligators are in every lake in Florida. The

risk of an alligator attack is low.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conversation Commission, most alligators are naturally afraid of humans but may lose that fear when people feed them. Feeding alligators teaches them to associate people with food. For that reason, it is illegal to feed wild alligators. Alligators seldom bite people for reasons other than food. Female alligators may protect their nests by hissing and opening their mouths to frighten intruders but rarely bite people.

That's where common sense comes into play. Those familiar with Florida, water and alligators know the species are most active between dusk and dawn, the FWC says. Parents should closely supervise children when they are playing in or around water, and never swim outside of posted swimming areas.

Inverness is a "small town done right," so we can be assured this will be done correctly, with citizens safety in mind.

It's Florida, you have a lake, you need a beach.

Let's make it safe and user friendly.

#### THE ISSUE:

Inverness OKs beach study.

#### OUR OPINION:

Study makes sense, has valid merits.

### Most get the sign's meaning

Chronicle letters to the editor often praise a long-lived sign in Hernando that reads, "Hell in Eternity is a Long Time."

On the one hand, the sentence contains two fanciful words; on the other hand, most who read it gets its meaning.

**James McIntosh**  
*Lecanto*

### Return elections to state Legislatures

In regards to the failed 2020 election.

I favor eliminating presidential elections and returning to let the state Legislatures decide. That would bring the office closer to the people and make local elections much more effective in determining our course. Far from globalism. The further the better.

According to our Constitution, the manner of appointing presidential electors is set by state legislators under Article 2. Currently all the states do so by popular election. This has culminated in the utter calamity we are all witnessing as I write this letter.

Global and corporate interests abound in the halls of our capital and Congress. Returning to the original manner of appointing electors might save the Republican form of government our founders left to us. Let the people fight it out in local elections for their state officials.

**Howard Cannon**  
*Inverness*

### Holding up the relief package

Mitch McConnell and Republicans are holding up much the needed relief package. Millions of Americans and businesses are suffering because senate leader McConnell insists corporations be protected against any liability to their employees. It would pass if Republicans were not the Senate majority. Over 400 bills from the House are sitting on the Republican senator's desk that help Americans, that he won't even take up.

I believe Republicans have done nothing since elected, just obstructed all through the pandemic. People's lives don't matter to them. They don't want to fund states who are hurting, and want to pick winners and losers. Mr. Webster isn't doing anything but going along with Mitch McConnell's reason: protect big corporations at the expense of millions of employees. This is disgusting. If it wasn't for Nancy Pelosi and Democrats, the Heroes Act would not have passed. Many Republicans were even against that. Republicans are also against another round of stimulus checks that would help people who have lost their jobs and are in dire need to pay their rent and feed their families. It seems big corporations are more important to Republicans than small businesses and struggling Americans.

**Jack Burt**  
*Inverness*

► *"It always seems impossible until it's done."*

**Nelson Mandela**

### LETTERS



### to the Editor

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job alone, to bring him down.

You made my day recognizing just some of the major accomplishments the man did make in spite of them all.

**Carol Clouthier**  
*Inverness*

### History will not be kind to Trump

Donald Trump had a unique opportunity to redeem his failed presidency last January when he was warned by a senior health official that the coronavirus would be his biggest challenge. All he had to do was be honest with the American people and take the warning seriously.

Instead, like so many other lost opportunities, he squandered it. He lied to us, claiming it was like the flu and would disappear by Easter. The Easter bunny came virtually as cities, notably New York, locked down and utilized morgue trailer trucks outside overburdened hospitals to handle the dead. Trump ridiculed masks, vowed to not wear one and held massive super spreader pep rallies to promote his doomed reelection bid. Millions followed his lead, resulting in nearly 300,000 dead Americans.

Fast forward seven months, and the man who paid hush money to a porn star, bragged about getting away with grabbing women by their privates and was impeached for an extortion phone call to a foreign president, was finally held accountable by American voters. The billionaire who paid fewer taxes than any American worker, lost his job in a legitimate landslide election to

Joe Biden, the same person he tried to discredit in his "perfect" phone call.

To borrow one of Trump's phrases, he lost bigly. The Electoral College vote margin was decisive, with Biden gaining 92 more than Trump, exceeding Trump's 76 vote margin over Hillary Clinton in 2016. The popular vote was also decisive, with Biden receiving over six million more votes, besting Trump by 4%.

Predictably, Trump called foul. No proof has emerged, but Trump and lawyer Rudy Giuliani, claim massive voter fraud attempting to nullify millions of mail-in ballots by virus-concerned citizens. His effort to sabotage the postal service failed, so he and Rudy filed dozens of baseless lawsuits, which have been considered about as valid as the President's suggestion to inject disinfectant.

History will not be kind to Donald Trump. He vilified a true patriot, Sen. John McCain, both in life and death. A Navy fighter pilot who spent five years in a Vietnamese prison after being shot down, McCain served his country honorably while Trump received draft deferments for bone spurs in his feet.

If the republic survives the antics of its worst president, historians and scholars will wonder how America got so far off the track.

**Kevin Mulligan**  
*Crystal River*

### Keep pets inside on cold nights

This call is in regards to the animals being left outside on these cold winter nights. Please, I drive around and look for people who do this. I will call Animal Control if I see your dog outside, not being inside like they're supposed to be during this cold weather. It's brutally cold these last few nights. Please bring your pets in or don't



own one. It's just that simple.

### Non-maskers and businesses

The non-maskers are screaming, "Go home and stay home," to everyone who thinks wearing a mask is important. I sincerely hope all the businesses perceived not to mask — who are pretending that it's 2019 — have enough of the non-maskers to stay in business.

#### United Way needs your help

■ The United Way of Citrus County needs your help this Christmas season. The Chronicle is asking that residents consider contributing \$36 (or whatever you can afford) to the annual campaign. Checks can be sent to: Gerry Mulligan, Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. They can also be dropped off at the Chronicle office in Inverness or Crystal River. Thanks for being part of the solution to our community's problems.

Gerry Mulligan, publisher



## Calif. foresees crisis

*State models predict overload of virus cases*

**BRIAN MELLEY**  
*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — When Gov. Gavin Newsom provided a dire view of California's out-of-control surge of coronavirus cases and hospitalizations this week, he referred to projection models of future death and misery that he said were becoming "alarmingly" more accurate.

If true, then over the next four weeks the state's hospitals could be overflowing with 75,000 patients — about five times the current level — and an average of 400 people will die every day.

Hospitals were on the brink of being overrun with nearly 15,000 coronavirus patients when Newsom made the announcement Tuesday. The hospitalization projection is based on cases continuing to increase at the current rate of infection without people taking additional precautions to prevent spreading the virus.

At that trajectory, it doesn't take long before the state is in a very bad place, said Marm Kilpatrick, an infectious disease expert at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

"One thing that's worrisome is that for quite a while in California we've had exponential growth in hospitalizations and cases, despite recent restrictions," Kilpatrick said. "That's kind of terrifying."

The models posted online by the California Department of Public Health largely show one key indicator — the



**Registered nurse Lana Louie poses with a cutout of Dr. Anthony Fauci at St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital in Santa Rosa, Calif., Friday, Dec. 18. Louie was one of several people inoculating front line workers with the COVID-19 vaccine.**

KENT PORTER/The Press Democrat

transmission rate — improving in recent days. But that number still remains at a point where each person with the virus infects more than one other person, leading to out-of-control spread.

The state uses multiple models to try to predict hospitalizations. When they are combined into an "ensemble" projection, the total is less dire but still shockingly high by mid-January: more than 33,000. That would still create an overwhelming load for hospitals.

The model for the increase in deaths does not include an estimate based on the current rate of infection. But an average of dozens of different models shows deaths increasing by about 25% from the current figure to nearly 27,000 by Jan. 9.

Other models on the graph predict a range of deaths as low as 22,000, which the state surpassed Friday, to a high

of 43,000 in about three weeks.

The nation's most populous state, which for months maintained a very low per capita number of infections while other states were slammed, is coping with its own crisis as it records daily record numbers of cases and deaths.

On Thursday, a record 379 deaths were recorded. There were more than 1,000 deaths in the past five days and more than 100,000 newly confirmed cases over just two days this week.

Most of the models posted on the state's website show the situation getting worse before an improvement as repercussions of Thanksgiving gatherings and travel are borne by hospitals that have already begun to run out of beds.

"Our modeling is becoming more and more accurate, alarmingly so," Newsom said Tuesday when he also announced 5,000 additional body

bags have been ordered and more than 50 refrigerated trucks are ready to serve as temporary morgues.

Early on in the pandemic, some modeling indicated that if no public health safety measures were put into place the outcome would be dire.

In March, Newsom said the state of nearly 40 million was on pace to record 25 million cases of COVID-19 within two months. Nine months later, after a series of stricter and more lenient restrictions, the state has had more than 1.7 million cases, the highest in the nation but a fraction of the earlier prediction.

The wide variation in some models is due to using different mathematical formulas and data, including mobility patterns from cell phones and demographic data such as population density, as well as weighting some data more heavily.

## Report: Protests overwhelmed NYPD

**MICHAEL R. SISAK**  
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The New York Police Department was caught off guard by the size of the spring protests after the killing of George Floyd and resorted to aggressive disorder control methods that stoked tensions and stifled free speech, the city's inspector general said in a report released Friday.

The Department of Investigation report followed a six-month probe that focused on the NYPD's institutional planning and response to the May and June protests after Floyd's killing by police in Minneapolis, rather than on the actions of individual officers.

It criticized tactics that included trapping demonstrators with a technique called kettling, making mass arrests, using pepper spray and batons, and detaining protesters for hours. Too few officers were deployed early in the demonstrations, the report said.

The report also found that Mayor Bill de Blasio's decision to impose a nightly curfew after two days of looting exacerbated conflicts between demonstrators and police officers, who were given mixed messages on how it was to be enforced.

