

SATURDAY

TODAY & next morning

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Partly sunny, breezy and warm; sea fog..

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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus COVID-19 update

Editor's Note: Florida health officials said Friday they will not report new cases of coronavirus in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. The Florida Department of Health usually reports new cases, hospitalizations and deaths daily.

To date in the county, 6,663 people have tested positive (including 46 non-residents) and 266 have died; 517 have been hospitalized.

Health Dept. has temporary jobs

Florida Department of Health in Citrus County plans to hire additional temporary COVID-19 positions to assist with its response efforts.

Applicants must possess a basic skill set and a willingness to work long hours and learn on the fly. Available positions range from senior clerk to biological scientist, with RN, LPN and other titles. All COVID-19 team members assist at the Citrus Springs testing site (soon to be assisting with the COVID-19 vaccination efforts), as well as contact tracing and case investigations.

These are temporary positions guaranteed through June 30, 2021.

Interested applicants should email Janora. Wade@FLHealth.gov or Anne.Murphy@FLHealth.gov to receive a State of Florida application.

Deadline today to reserve seat

Would you like to have a fun night out? Then come and enjoy the Dinner/Comedy Show hosted by the American-Canadian Snowbird's Club on Saturday night, Jan. 16, at the Inverness Moose Lodge No. 2112 at 221 S. Haid Terrace in Lecanto.

Food served beginning at 5 p.m. will feature a bowl of bean and bacon soup with three-cheese grilled cheese, cornbread and a side salad. The comedy show at 8 p.m. will star Mike Palma with a blend of comedy, magic and ventriloquism. Cost is \$20 per person. There will be a cash bar only and a large raffle giveaway drawing will take place. Seating is limited and will be sold through Saturday, Jan. 2; call 352-563-0140.

Tops club to present Q&A

The Tops Club at Grace Bible Church, 6382 W. Green Acres St. in Homosassa, will present a Dementia Q&A workshop from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 8. The event is free and open to the public.

The workshop, featuring Debbie Selsavage and Ed Youngblood of Coping with Dementia LLC, will explain basic information about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, then open the floor to questions from the audience.

CDC rules for social distancing will be followed and masks will be required.

Call Eileen at 352-201-9175.

— From staff reports

BOCC ponders new hire

Inverness resident could return as county economic development director

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

County commissioners Tuesday will consider making an employment offer to David Pieklik, making him Citrus County's new economic development director.

If that name sounds familiar, it might be because he worked two years as a reporter with the Citrus County Chronicle and served four years helping market the city of Inverness. Since 2011, Pieklik has been the executive

director of the Nature Coast Business Development Council in neighboring Levy County. And he lives in Inverness.

It's that familiarity with the area that County Administrator Randy Oliver said was one factor in making the recommendation to his board.

If commissioners approve Oliver's choice at their meeting Tuesday, the wheels will turn to bring Pieklik on board to replace outgoing director Bruce Register, who is returning as of Feb. 2.



Bruce Register
current economic development director retires in February.



David Pieklik
executive director of the Nature Coast Business Development Council.

Oliver said Pieklik's starting salary would be \$68,750 a year, about \$13,000 less than Register's. It will come from business taxes (not the general fund) and he will report directly

to Oliver. Pieklik, 43, said he hopes county commissioners will confirm him Tuesday and looks forward to his new job. He intends to get input by listening to those in the public and private sector to learn "their thoughts on growth, development and opportunities to collectively raise the bar and improve things."



Randy Oliver
county administrator recommended Pieklik.

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Year in REVIEW



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Crystal River City Council members, city staff and two members of the Crystal River Rotary Club cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open Town Square on July 24, 2020. From left are Pat Fitzpatrick, Vice Mayor Robert Holmes, City Manager Ken Frink, Mayor Joe Meek, Cindi Guy and Ken Brown. Gerry Mulligan and Amy Meek, representing Crystal River Rotary, are pictured in the background. The Rotary Club donated \$25,000 for the construction of the fountain at the square.

Crystal River in 2020: A year of action, 'bridge-building'

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Crystal River wasn't lazy as it went through the obstacles and hardships of 2020.

Boxes on the city's to-do list were being checked off as its leaders and staff fast-tracked town square, honed in on finishing the Riverwalk, put a tighter grip on King's Bay, revamped land development codes and staked a claim of State Road 44.

"In spite of all the issues we've seen with COVID and all of the things it has brought, it has really been a year of action in the city," Mayor Joe Meek said during a Zoom interview. "... and the proof is the pudding; I encourage folks to come to

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■ Officials report Crystal River's Riverwalk project fulfills successful tourism mission./Page D1 Sunday

Crystal River."

Meek and City Manager Ken Frink are also proud and thankful of the city's strong relationships and project collaborations with Inverness and Citrus County officials.

"It's been a year of bridge-building between both cities and the county," Frink said.

"During my time there, there has never been ... as good as a relationship as we have now between the jurisdictions,"

added Meek, a former county commissioner. "We're seeing partnerships right now that are historic in nature."

After breaking ground in mid-January on its town square on the corner of U.S. 19 and Citrus Avenue, Crystal River was ready to cut the ribbon in July, bringing amenities and attractions to a long-vacant lot.