De Blasio's executive order said the curfew applied to everyone, with exceptions for essential workers. In subsequent

### Changes aim to remedy segregation in NYC schools

NEW YORK — New York City is changing its admission system for hundreds of middle and high schools, officials said Friday in announcing one of the most significant steps the nation's largest school system has taken in years to address racial segregation.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said the city is suspending academic merit-based screening for its selective middle schools for at least a year, partly because the coronavirus pandemic has scrambled test, attendance and grading data that the schools have used to grant admission to top-performing elementary school kids.

It wouldn't be fair for schools to rely on two-year-old data about children so young, Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza said. Instead, a lottery would be used when schools have more applicants than available seats.

Carranza called the changes "a common-sense approach" to tackling two issues:

public statements, he said the curfew wouldn't apply to "peaceful protesters."

The Department of Investigation recommended the NYPD create a unit to lead protest planning and response, adopt policies and training that reinforce respect for First Amendment rights, and improve messaging during demonstrations, such as repeating dispersal orders and staging officers in riot gear out of the view of protesters.

It also recommended that the department no longer use for protests a rapid-response unit that deals in terrorism and other emergencies.

"The problems went beyond poor judgment or misconduct by some individual officers," Department of Investigation Commissioner Margaret Garnett said at a news conference. "Our investigation found that the NYPD as an institution made a number of key errors or omissions that likely escalated tensions and the potential for violence and certainly contributed to the public perception that the department was suppressing rather than facilitating lawful first amendment assembly and expression."

Police Commissioner Dermot Shea, who told

the challenges arising from the pandemic and longstanding patterns of racial concentration that leave many schools less diverse than the student population as a whole.

"These changes will help ensure that our classrooms reflect the great diversity that is New York City, and it's also a true representation of the values that we hold dear as a city — that equity, inclusivity and excellence for all children is at the cornerstone of what we do," he said at a virtual news conference with de Blasio.

New York City's school system has more than 1.1 million students. About 41% are Hispanic, 26% Black, 16% Asian and 15% white. Despite various administrations' professions of commitment to diversity and changes over the years to the system for assigning students to schools, many coveted schools fill up with white, wealthier students.

"It's time to start using every tool at our disposal to address inequality," said de Blasio, a Democrat. "The status quo in New York City public schools cannot continue."

— From wire reports

investigators he objected to the curfew, said in a statement that he intends to incorporate all 20 of the report's recommendations into the department's policies. And de Blasio, in a video response, said the report "makes very clear, we've got to do something different and we got to do something better."

The springtime protests in New York City often featured peaceful daytime rallies and marches that devolved into chaos after dark, as they did in some other cities. Some demonstrators firebombed police cars, vandalized buildings and attacked officers with thrown objects.

### Nation & World BRIEFS

#### Romania



Associated Press

**A man wearing a mask for protection against the COVID-19 infection rides a scooter by a large Santa Claus Christmas decoration in Bucharest, Romania, Friday, Dec. 18.**

#### Pence, wife, surgeon general get vaccines

WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence became the highest ranking U.S. official to receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on Friday in a live-television event aimed at reassuring Americans the shot is safe. He celebrated the milestone as "a medical miracle" that could eventually contain the raging pandemic.

Conspicuously missing from the victory lap: President Donald Trump, who has remained largely out of sight five days into the largest vaccination campaign in the nation's history.

Pence, meanwhile, has taken an increasingly visible role in highlighting the safety and efficacy of the shots, including touring a vaccine production facility this week. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi also received a COVID-19 vaccine Friday, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said he will get vaccinated in the next few days. President-elect Joe Biden and his wife will be getting the vaccine on Monday, while Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and her husband are set to receive it the week after next.

#### US Space Force members get name: 'guardians'

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration celebrated the first birthday of the U.S. Space Force on Friday by announcing that its members will be known as "guardians."

Vice President Mike Pence made the announcement at a celebratory event tracing the development of the newest branch of the military over the past year.

"It is my honor, on behalf of the president of the United States, to announce that henceforth the men and women of the United States Space Force will be known as guardians," Pence said. "Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and guardians will be defending our nation for generations to come."

President-elect Joe Biden has yet to reveal his plans for the Space Force in the next administration.

#### Motorist rescued after 10 hours in car buried in snow

NEW YORK — A man who drove off the road in this week's snowstorm spent 10 hours trapped in his car after a passing plow and rapidly accumulating snow buried it, finally managing to get a 911 call through and being rescued in the nick of time by a New York state trooper.

Kevin Kresen, 58, of Candor, drove off the road in the town of Owego and became "plowed in by a truck," state police said.

"If he was in there for another hour his body temperature would have gone lower, and I'm convinced he wouldn't have made it," State Police Sgt. Jason Cawley,

who rescued the man, said in an interview.

Kresen drove into a ditch around midnight and called 911 through the wee hours of Thursday but had trouble connecting. The vehicle became completely disabled, authorities said, leaving Kresen without heat.

"He finally got through a few times and was geo-located, but not very well because of the spottiness of the reception," Cawley said.

#### France's Macron blames COVID-19 on negligence, luck

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday blamed his COVID-19 on a combination of negligence and bad luck, urging his compatriots to stay safe as critics called out slip-ups in his behavior to prevent infection, from a close-quarters handshake to repeated big-group meals over the past week.

In what looked like a self-shot video from the presidential retreat in Versailles where he was isolating, Macron said he was experiencing symptoms that included headaches, fatigue and a dry cough. He promised to give daily updates and be "totally transparent" about the evolution of his illness.

In France, Macron's diagnosis brought criticism that he had set a bad example as the country sees a new uptick in cases and doctors warn families to take precautions this holiday season — especially at the dinner table.

Macron usually wears a mask and adheres to social distancing rules, and has insisted that his virus strategy is driven by science. But he has been captured on camera in recent days violating France's virus-control guidelines.

#### Freed Nigerian schoolboys welcomed home

KATSINA, Nigeria — Bleary, barefoot, apparently numbed by a week of captivity, more than 300 Nigerian schoolboys, freed after being kidnapped in an attack on their school, were welcomed by the governor of Katsina state and Nigeria's president on Friday.

Reunions with their parents began late in the day.

"Since this incident happened I have not been able to sleep, but now I can sleep," said Salisu Kankara, a parent of one of the schoolboys who was released.

The relatively quick release of the more than 330 boys took place after a prompt response by the government, which appears to have learned from earlier mass school abductions, especially of the Chibok schoolgirls, that did not have such a happy result.

Nigeria's Boko Haram jihadist rebels claimed responsibility for the abduction, saying they attacked the school because they believe Western education is un-Islamic.

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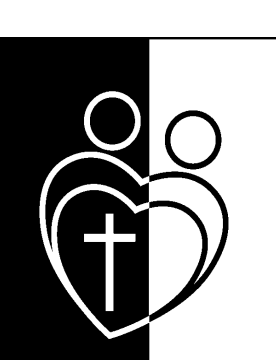
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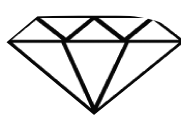
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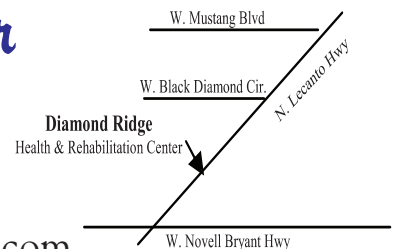
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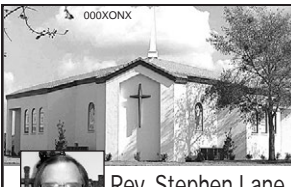
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## Forever our Immanuel

The late Paul Harvey used to tell the same story on Christmas Day. A family is going to church on a cold, snowy Christmas Eve, except not the dad. “I just don’t believe all that business about God becoming a human,” he tells them.

As the man sits down to read a book, he hears a series of loud thumps at the window in the next room — a tiny bird repeatedly crashing into it, apparently wanting to get inside the house. The man also notices a flock of the little birds huddled together in the yard on the frozen ground.

Filled with pity for them, the man goes out to his barn, opens the door and tries to get the birds to go inside.

But not even a trail of bread-crumbs will get them to leave their huddle.

He tries chasing them, scaring them, but they only fly around and refuse to enter the barn to get out of the storm.

In frustration, the man thinks, “I’ve got to do something or they’ll die! If only I could communicate with them — help them understand that I’m trying to help them, not hurt them.

“If only I could speak their language,” he thinks. “If only I could become a bird —.”

“At that precise moment,” Harvey would say, “the man heard the church bells chiming ‘O Come All Ye Faithful,’ proclaiming the Good News that God has become one of us, to be with us, and he bowed his head and sank to his knees in the snow.”

It’s a saccharine story and a bit hokey for 21st century people, but it’s based on one of the most profound truths: God became man to be with us, to experience life as we experience it, to be “tempted in every way, just as we are — yet he did not sin” (Hebrews 4:15), to speak our language.

Immanuel: “God with us.”

While we were still sinners, he came to be for us and among us and with us.

He came to us and willingly laid down his life for us, so that we could be his friends.

So we could know his comfort when our world crashes around us, feel his arms around us when we cry.

So we could mine the depths of his wisdom when we don’t know what to do, draw on his strength when we feel helpless and weak, like a little bird crashing into a window trying to get out of the cold.

He came so we could feel his hand holding ours as we walk in the darkness and hear his voice whispering his eternal promises that he will never leave us, never forsake us, never fail us, never stop loving his own.

God is with us — in our sickness, our pain and brokenness, with us in our fear, our sorrow and our joy, our suffering, our anger, in our bitterness and in our wandering.

God is with us in our poverty and plenty, our questioning and confusion, our rejoicing, our weeping, in our rest and in our sleeplessness, our feasting and our hunger, our living and our dying.

God makes his home with us. He laughs with us, travels with us, eats with us, sings with us — sings over us.

He goes with us to our work and to our leisure. He grocery shops with us, goes with us to the hairdresser, the hospital, the hospice.

God remains with us.

Because he loves us.

O come all ye faith (and even ye faithless).

Jesus is forever our Immanuel!

Nancy Kennedy is the author of “Move Over, Victoria — I Know the Real Secret,” “Girl on a Swing” and “Lipstick Grace.” She can be reached at 352-564-2927 or via email at [nkennedy@chronicleonline.com](mailto:nkennedy@chronicleonline.com).

## Christmas musical debuts at North Oak

Performances set Dec. 19, 20 in Citrus Springs

*Special to the Chronicle*

Experience the story of Christmas from the perspective of Jacob, one of the shepherds who first heard the announcement of Christ’s birth, from the angels long ago. Now a grandfather, he tells his granddaughter all about it in the musical drama presentation of “Jesus, Our Treasure.”

As he tells Miriam, his granddaughter, about how it all happened, she learns of the sacrifice that was made to bring Jesus to earth. She also learns how to treasure Him in her heart.

The North Oak Choir

will bring exciting songs, some familiar arrangements of carols and some new music intertwined with this amazing story in the music created by Mike Harland, arranged and orchestrated by Camp Kirkland accompanied by the script written by Lawrence Kimbrough.

There are two opportunities to see this wonderful musical at North Oak Church in Citrus Springs: 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is requested that masks be worn and that marked seating guidelines are followed for social distancing. Ushers will be

available to assist with seating.

North Oak Church is at the intersection of North Citrus Springs Boulevard and North Elcam Boulevard in Citrus Springs. More details can be found at [www.northoakbc.org](http://www.northoakbc.org).

**Jacob, played by Matt Widener, left, explains to his granddaughter, Miriam, played by Chloe Wilkes, right, about his experience when the angels proclaimed the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to a group of shepherds during the musical drama “Jesus, Our Treasure.”**

*Special to the Chronicle*



## Charity in cycles



*Special to the Chronicle*

From left, Jeanne Smail, volunteer, at the Citrus County Family Resource Center; center Director Ginger West, and Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship donation coordinator Pamela Ricker.

## NCCU gifts Family Resource Center for Christmas

*Special to the Chronicle*

For over 12 years, Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Citrus Springs has donated gifts to needy children at Christmas. This year, the fellowship rounded up three bicycles and a check for \$570 to give to the Citrus County Family Resource Center (FRC) in Hernando.

Jeanne Smail, a center volunteer for more than 15 years who assists

Director Ginger West, said the fellowship’s donation “will help finish off a family’s list. It makes it perfect.”

Smail said the center also can use bicycle locks, helmets, and especially, toiletries for teen boys and girls. If the toiletries aren’t in a boxed set, they should be placed in Ziplock-type bags to prevent spills. The center also still can use other donations. It can be reached at 352-344-1001.

Pamela Ricker, who has coordinated

donations for the fellowship for the last three years, and who served as a gift buyer before that, said the fellowship always has given over \$300.

“We want all children to enjoy Christmas,” she said. “There are many children who are homeless or who even live in the woods. We want to help them.”

The fellowship’s website is [ncuu.org](http://ncuu.org). To join a Sunday Zoom service, email [contactncuu@gmail.com](mailto:contactncuu@gmail.com).

## He will lead us through the darkness

Remember the reason why Christmas is celebrated: Christ

Jesus said He is the light of the world and before He left, He told His disciples they were the light of the world.

What is light? I know as a farmer without light the plants don’t grow. I know what it is like to stub my toe in the dark. I know as I get older, I like a lot of light in a room to see what I’m doing.

A lighthouse tells you where danger is if you are on the water. Light can be used to illuminate the mind when getting an idea or solving a problem. There are some

things which do not like the light. Some animals and bugs like the darkness for fear of being seen. I’m sure some criminals feel the same way.

In some cases, light can bring warmth. It is much warmer during the same day as the night. Some people are afraid of the dark and some because it hides or represents the unknown. Light can represent clarity.

There have been times in my life where I have been downright lost, in pain or emotionally miserable and I

don’t know what to do about it. I turned to this guy Jesus for answers because to me, He appeared to have answers about life no one I knew had. He also talked, not only about this life, but of the next one and a place called Heaven.

COVID has given our country a gut punch and turned many things we would call everyday, upside down. The light in this case has foretold there would be trials and tribulations, but to take heart, He has overcome the world. So, I don’t know about you and what you may be going through. We just had a nurse who is working in a hospital emergency room who is a graduate of the Path. She said

she “slept 30 hours in the past day from being so tired of the COVID patients checking into the hospital.”

I know there are people greatly suffering out there. This is why the Path has stayed open and did not close one day for COVID.

For me, I’m going to do the best I can to keep my eyes on the reason we celebrate Christmas. “The Christ.” I will have a little fun with my family and staff and be as generous as I possibly can, but there is only one light which can lead us out of our darkness.

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Career-high points for 18th-ranked San Diego State's Matt Mitchell, but it wasn't enough in a 72-62 loss Friday to BYU.



**Matt Mitchell**

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# Can Gators top Tide?

*No. 1 Alabama heavy favorite vs No. 11 Florida for SEC championship*

**PAUL NEWBERRY**  
AP sports writer

ATLANTA — Alabama's slump lasted all of one season.

After failing to reach either the Southeastern Conference championship game or the College Football Playoff a year ago — what qualifies as a subpar season in Tuscaloosa — the Crimson Tide is back on track to claim another national title.

Nick Saban's top-ranked team (10-0, No. 1 CFP) has successfully navigated — dominated, actually — an SEC-only gauntlet of a regular season brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Tide had won every game by at least 15 points. Its average margin of victory is a whopping 32.7 points.

Now, it's on to the league title game in Atlanta as a heavy favorite Saturday night against No. 11 Florida (8-2, No. 7 CFP), which likely ruined its hopes of reaching the four-team playoff with a shocking home loss last weekend to LSU.

"It's been a very disruptive year from the whole COVID standpoint," said Saban who was stricken with the virus himself and couldn't coach in an Iron Bowl victory over rival Auburn. "But our players have done a good job of handling that, shown a lot of maturity."

Saban has built what is very likely the most dominant dynasty in college football history over his 14 years at Alabama.

Six SEC titles. Five national championships.

At age 69, he shows no signs of slowing down. Just this week, Alabama landed what appears to be the top-ranked recruiting class in the country for 2021.

"It's all part of the culture that we try to create," Saban said. "When people come here, that's the expectation that they have. That's what they buy into."

In his third year at Florida, coach Dan Mullen led the Gators to the SEC title game for the first time since 2016 behind the dynamic passing of Kyle Trask, who has thrown for 40 touchdowns in the shortened season — 10 more than anyone else in the country.

But Florida's hopes of reaching the national playoff likely ended with a shoe-throwing, 37-34 loss to LSU.

No two-loss team has reached the playoff since it began in 2014.

Mullen tried to sound a confident tone for the Gators, who were a 17-point underdog to the Crimson Tide.

"We'll think about that on Saturday night after we win," he said, perhaps providing some bulletin-board fodder for his opponent. "That's all we can control. What happens after that, we'll see what happens."

Some things to watch for in the SEC championship game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium:



BRAD McCLENNY/The Gainesville Sun

Florida tight end Kyle Pitts (84) scores a touchdown against Kentucky in Gainesville, in this Nov. 28 file photo. The Gators look to knock off top-ranked Alabama today in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

## HEISMAN SHOWDOWN

College football's top individual prize could be decided in Atlanta.

Trask and Mac Jones of Alabama are two of the leading contenders for the Heisman Trophy, which may wind up going to the one who has the best game Saturday night.

And don't forget Crimson Tide receiver DeVonta Smith, who has been Jones' favorite receiver, and Florida tight end Kyle Pitts, who has hauled in 11 TD passes despite missing 3 1/2 games with injuries.

Trask is second nationally in passing yards per game (360.3), one spot ahead of Jones at 345.9. Jones's 27 TD passes ranks third nationally. Jones is the nation's No. 2-rated passer and Trask is fourth.

It's been a remarkable season for both, especially since neither was a top-ranked prospect coming out of a high school.

"We've had to overcome some obstacles

throughout our careers," Trask said. "Now we're having the opportunity to play against each other, which is really cool."

## FLORIDA PRESSURE

The Gators lead the SEC in sacks but their blitzing style can leave them vulnerable to big plays.

No one is more explosive than Alabama's Smith, who has 83 catches for 1,327 yards and 15 touchdowns, averaging 16.0 yards per reception.

But Florida knows it can't just let Jones sit comfortably in the pocket.

"Up front, it's important to kind of try to change up the looks," Mullen said. "You have got to get after the quarterback a little bit, get him out of rhythm early in the game."

## RISEING TIDE

Alabama's defense got off to a sluggish start this

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# Bellamy rises up again in Pirates win

*Crystal River girls top Citrus 32-11*

**DAVID PIEKLIK**  
Correspondent

INVERNESS — Crystal River showed its depth and withstood a shaky second half to take a 32-11 win over Citrus in girls basketball action Friday night.

Xena Bellamy came off the bench and put in another strong performance, impressing head coach Charles Bryant with her play. She scored six points and grabbed four defensive rebounds, while also blocking a shot, getting a steal and recording an assist.

"She's been doing that the last couple of games, and I'm getting more and more impressed with what she's bringing to our basketball team. She'll keep earning herself more and more minutes with her play on the court, because she's not going to force up bad shots, she's fighting for rebounds, she's playing good defense and she's starting to get more experience," Bryant said afterward.