Frink said phase two of square construction, which includes an adjacent splash pad, will start next summer.

Even though ground has yet to break on the waterward sections of Crystal River's Riverwalk along Cedar Cove in King's Bay, the city was able to get every affected property owner to OK easement agreements.

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Fla. faces case of UK virus strain

State observes holiday, skips daily COVID report

Associated Press

TALLAHASSE — Florida health officials said Friday they will not report new cases of coronavirus in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

The daily report of new cases of COVID-19 will continue on Saturday, the agency said in a

tweet on Friday afternoon.

This comes a day after the Florida Department of Health disclosed in statement tweeted on its HealthyFla site that evidence of a new and apparently more contagious coronavirus strain first seen in England has been detected in a Martin County man

with no recent travel history.

Other cases of the new strain have been reported in Colorado and California.

Martin County is north of Palm Beach County, which along with Miami-Dade and Broward counties have been the state's hardest hit region in dealing with

coronavirus cases.

The Florida health statement said the agency is working with the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on investigating the case. Officials gave no other details about the case.

Also on Thursday, the state reported the highest daily jump in COVID-19 cases ever detected in Florida. Health officials reported 17,192 new

cases and 133 new deaths, raising the death toll to 21,857.

On Friday afternoon, health officials reported that about 6,450 people were being treated for COVID-19 in hospitals around the state. During the virus surge last summer, the number of hospitalizations reached nearly 10,000. The numbers had fallen to about 2,000 in October and early November.

Black players bemoan loss of community basketball courts

Coral Springs to move, rebuild

LISA J. HURIASH
The Sun Sentinel

CORAL SPRINGS — The profanity hurled by recreational basketball players led Coral Springs to tear courts built right next to a children’s playground, but the solution has sparked a debate about whether the move was racially motivated.

Although the city has agreed to build smaller courts somewhere else, many people in the community feel Black residents have been shortchanged.

The old courts, at Cypress Park on the city’s south side, once had as many as eight basketball games going on at the same time, drawing scores of people who came to play and to hang out, with coolers and food for picnics, even in the rain.

“It was a community thing,” said Mark Rogers, a Coral Springs resident and hobbyist basketball player.

But the games ended in Coral Springs when the city tore down the hoops over the summer and replaced them with pickleball courts.

Commissioner Joy Carter said people who lived on the canal behind the courts complained for years that players were spewing profanity, despite signs and warnings to keep their language clean.

“You’re out on your patio and that’s what you hear,” she said.

“To me, it is an issue, we told you to stop swearing, we posted signs ‘Please no foul language,’” she said. “We asked them for over two years ‘please.’ It’s the

nature of the game to swear, to use profanity. And I can’t say people don’t swear when they play tennis or pickleball, but it’s probably not as prolific.”

City Manager Frank Babinec agreed: “It was an ongoing issue.”

But the players, many of them Black, were horrified.

“We felt powerless,” Rogers said. “The whole park was just destroyed.”

He found a sympathizer with the city’s first Haitian city commissioner, who argued last week that the move had racial overtones.

“That is what is perceived,” said Commissioner Nancy Metayer. “They felt like this part of their lives, their culture, where they are able to fellowship, was taken away from them.”

After an outcry, one full court and a half court will be built in the later part of the spring. They’ll go up across the street, by the park’s pool. This month, the city agreed to spend \$75,500 for new lighting for the new basketball courts, which will be built on what is now parking lot.

Metayer said the plans aren’t enough, and she wants all four full-courts restored.

The limited reconstruction isn’t enough, since the culture and “unspoken rules” of the courts is that lesser-skilled players work their way up to certain courts and there’s not enough space.

“For us to downsize it, it changes the shift, the dynamics of how young people play,” she said.

Babinec, the city manager, warned that adding

more courts would mean taking something else away. And Commissioner Carter said there are dozens of other locations for people to play basketball.

Jamal Waring, of Lake Worth, has played basketball at Cypress Park for about two decades, including when he lived in Coral Springs and even two years after he moved away.

“The overwhelming majority of people who play there believe it was racially motivated,” he said, saying that police officers on patrol told players there were complaints about the cussing.

Neither City Hall nor the police department would say how many people complained or provide examples.

Rogers, who is white, said he’s seen golfers throw clubs and seniors cuss while playing tennis. “That’s no justification for taking it away from the kids,” he said.

A smaller version of the courts means “you’re going to have certain groups of people commandeering that court and pushing off the kids who really, really need it,” he said.

Commissioner Josh Simmons, who is Black, said the city did the right thing to answer residents’ complaints by removing the courts, and then made the right decision again to put them back in, elsewhere. He said planners should never have built the courts next to a playground in the first place.

The city’s actions to remove the courts were not racially motivated, he said, although he acknowledged that some in the Black community perceived it that way — that it was “anti-Black and against Black culture.”