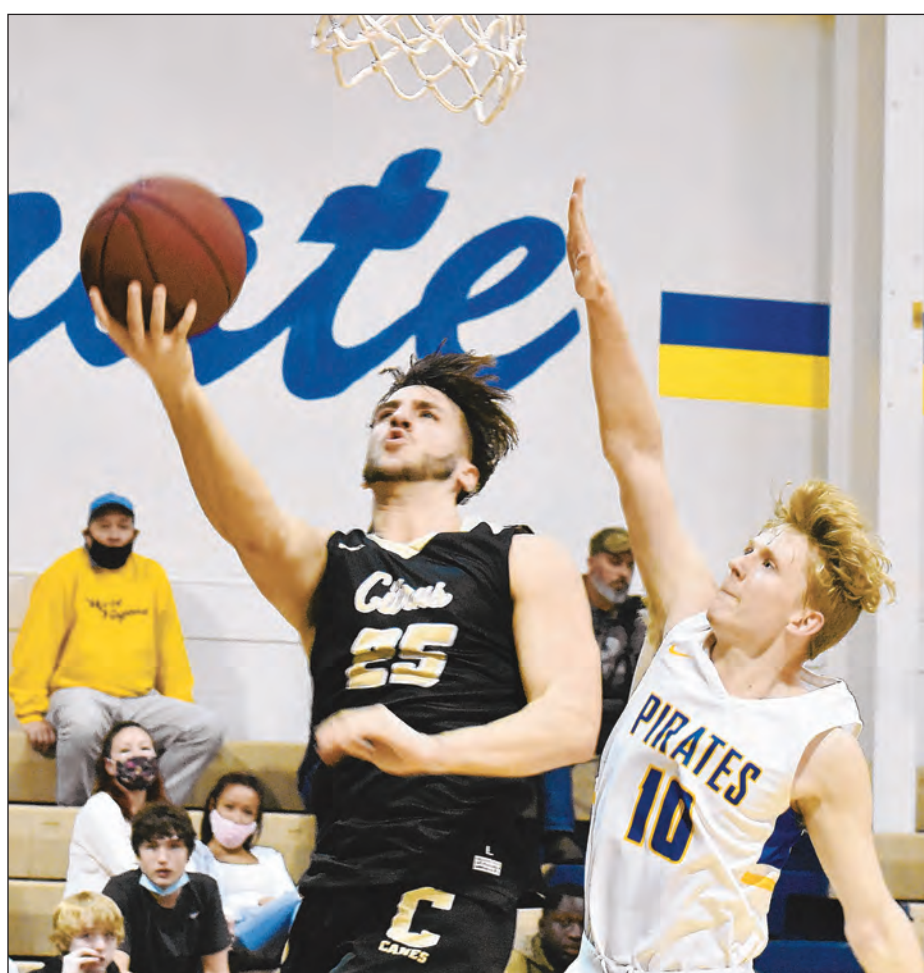
Playing on the road

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MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Jordan Martynowski of Crystal River, left, looks for a teammate to pass to after driving around Citrus' Jo Moeller during Friday night's girls basketball game in Inverness. The Pirates defeated the Hurricanes, 32-11.



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Alex Mendigutia of Citrus, left, drives to the basket as Daniel Holiday of Crystal River defends during the first half of Friday night's boys basketball contest at Crystal River High School. The Hurricanes earned a 69-56 road victory.

# 'Canes hold off Pirates

*Citrus records 20 steals in 69-56 win*

**CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.**  
Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — For roughly 3 1/2 quarters on Friday night, it didn't seem a question of if there'd be a

running clock, but when.

But the host Pirates, reeling from a possible season-ending injury to leading scorer Hudson Copeland, didn't go down quietly, cutting a 28-point deficit to single digits. Still, Citrus used a combination of hot outside shooting and a trapping defense to defeat rival Crystal River, 69-56.

"It felt good. I feel bad that they lost Hudson. He's a good kid, good player,"

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# Lawrence gets shot at the Irish

*Clemson-Notre Dame meet for ACC title*

**STEVE REED**  
*AP sports writer*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The stage is set for a marquee Top 25 showdown in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game this weekend.

Everyone watching will be eager to see if Notre Dame can upend Clemson again now that the Tigers have starting quarterback Trevor Lawrence back in the lineup.

The Fighting Irish beat then top-ranked Clemson in a thrilling 47-40 double-overtime shootout earlier this season. But Lawrence was sidelined because of COVID-19, and spent the game watching from the sideline in a mask.

But the projected No. 1 pick in the 2021 NFL draft will be front and center in Saturday's highly anticipated rematch.

"He's a proven winner," said Notre Dame defensive end Daelin Hayes. "He's played in a lot of big games. That calm, that cool. ... You can't put a price on that experience."

Maybe not a price, but with him in the lineup, fourth-ranked Clemson (9-1, 8-1 ACC, No. 3 CFP) is a 10 1/2-point favorite to beat No. 2 Notre Dame (10-0, 9-0, No. 2 CFP) in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship and earn its sixth consecutive berth in the College Football Playoff.

Hayes has seen what Lawrence can do firsthand, remembering well how the long-haired QB led Clemson to a 30-3 win over the Irish in the Sugar Bowl in 2018 en route to winning the national championship.

"It feels good to be at the point where we knew we would be," Lawrence said. "We weren't



Associated Press

**Notre Dame running back Kyren Williams (23) fends off Clemson Tigers safety Nolan Turner (24) on his way to a touchdown during the first quarter of an NCAA college football game in South Bend, Ind., in this Saturday, Nov. 7, file photo. The Notre Dame Fighting Irish beat the Clemson Tigers in a thrilling 47-40 shootout earlier this season. The big question now is if they can do it again.**

perfect, obviously, but you don't have to be perfect. These next three games, hopefully, are huge. That's been our goal the whole time."

To play three more games the Tigers may have to win Saturday.

No two-loss team has ever been selected for the College Football Playoff since its inception in 2014.

While Lawrence's return is the key storyline entering the game, Clemson's offensive production wasn't necessarily the problem in the first matchup. Freshman D.J. Uiagalelei threw for 439 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a third score in the last meeting, although the Tigers were held to 1 yard per carry on the ground.

Clemson's defense was the bigger issue.

Ian Book, the winningest QB in Notre Dame history, lit up Clemson for 310 yards passing, while sophomore Kyren Williams ran for 140 yards and three TDs against an overwhelmed defense.

But Clemson hopes that unit will be bolstered by the return of linebacker James Skalski, who is considered the heart and soul of the Tigers defense. Like Lawrence, he didn't play in the first game.

The Tigers have won five straight ACC titles under coach Dabo Swinney, while Notre Dame is seeking its first ever conference title after spending 131 years as an independent. Win or lose, unbeaten Notre

Dame would seem to be a lock for the four-team playoff.

Some other things to watch in the Clemson-Notre Dame showdown on Saturday:

**BOOK IT**

Since admitting frustration after a 11 of 19, 106-yard passing performance in a 12-7 home victory against Louisville Oct. 17, Book has stepped up his game in the final six, throwing for 1,668 yards and 12 touchdowns. During that span he also has rushed 57 times for 339 yards (5.9 yards average) and three scores.

"I love the way Ian Book plays; he never lets anything get to him," said Notre Dame wideout Javon McKinley.

**IRISH O-LINE ON THE MEND**

Swinney was impressed by Notre Dame's "big monster offensive linemen" the last time the teams met. Notre Dame rushed for 208 yards and totaled 518 total yards. Since that Irish victory, the line has dealt with a season-ending foot injury to junior center Jarrett Patterson, a high ankle sprain to his sophomore replacement Zeke Correll and an emergency appendectomy on fifth-year right guard Tommy Kraemer.

"Just the way we've been throwing guys in there and seeing them step up has been awesome," said senior captain and right tackle Robert Hainsey who along with senior left guard Aaron Banks and fifth-year left tackle Liam Eichenberg make up the unit that is a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award for the "toughest, most physical offensive line in the country."

**STOPPING THE RUN**

Notre Dame's defense held Travis Etienne and the Tigers to 1 yards per carry in the first game, while averaging 5.1 yards per rush on offense.

"We are centered around stingy run defense, and making teams become one-dimensional," said Irish coach Brian Kelly. "Then it gives you the opportunity to dictate down and distance, and we've been really good on third down."

Clemson was 4 of 15 on third downs conversions vs. Notre Dame in the first meeting.

**MISSING VENABLES**

Clemson back up linebacker Jake Venable had surgery for a broken arm and will miss the rest of the season. Venable, the older of two sons of Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venable with the Tigers, was fifth on the team with 31 tackles. "He wasn't perfect, but very proud of him," Venable said of his son.

## Ramsey, No. 15 Wildcats try to end No. 3 Buckeyes' title run

*Ohio State after fourth Big Ten crown in a row*

**MICHAEL MAROT**  
*AP sports writer*

INDIANAPOLIS — Northwestern quarterback Peyton Ramsey grew up around the Ohio State mystique, the son of a high school football coach in Cincinnati.

As others in the football-crazed state gathered round television sets to watch their beloved Buckeyes each weekend, Ramsey was never much of a fan. Still isn't.

So on Saturday, the quarterback for No. 15 Northwestern will try to cap his college career by knocking No. 3 Ohio State off its Big Ten perch — and perhaps out of the playoff.

"I was a Notre Dame fan growing up, but I was a Big Ten fan," Ramsey said. "This will be my fifth time playing against them, it's always been exciting. It's always been fun to go out and compete against the big boys."

Even if the first four tries didn't exactly go Ramsey's way, all four while he was suiting up with Indiana. When he transferred to Northwestern after last season, it looked like Ramsey might be finished with the Buckeyes (5-0 Big Ten, No. 4 CFP).

Instead, Ramsey won the starting job and led the Wildcats (7-1) back to their second Big Ten championship game in three years.

The reward: Another date with East Division champion Ohio State. Two years ago, the Buckeyes pulled away from Northwestern late to secure a 45-24 victory and a school-record tying second straight outright title. Now, they're back looking to make it four in a row — and another playoff shot.

Ohio State has hung onto the No. 4 spot in the rankings for weeks and though some have argued the ACC should get two teams in — No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 4 Clemson — Ohio State coach Ryan Day insists his team belongs.

"We've had an amazing amount of challenges, way more than anybody else in the country, in my opinion," Day said. "The minute we went back in inside in November, December the (COVID-19) numbers just jumped through the roof. We've had disappointments, we've had games canceled, we've had the season canceled."



Associated Press

**Northwestern quarterback Peyton Ramsey throws a pass against Illinois during the first half of a game in Evanston, Ill., Saturday, Dec. 12. Ramsey and the Wildcats look to dethrone reigning Big Ten champion Ohio State today.**

"We have really talented young men who stuck together," he added. "And if people can't see that, then that's their problem."

And now, all that stands in the way is a group of Ohio high school graduates — running backs Isaiah Bowser and Cam Porter, Ramsey among them — and a team hungry to prove it can achieve the unthinkable.

"We're really excited," Ramsey said. "My teammates are really excited, family's really excited to go out and compete and have fun."

**FIELDING HEISMAN QUESTIONS**

Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields was named the league's Offensive Player of the Year even though it appears another preseason goal — winning the Heisman Trophy — appears unattainable.

Fields was a finalist last year and has again played well this season, completing nearly 80 percent of his throws with 15 TD passes in five games and all three of his

interceptions came in a 42-35 victory over No. 7 Indiana.

But Fields insists he's not bothered.

"I tend to focus on things that I can control," he said. "The number of games or whatever comes into effect in winning that award, I can't control that. What I can control is going out there and playing my hardest for my teammates and my brothers to try to put together a good game."

**LEANING ON DEFENSE**

It's no secret why the Wildcats are back in the title game. They rely on defense.

Northwestern has allowed a league-low 14.6 points per game, just 4.1 points in the second half and is ranked in top five in conference play against the pass, against the run and overall.

And Big Ten linebacker of the year Paddy Fisher is one of three Wildcats with 200 or more career tackles, making Northwestern the only power-five school to hold that distinction.

## ISU vs. Sooners for Big 12 title

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
*AP sports writer*

ARLINGTON, Texas — Charlie Kolar grew up a diehard Oklahoma fan but his hometown Sooners never offered a scholarship. The new coach at Iowa State did, before the Cyclones were championship contenders.

Now in coach Matt Campbell's fifth season, the No. 8 Cyclones (8-2, 8-1 Big 12, No. 6 CFP) play in the school's first-ever conference championship game Saturday. They take on No. 12 Oklahoma (7-2, 6-2, No. 10 CFP), the five-time defending Big 12 champion they beat earlier this season.

"It starts with Campbell and it bleeds to the rest of the guys on his staff. But I believed the plan they had, and the culture that they were trying to create," said Kolar, a fourth-year junior. "It sounded different than a lot of other places."

Kolar is now among many standouts for the Cyclones. Sophomore tailback Breece Hall is the Big 12's top rusher, Brock Purdy is a third-year starter and winningest quarterback in school history, defensive end JaQuan Bailey is the career sacks leader, and junior linebacker Mike Rose averages 8.1 tackles while tied for the conference lead with four interceptions.

"For me it's always been about people," Campbell said. "I think that's one of the great deals we've been able to kind of establish here, is to try to align this program with the right people and go about that same alignment in terms of developing and recruiting the right people who fit. ... That's hard to do in our world."

Oklahoma is in its 12th Big 12 championship game and no other team has played in more than six. The Sooners have been in all four since the title game returned after a six-season hiatus. They are 10-1 in Big 12 title games.

"The game is going to be what it should be," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "It's going to be two really good football teams that have had really good years going at it."

The Sooners have a six-game winning streak since a 37-30 loss at Iowa State on Oct. 3, when they were 0-2 in Big 12 play for the first time since 1998.

"Really, our team has grown in the mental aspect of the game more than anything," center Creed Humphrey said. "We've had a lot of young players step up and doing really good things for us. The way our team has responded to adversity since then has been really good to see."

**IMPROVING RATTLER**

Redshirt freshman Spencer Rattler, the fourth different starting quarterback for Oklahoma in a Big 12 title game in as many years, is the league's top passer with 279.1 yards per game. His 24 TDs are the most nationally for a freshman, with at least two in all but one game. He threw for 300 yards and two TDs against Iowa State.

"He is improving as we go," Riley said. "He is seeing things better as we go, without a doubt. Making a lot of improvements that I expected he would make and growing each week."

**FORMER TEAMMATES**

Campbell and second-year Oklahoma defensive coordinator Alex Grinch were defensive teammates at Mount Union from 1999-2001, and were part of two NCAA Division III national championships together. Grinch was also part of a championship in 1998, and Campbell got another in 2002.



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Hannah Green	69-68—137	-7
Nelly Korda	72-66—138	-6
Cydney Clanton	70-68—138	-6
Austin Ernst	69-69—138	-6
Georgia Hall	69-69—138	-6
Megan Khang	67-71—138	-6
Caroline Masson	67-71—138	-6
Lydia Ko	74-65—139	-5
Mina Harigae	70-69—139	-5
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Minjee Lee	68-73—141	-3
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Kristen Gillman	75-77—152	+8
Bianca Pagdanganan	73-79—152	+8
Brittany Lang	76-78—154	+10
Natalie Gulbis	77-78—155	+11

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	10	3	0	.769	359	321
Miami	8	5	0	.615	330	245
New England	6	7	0	.462	277	279
N.Y. Jets	0	13	0	.000	183	393
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	372	300
Tennessee	9	4	0	.692	390	336
Houston	4	9	0	.308	295	359
Jacksonville	1	12	0	.077	261	383
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	11	2	0	.846	349	237
Cleveland	9	4	0	.692	348	368
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	363	273
Cincinnati	2	10	1	.192	244	338
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Kansas City	12	1	0	.923	403	281
Las Vegas	7	7	0	.500	377	421
Denver	5	8	0	.385	257	347
L.A. Chargers	5	9	0	.357	327	389
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	6	7	0	.462	287	275
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	238	291
Philadelphia	4	8	1	.346	277	328
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	298	400
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	368	265
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	370	294
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	328	322
Carolina	4	9	0	.308	307	332
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	410	323
Chicago	6	7	0	.462	282	291
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	333	355
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	310	389
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	.692	325	246
Seattle	9	4	0	.692	393	324
Arizona	7	6	0	.538	358	303
San Francisco	5	8	0	.385	300	311
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Carolina at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.						
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Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.						

PIRATES

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this time, the Pirates (9-2) saw a similar start from their earlier season matchup against the Hurricanes (0-13), building up a large lead in the first half. They had put up 15 points before the 'Canes were able to get on the scoreboard with a Rachel Vitt free throw.

At that point there was 1:31 left in the quarter, and things didn't look good for the home team. Jaylin Devaughn hit a 3-pointer seconds later for the Pirates, and the score stood at 18-1 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was not favorable to either team as turnovers dominated play. The Hurricanes gave the ball away seven straight possessions, only to see their opponent forfeit possession four times in a row. The Hurricanes couldn't find the basket at all in the frame, while the Pirates could

Florida LOTTERY

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

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<b>PICK 3 (early)</b> <b>3 - 7 - 4</b>	<b>PICK 5 (late)</b> <b>7 - 9 - 7 - 4 - 1</b>
<b>PICK 3 (late)</b> <b>8 - 9 - 1</b>	<b>FANTASY 5</b> <b>2 - 11 - 13 - 15 - 33</b>
<b>PICK 4 (early)</b> <b>7 - 2 - 5 - 0</b>	<b>JACKPOT</b> <b>TRIPLE PLAY</b> <b>8 - 24 - 26 - 28 - 37 - 44</b>
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4-of-5 318 \$94	<b>MEGA BALL</b> <b>5</b>
3-of-5 9,226 \$9	<b>CASH 4 LIFE</b> <b>2 - 38 - 44 - 52 - 57</b>
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On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS  
COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**11:30 a.m. (FS1)** Butler vs Indiana  
**12 p.m. (CBS)** Iowa vs Gonzaga  
**12 p.m. (ESPN2)** Louisville at Wisconsin  
**2 p.m. (CBS)** North Carolina vs Kentucky  
**2 p.m. (ESPNU)** Western Kentucky at Alabama  
**2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)** Purdue vs Notre Dame  
**2:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Ole Miss at Dayton  
**3:30 p.m. (SUN)** Jacksonville at Miami  
**4 p.m. (ACCN)** Campbell at NC State  
**4:30 p.m. (CBS)** UCLA vs Ohio State  
**4:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Delaware at La Salle  
**5:30 p.m. (SUN)** Coppin State at Virginia Tech  
**6 p.m. (ACCN)** Buffalo at Syracuse  
**8 p.m. (SEC)** Cincinnati at Georgia  
**9 p.m. (ACCN)** UCF at Florida State  
**9 p.m. (FS1)** Saint Joseph's at Villanova

NBA PRESEASON

**7 p.m. (FSNFL)** Charlotte Hornets at Orlando Magic  
**8 p.m. (NBA)** Atlanta Hawks at Memphis Grizzlies  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**12 p.m. (ABC)** Big 12 Championship: Oklahoma vs Iowa St.  
**12 p.m. (FOX)** Big Ten Championship: Ohio State vs Northwestern  
**12 p.m. (ACCN)** Florida State at Wake Forest  
**12 p.m. (ESPN)** Texas A&M at Tennessee  
**1:30 p.m. (FS1)** Washington State at Utah  
**3:30 p.m. (SEC)** Ole Miss at LSU  
**4 p.m. (ABC)** ACC Championship: Clemson vs Notre Dame  
**4:30 p.m. (FOX)** Mountain West Championship: Boise State vs San Jose State  
**5:30 p.m. (FS1)** Illinois at Penn State  
**7 p.m. (ESPN)** Stanford at UCLA  
**8 p.m. (CBS)** SEC Championship: Alabama vs Florida  
**8 p.m. (ABC)** American Conference Championship: Tulsa at Cincinnati  
**10:30 p.m. (ESPN)** Arizona State at Oregon State

NFL

**4:30 p.m. (NFL)** Buffalo Bills at Denver Broncos  
**8:30 p.m. (NFL)** Carolina Panthers at Green Bay Packers

GOLF

**1 p.m. (GOLF)** LPGA Tour CME Group Tour Championship, Third Round  
**2:30 p.m. (NBC)** PGA Tour Champions PNC Championship, Day 1

COLLEGE HOCKEY

**6:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Michigan State at Notre Dame  
**PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER**  
**7:25 a.m. (NBCSPT)** Crystal Palace vs Liverpool  
**9:55 a.m. (NBCSPT)** Southampton vs Manchester City  
**12:30 p.m. (NBC)** Everton vs Arsenal

WINTER SPORTS

**8:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** IBU Biathlon IBU Biathlon World Cup: Women's 10km Pursuit (Same-day Tape)  
**9:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Alpine Skiing FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Women's Downhill (Same-day Tape)  
**10:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Alpine Skiing FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Men's Downhill (Same-day Tape)

YACHTING

**12:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** America's Cup World Series, Day 1 (Taped)

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS  
GIRLS BASKETBALL

**TBD** Seven Rivers at Polk County Hoopfest  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**6 p.m.** Citrus at Umatilla  
**TBD** Seven Rivers at Polk County Hoopfest  
**WRESTLING**

**9:30 p.m.** Crystal Rier and Lecanto at The Villages Tournament  
**10 a.m.** Citrus at Boca Ciega Duals

Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.  
San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.  
Seattle at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.  
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
**Monday's Game**  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:15 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Florida's Johnson releases video message

GAINESVILLE — Florida forward Keyontae Johnson thanked everyone for their support in a video message Friday, his first public appearance since collapsing on the court at Florida State nearly a week ago.

Johnson released a 25-second video on Twitter and Instagram and ended it by doing a Gator chomp that showed an IV line still connected to his right arm. He remains at UF Shands.

"Hey everybody, first and foremost, I would like to thank God," Johnson said. "I know y'all have been sending your prayers out the last few weeks, and me and my parents are very grateful for the prayers that have been going out.

"To all the doctors and medical staff at Tallahassee Memorial and UF Shands, I just wants to say thank you for all the support y'all gave me, especially the lady that was in the gym at Florida State. To my Gator Nation and UF athletic family, I just want to thank you for all the prayers that y'all gave out to me. Go Gators!"

Johnson crumpled to the floor coming out of a timeout last Saturday and needed emergency medical assistance. He was moved to a stretcher and carried to a waiting ambulance as teammates, coaches, staff, fans and others watched in disbelief.

Florida has postponed four basketball games since Johnson's collapse. The team is next scheduled to next play Dec. 30 at Vanderbilt, the SEC opener for both schools.

Rays sign pitcher Michael Wacha to 1-year deal

ST. PETERSBURG — The American League champion Tampa Bay Rays

signed right-hander Michael Wacha to a \$3 million, one-year contract on Friday to fill a void in the rotation with the departure of Charlie Morton.

The 29-year old Wacha has a 60-43 record with a 4.01 ERA over eight seasons. After seven years with the St. Louis Cardinals, he went went 1-4 with a 6.62 ERA with the New York Mets in 2020.

Wacha is 4-2 with a 3.34 ERA in six career postseason starts, five coming as a rookie in 2013 when the Cardinals won the National League pennant. He was a National League All-Star in 2015.

Morton signed a \$15 million, one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves last month after Tampa Bay declined his \$15 million option.

Dolphins' 3 top pass-catchers questionable

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins' top three pass catchers are questionable for Sunday's game against New England.

DeVante Parker (hamstring), Mike Gesicki (shoulder) and Jakeem Grant (hamstring), who rank 1-2-3 in yards receiving this year, all practiced on a limited basis Friday.

Ball State contains Patterson, tops Buffalo

DETROIT — Drew Plitt threw three touchdown passes and ran for a score in the first half, and Ball State kept Buffalo star Jaret Patterson under control in a 38-28 victory over the 23rd-ranked Bulls (5-1) on Friday night in the Mid-American Conference title game.

The Cardinals (6-1) won their first MAC championship since 1996. They held Patterson to 47 yards on 18 carries after he'd been averaging over 200 a game.

— From wire reports

GATORS

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season, surrendering an average of 28.8 points over its first four games.

But the Tide has looked more like a Saban-coached team since then, giving up only 8.8 per game.

"It took a while for the group to develop confidence that they could play well, they could play together as a unit, get the concept of if everybody does their job, we have a chance to be successful," Saban said.

But he warned that Florida presents the toughest test of the season.

"We're going to get challenged in this game in a different way than we've been challenged for a long time because of the quarterback, the scheme that they run, the mismatch players that they have," Saban said.

JUST FOR KICKS

If the game is close, both teams have reason to be confident in their kicking games.

Florida's Evan McPherson is a

'CANES

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Citrus head coach Tom Densmore said. "Sometimes when that happens, it takes a team a little bit to find other people to fill his void when you lose a scorer and rebounder. All of sudden they caught fire. They had a couple kids hitting 3s all over the place.

"When they told me yesterday Hudson was hurt, I was afraid we were going to come in and take them lightly. And I thought we played probably as hard as we played all year. The first quarter we just got after it."

The veteran Densmore admitted to telling his players that the team was in no position to overlook anybody, and indeed both squads came in staggering through the first few weeks of the season. In the case of the Hurricanes (2-6, 2-4 Gulf Coast 8), a two-week quarantine just prior to the start of the regular season left them ill-prepared to compete out of the gate.

That didn't appear to be as much of an issue in this one. Citrus looked sharp and active on both ends, recording 20 steals, dishing out 18 assists and knocking down 12 3-pointers.

"We had Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (to practice). I told them it's about time where we could take a little break from games and just get back to what we need to be working on," Densmore said. "I thought we got better each day of practice. Yesterday we had a really good practice, guys were shooting the ball real well. So I think those couple days of practice kind of helped us catch our breath a little bit."

The 'Canes outscored the Pirates (1-7, 1-5 GC8) in the opening quarter, 20-7, and had seven steals. Wyatt Zacke had several of his five steals during that early surge as Citrus double-teamed the Crystal River guards up top in half-court sets.

"We came in in a half-court trap, just to get steals, get an early lead," Zacke said.

In the second quarter, the lead reached 19 before the Pirates made a small run to get within 32-19. However the 'Canes closed the half out strong, and Zacke hit a shot from beyond the arc in the final seconds to make it 39-19 at the intermission.

Citrus was up 54-26 in the middle of the third quarter, yet the Pirates

three-time Lou Groza Award semifinalist who has made 48 of 56 field goal attempts (85.7%) in his college career. He will have to bounce back from missing a 51-yarder on the last play of the game against LSU, costing the Gators a chance to pull out the victory in overtime.

Alabama's Will Reichard has yet to miss this season. He has made all 11 of his field-goal attempts, along with a 66-of-66 mark on extra points.

BEATING SABAN

Mullen is 0-9 against Saban in his head coaching career, though all of the losses came in his previous job at Mississippi State.



SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 2020										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	Ent. Tonight		Global Citizen Prize		The Wall 'PG' ￼		Saturday Night Live		News	SNL
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	NewsHour Wk	Growing Bolder 'G' ￼	The Lawrence Welk Show 'G' ￼		Keeping Up Appearances 'PG' ￼		Midsomer Murders		"Wild Harvest" 'PG' ￼		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 'PG' ￼	Austin City Limit
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			Suze	Greater	Moments to Remember		(My Music) 'G' ￼			Josh Groban Evening			Suze Orman's	
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	Bucs All Access	Bruce Arians	Global Citizen Prize (N) (In Stereo) ￼		The Wall "Denise and Tisha" 'PG' ￼		Saturday Night Live (N) '14' ￼		NewsChannel 8	Saturday Night Live
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			College Football		Coll. Football	Coll. Football	College Football American Conference Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ￼							News Saturday
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	College Basketball Kentucky vs UCLA.		Football Drive	College Football	College Football SEC Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live) ￼							10 Tampa Bay
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live)			Update	College Basketball Villanova vs Virginia. From Madison Square Garden in New York.				News	FOX13 News 11:30pm (N)		Cosmos: Possible
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			College Football		Football	Football	College Football American Conference Championship: Teams TBA. (N) ￼							WCJB T
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Turning Point With David Jeremiah 'G'		Robert Jeffress	The Three	Gaither Homecoming Hour 'G' ￼		Leslie Hale ￼		Healing Touch	Christian Music	CityLife Church	Pure Passion 'G'
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Citrus Today	Bible Say?	Vegas Unveiled	Vegas Unveiled	Your Citrus County Court				Macabre Theater			
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	College Football		Coll. Football	Coll. Football	College Football American Conference Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ￼							ABC Action News
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The First 48 '14' ￼		Family Guy '14'	Family Guy '14'
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra (N) 'PG' ￼		FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Bucs All	Bucs	Wipeout 'PG' ￼		ROH Wrestling	
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			Paid Prg.	Shake the	Jim Raley	Healing Touch		Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Gospel	Paid Prg.	S.Channel	Victory Gospel Hour	
43 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Friends '14' ￼	Friends '14' ￼	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	NCIS "Tailing Angie" 'PG' ￼ (DVS)		NCIS "Daughters" '14' ￼ (DVS)		King of Queens	King of Queens	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls '14'
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Maria	Noticiero	Alma	Alma	Latin Grammy Awards						Maria	Noticiero
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	College Football Teams		TBA.	Update	College Basketball Villanova vs Virginia. (N)				FOX 51 News		Cosmos: Possible	
63 (WXPX) ION		17				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	Most Daring Women in catfight. '14' ￼		Most Daring Shop clerk attacked. '14'		Most Daring Office invader. '14' ￼		Most Daring "Wild & Out of Control" '14'		Most Daring "Fighting Back" '14' ￼		Most Daring (In Stereo) '14' ￼	
(ACCN)		99				College Basketball				College Basketball				All ACC	All ACC	All ACC	All ACC
(AMC)	55	64	55			** "Four Christmas" (2008) ￼		*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. 'PG-13' ￼		*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) Chevy Chase. 'PG-13' ￼							"Fred Claus" ￼
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	Mega Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼		Mega Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼		Mega Zoo "Saving Daisy" 'PG' ￼		Mega Zoo "Moving Day Dilemma" 'PG' ￼		Mega Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼		Mega Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼	
(BET)	96	71	96			** "Rush Hour 2" (2001, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker. 'PG-13' ￼				* "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris. 'PG-13' ￼						* "Blue Streak" (1999) 'PG-13' ￼	
(BIGTEN)	742	809				To Be Announced				To Be Announced				Campus Eats 'G'	The Final Drive (N) (Live) ￼		The Final Drive
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			"Fifty Shades" ￼		** "Fifty Shades Darker" (2017) Dakota Johnson.		* "Fifty Shades Freed" (2018) 'R' ￼							Fifty
(CC)	27	61	27		33	** "Wedding Sing." ￼		* "Grown Ups" (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. 'PG-13' ￼		* "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny Feder and his family relocate back to his hometown. 'PG-13' ￼							"Longest Yard" ￼
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	*** "Top Gun" (1986, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. 'PG' ￼				*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell. Doc Holiday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown. 'R' ￼						*** "Con Air" (1997) Nicolas Cage.	
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsroom		Situation Room		Situation Room		Situation Room		Pandemic			CNN Special
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	Football	Scores	College Football Tropical Smoothie Café Frisco Bowl: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						College Football Primetime (N)			
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	College Football	Scores	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)					SportCtr
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	Journal Editorial Rpt.		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Strange		Strange	OBJECTified ￼	OBJECTified ￼	OBJECTified ￼	OBJECTified ￼	
(FLIX)		118	170			*** "Boiler Room" (2000, Drama) Giovanni Ribisi, Vin Diesel. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				*** "Set It Off" (1996, Action) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				*** "Colors" (1988, Crime Drama) Sean Penn, Robert Duvall. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼			
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Fox Report		Life, Liberty & Levin		Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Guffeld			Watters' World ￼
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie			Christmas Cookie
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	Rudolph, Reindeer		*** "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" (2018) Voices of Benedict Cumberbatch. 'PG' ￼		** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000, Children's) Jim Carrey, Jeffrey Tambor. (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼							"Miracle-34 St." ￼
(FS1)	732	112	732			Update		College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ￼						Update		College Football Teams TBA.	
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Tennis		NBA Preseason Basketball: Hornets at Magic				Inside the Magic		Inside		World Poker	
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** "Despicable Me 3" (2017) ￼		*** "Trolls" (2016, Children's) Voices of Anna Kendrick. (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼		*** "Sing" (2016, Children's) Voices of Matthew McConaughey, Seth MacFarlane. (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼							"Seuss' Grinch" ￼
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Golf PNC Championship, Day 1. (Taped) ￼								LPGA Golf			
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"Five Star Christmas" (2020, Romance-Comedy) Bethany Joy Lenz. 'NR' ￼				"A Christmas Carousel" (2020, Romance) Rachel Boston. Premiere. 'NR' ￼				"Love, Lights, Hanukkah!" (2020, Romance) Mia Kirshner, Ben Savage. 'NR' ￼			
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	"Photograph" ￼		*** "Beasts of the Southern Wild" (2012) 'PG-13' ￼		* "Wendy" (2020) Devin France. A girl finds adventure on a mysterious island.				His Dark Materials (In Stereo) '14' ￼		His Dark Materials	"Wrath-Titans" ￼
(HBO2)	303	202	303			"Bee Gees" ￼		** "Underwater" (2020) Kristen Stewart. 'PG-13' ￼		*** "Hacksaw Ridge" (2016, War) Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				** "The Hangover Part II" (2011) Bradley Cooper. 'R' ￼			
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Good Bones "Townhome of Trouble" 'G' ￼		Good Bones 'G' ￼		Escape to the Chateau (N) 'PG' ￼		You Live In What? International (N)		Love It or List It "Triplex Troubles" 'PG' ￼		Love It or List It 'PG' ￼	
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	Ancient Aliens 'PG' ￼		History's Greatest Mysteries 'Roswell: The First Witness - The Journal' 'PG' ￼		History's Greatest Mysteries New investigation of the Roswell crash. (N) 'PG' ￼				History's Greatest Mysteries 'PG' ￼			
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	"Too Close for Christmas" (2020, Romance) Chad Michael Murray. 'G' ￼				"A Christmas Exchange" (2020, Romance) Laura Vandervoort. Premiere. 'NR' ￼				"Christmas Ever After" (2020, Romance) Ali Stroker, Daniel di Tomasso. 'NR' ￼			
(LMN)	119	50	119			"Young, Stalked and Pregnant" (2020, Suspense) Lindsay Hartley. 'NR' ￼				"Stolen in Plain Sight" (2020, Suspense) Gracie Gillam. Premiere. 'NR' ￼				"Cheerleader Abduction" (2020, Suspense) Jerri Stewart, Kristen Harris. 'NR' ￼			
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			American Voices		American Voices		Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		American Voices		Week-Johnson	
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Basketball	College Hockey Michigan State at Notre Dame. (N) (Live)		Biath			Alpine Skiing		FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Men's Downhill.			
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Drugs, Inc.: The Fix "Midwest Meth" '14' ￼		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14' ￼		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix "Jamaica Buzz" '14' ￼		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix "Miami or Bust" '14' ￼		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix "Mile High" '14' ￼		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix "Sin City" '14' ￼	
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud		Loud	Danger	Danger	Hustle	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
(OWN)	125	24	103			"Cook-Christmas" ￼		Iyanla, Fix My Life		Iyanla, Fix My Life		Iyanla, Fix My Life (N) (In Stereo) '14' ￼		Friends '14' ￼		Iyanla, Fix My Life	
(OXY)	123	44	123			Killer Siblings '14'		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' ￼				Dateline: Secrets		The Backyard		The Backyard	
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼				** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼						*** "Bad Santa" (2003) 'R' ￼	
(SEC)	745	72				SEC Nation (N) (Live)				College Basketball Tennessee Tech at Tennessee. (N) (Live)				TrueSouth	TrueSouth	TrueSouth	SEC Football
(SHOW)	340	241	340			Shameless (In Stereo) 'MA' ￼		Your Honor "Part One" ￼		Your Honor "Part Two" ￼			Boxing Emmanuel Rodriguez vs. Nonito Donaire. (N) (In Stereo Live) ￼				
(SUN)	36	31	36			To Be Announced										To Be Announced	
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. 'PG' ￼ (DVS)				"Letters to Satan Claus" (2020, Horror) Karen Knox, Miriam McDonald. 'NR' ￼				Futurama 'PG' ￼		Futurama 'PG' ￼	
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	*** "Talladega Nights:" ￼		*** "Central Intelligence" (2016)				** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson.			Full		Wipeout
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "The Bishop's Wife" (1947, Fantasy) Cary Grant, David Niven. 'NR' ￼				*** "We're No Angels" (1955, Comedy) Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray. 'NR' ￼				*** "Lady on a Train" (1945, Suspense) Deanna Durbin, Ralph Bellamy. 'NR' ￼			
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Building Off the Grid (In Stereo) 'G' ￼		Building Off the Grid (In Stereo) 'G' ￼		Building Off the Grid (In Stereo) 'G' ￼		Building Off the Grid (In Stereo) 'G' ￼		Building Off the Grid (In Stereo) 'G' ￼		Building Off the Grid (In Stereo) 'G' ￼	
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	Unexpected '14'		Unexpected '14'		Unexpected '14'		Unexpected '14'		Unexpected '14'		Unexpected '14'	
(TMC)	350	261	350			"Bloodsport" ￼		*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				*** "You Better Watch Out" (1980) Brandon Maggart.				* "Tammy and the T-Rex: Uncut" (1994) Denise Richards.	
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	*** "Smallfoot" (2018, Children's) Voices of Channing Tatum. 'PG' ￼ (DVS)				The Grinch ￼		**** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) Judy Garland. A tornado whisks a Kansas farm girl to a magic land.				**** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) 'G' ￼	
(TOON)	38	58	38	33		"Teen Titans Go"		"Teen Titans"		"Teen Titans"		Burgers	American	American	Rick	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	Unexplained: C		Unexplained: C		Most Terrifying		Most Terrifying		Destination Fear (N)		Destination Fear	
(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokers	Jokes	Jokes
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# Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: I'm frustrated with my sister-in-law and the way that she plans the holidays that she hosts or organizes. Generally, what happens is that she will reach out to the family to see what will work for everyone. We'll make any other plans around the agreed-upon plan. T h e n , closer to the holiday, my sister-in-law will change the plans saying that the new plans work better for her family. Most often the new plans conflict with other plans that we've made.



DEAR ANNIE

This year she not only changed the day and time of our family get-together but also decided that it would be held at her house rather than ours.

I don't want to miss seeing the rest of our family since we likely won't go to other holiday events that are being held indoors this year; but I feel like, if we keep accommodating her behavior, it will continue to happen. What's your take on it? — Tired of Accommodating

Dear Tired of Accommodating: My take for this year is simple: Don't go to or host indoor gatherings with people outside of your household. As for next year and the years after that, if and when your sister-in-law attempts these last-minute changes, just say no — politely, of course. You can keep it simple: Something like, "We'd like to keep to the time and place that we all agreed to." It's reasonable to ask that everyone stick to the agreed-upon time and place, out of consideration for everyone's schedules. That's the whole point of plans, after all.

Dear Annie: My husband of decades has a habit that I don't care for, and I can't seem to make him understand the problem. I have run out of ideas, have asked counselors and anyone I can that might have an answer or suggestion. I am desperate to see whether you or your readers have any ideas.

The issue is this: If he sees anything around and he doesn't recognize it, he throws it away. If you are right there, then you can stop him. Otherwise, you're out of luck. I check the garbage for items regularly.

The last things he tossed out that I didn't catch were my two photo albums from my childhood. My mom, dad and great-grandma worked on those two albums. Needless to say, the albums contained pictures of many individuals who are gone. I can't seem to forgive him and get over it. It's mostly grieving for what I can never see ever again. I thought I'd made him understand that these sentimental items are mine and that he has no right to throw something away without checking with me. Please help... I have tried counseling, both me alone and us together. I have left notes on items from matter-of-fact to rather nasty. I have tried explaining, every day, not to throw my things away. Please tell me how to deal with this problem. I am at my wit's end! — Missing My Things

Dear Missing: While not considered its own psychological disorder, compulsive decluttering can be a symptom of obsessive-compulsive disorder. I encourage you to find a 2015 article on The Atlantic website, entitled "The Opposite of Hoarding," and see whether the behavior described reminds you of your husband. Though you've tried therapy yourself and attended couples therapy with him, he may benefit from individual therapy on his own, potentially for the treatment of OCD. If I hear any insights from readers, I'll be sure to print them here.

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

## Bridge

PHILLIP ALDER  
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Some countries have held top-level at-the-table bridge events. The first three were, I believe, in Poland, Latvia and Norway.

The Norwegian pairs championship was played in September at Kragero. The teams championship took place one month later at Latvik, an hour's drive up the coast from Kragero. Today's deal features great play by Tom Johansen, whose team finished second. It was

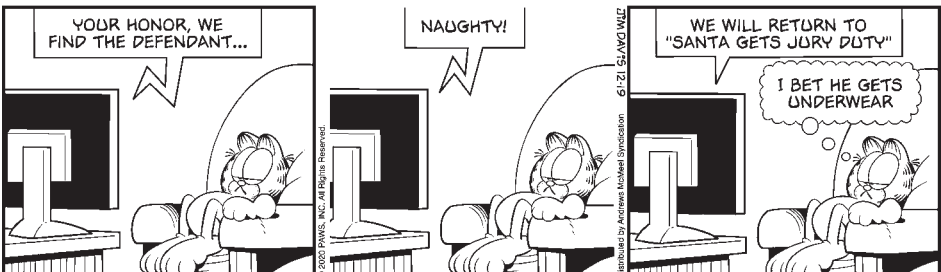
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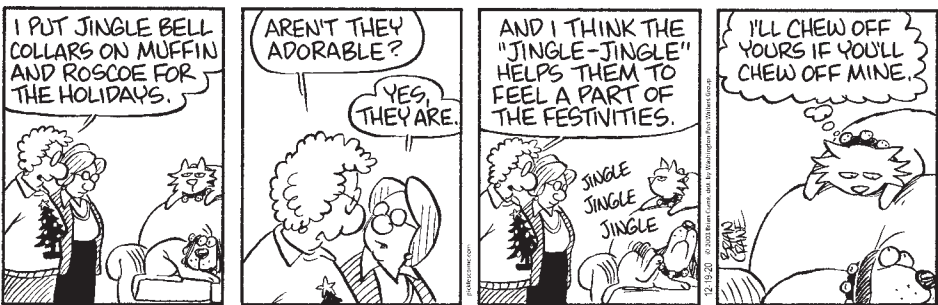
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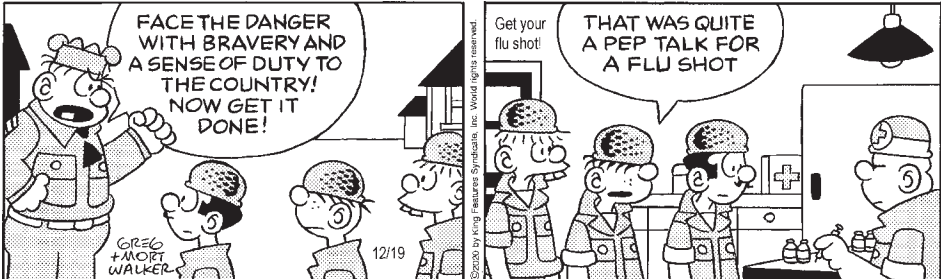
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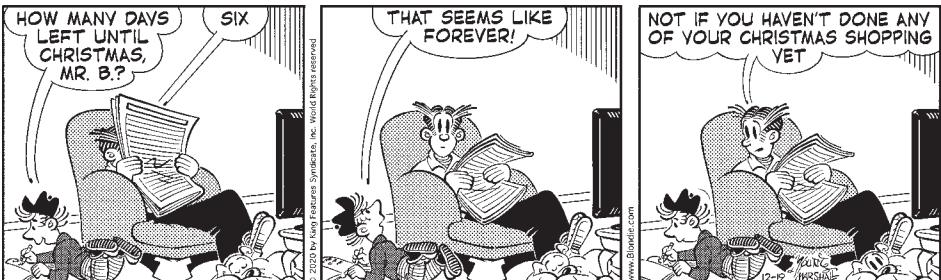
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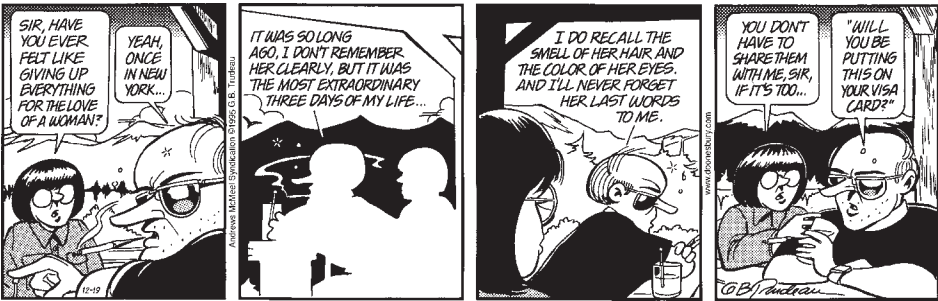
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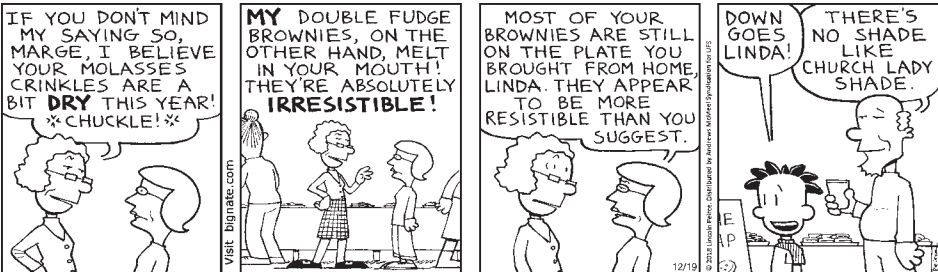
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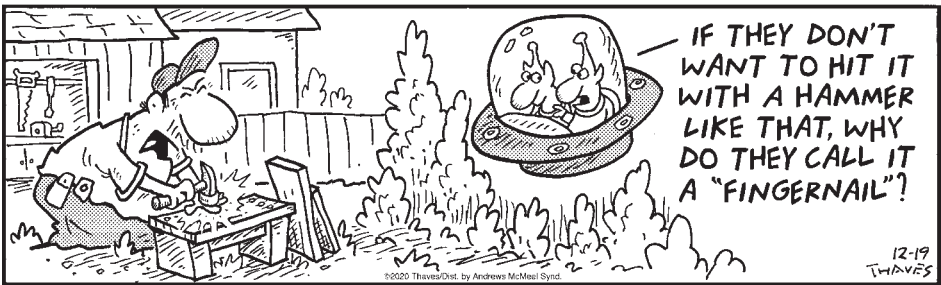
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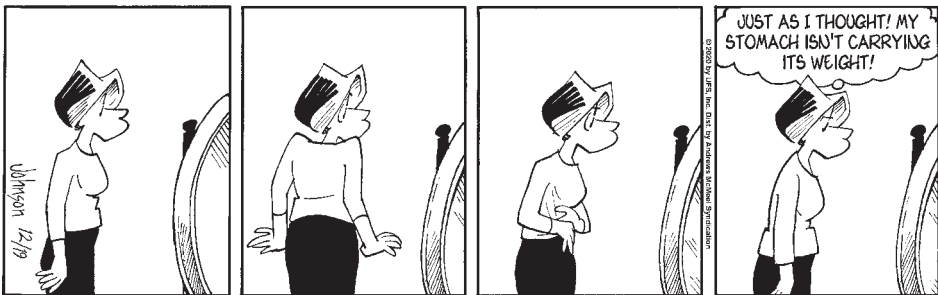
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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**  
by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: A equals C

"CU BNGWJ'U FNUZGS LG CJ UZG  
PGEWU. C XCPP BCG XCUZNVU ZEK CJT  
ANLG VY XCUZ UZG EJWXGSW UN LEJI  
UZCJTW CJ PCMG." — EPGO USGFGH

Previous Solution: "There's a sort of kamikaze feeling when you set up your first shot on your first feature film."  
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"A Muppet Christmas Carol" (G) Dec. 22, 1 p.m.  
"The Star" (PG) Dec. 23, 1 p.m.  
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Solution to Friday's puzzle

12/19/20

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

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WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- COMATOSE

(COMATOSE: KO-muh-tose: Lethargic; torpid.)

Average mark 38 words  
Time limit 45 minutes

Can you find 46 or more words in COMATOSE?  
The list will be published Monday.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- CLUSTER

clue	curse	lust	suer	result
crest	curt	luster	suet	rule
cruel	cute	lute	sure	ruse
cruet	cuter	ulcer	sutler	rust
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RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at [kzsaxe@gmail.com](mailto:kzsaxe@gmail.com).

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ACROSS

1 Not there

5 Brat

8 Gracious

12 Baker's must

13 — Tome

14 Two-color cookie

15 Meander

16 Wrong

18 Tower over

20 Scottish river

21 Near-grads

22 Placed a bet

25 Gorilla

28 Revs the engine

29 Wan

33 Trickery

35 Pate de — gras

36 Morse-code syllables

37 Hun leader

39 Feed the hogs

40 Luigi's farewell

42 Spanish article

43 Misbehaving

DOWN

1 Common query

2 Villain's work

3 Town near Lake Tahoe

4 Provide funds for

5 Doctrine

6 Knight's girl

7 Puzzling problems

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

8 Campground initials

9 Exasperates

10 — -do-well

11 Wears

17 Golf peg

19 Pageant figures

23 Midsection

24 Dotty

25 Uses a calculator

26 Bell tower sound

27 Yodeler's answer

30 Growing medium

31 Big Island port

32 Affirmative votes

34 Game channel

37 Contented sigh

38 Carry

40 One-horse sleigh

41 Touch off

44 Alcott girl

45 Gapes open

46 Leafy vegetable

47 Phillips University town

48 Sweater makings

51 Riding whip

52 Overconfident racer

54 Pastoral spot

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57 Rabbit's foot

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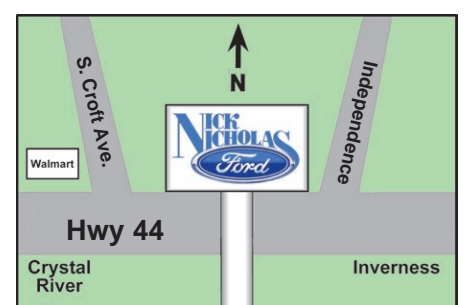
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