DEDICATED To Your Recovery

What is a skilled nursing facility? It is a licensed healthcare facility that provides in-patient treatment and rehabilitation with licensed nurses, therapists, and medical professionals on staff. As this may seem like a difficult decision to make, a skilled nursing facility may be the right fit for you or your loved one after a hospital stay. Skilled Nursing Facilities focus on hospital aftercare and specializing in Post-Surgical aftercare. The interdisciplinary team strives to provide exceptional care to the patients, while working with them to reach their goals and needs to bring them to their prior level of functioning. A facility offers a variety of therapy services from physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respiratory services. Patients are monitored 24 hours a day by highly trained staff that can provide a high standard quality of care in a safe and caring environment.

A skilled nursing facility is dedicated to helping residents recuperate from a hospital stay with highly trained healthcare professionals that treat a variety of diagnoses with the most up-to-date therapies and treatments. Some common diagnosis that most facilities can treat are post-op orthopedic surgery, stroke, heart attack, generalized weakness, sepsis, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease (COPD), and new onset diagnosis. The end goal is to optimize patient’s outcomes and ensuring they can achieve their highest level of functioning so they can safely return home.

In addition to a short-term rehab stay, a skilled nursing facility also offers long term care. This alternative is an option for patients who may need 24-hour care and can no longer care for themselves. Long term care provides residents with the proper care they need while being surrounded by medical professionals in a place, they can call home.

Citrus Health and Rehabilitation Center is a skilled nursing facility that offers short-term and long-term care located in Inverness, Florida. The highly trained multi-disciplinary skilled nursing staff treats a wide variety of diagnoses with the most up-to-date therapies available. Every person cared for receives a unique personalized program designed to help them achieve their highest level of well-being and independence. Citrus Health and Rehabilitation Center is 5- Star rated on www.Medicare.gov, accredited through Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval, and is also a certified VOHRA wound center of excellence. The staff at Citrus Health and Rehabilitation Center is committed to maintaining a facility where compassionate health care, nursing, and rehabilitation services are provided in an environment of respect, dignity, and personal attention to the needs of each individual.

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Around the
COUNTY

**Genealogy group
to meet Jan. 12**

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet virtually via Zoom at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Christine Cohen, professional genealogist, will present a webinar titled "Immigration Ports of Entry." She will discuss a wide range of immigration ports and where to find clues about the entry port used. Guests are welcome.

Email Mary Ann Machonkin for access at hmarya@tampabay.rr.com.

**Irish American
club to gather**

The Beverly Hills Irish American Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the Jack Steele Building in Beverly Hills, 87 Civic Circle, between the Beverly Hills Community Church and the Jewish Center. All are welcome. Annual dues are \$10. The club offers refreshments at meetings, welcoming friendly conversation and guest speakers. For details, call Janet at 616-648-1242.

— From staff reports

Correction

Due to a reporter's error, a story on Page A3 of the Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, edition, "Woman accused of DUI manslaughter," had an incorrect second reference to Janis Marie Bressan-Stacey's vehicle, which is a Lincoln MKZ.

The Chronicle regrets the error. Readers can alert the Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing community@chronicleonline.com or by calling 352-563-5660.

Girl strikes Inverness man with hammer

Suspect was allegedly choking woman

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A girl stopped an Inverness man from allegedly choking a woman by striking him with a hammer.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies later arrested 28-year-old Joseph Allen Roberts the night of Monday, Dec. 28, and jailed him without a bond.

Roberts faces a charge of battery involving strangulation.

A judge, during Roberts' first court appearance Tuesday, reset the bond amount to \$10,000.

If Roberts is released after posting bail, the judge ordered, he must wear a GPS-monitoring device and have no contact with those involved in the alleged incident, court records show.

Roberts is scheduled to be arraigned Jan. 25.

According to Roberts' arrest report, sheriff's office deputy

Richard Vieira responded Monday to a house off of East Beech Circle in Inverness, where he met with the woman.

She said Roberts had been drinking and became angry, causing to him to strike her onto the ground, according to the arrest report, where he proceeded to sit on top of the woman and strangle her.

While Roberts was on top of the woman, according to witness



Joseph Allen Roberts
faces charge of battery.

statements in the arrest report, a girl picked up a hammer and struck Roberts on his back with it, getting him off the woman.

Roberts refused to speak with Vieira before the deputy arrested him.

On his way to the county jail, according to his arrest report, Roberts uttered he didn't think it was fair he was going to jail, and that nothing was being done about him being struck with a hammer.

Around the STATE

**Fake teen doctor arrested again
on fraud charges in Florida**

WEST PALM BEACH — A 23-year-old Florida man who posed as a doctor and spent prison time as a teenager, has been arrested again on charges of fraud and grand theft, police said.

Malachi Love-Robinson was released hours after his arrest on Thursday, WPTV in West Palm Beach reported.

According to police, Love-Robinson asked clients to send money to his personal bank account rather than to the shipping company he worked for. He is accused of taking over \$10,000 that belonged to the company.

A police report said Love-Robinson sent text messages to the company's owner, saying he's truly sorry and he is doing everything he can "to make it right," the television station reported. "I don't want to go to jail," Love-Robinson said, according to the report.

He pleaded guilty to several fraud charges, grand theft and practicing medicine without a license stemming from his arrest in 2016.

Patients told investigators Love-Robinson claimed he held several degrees, including a Ph.D. and a M.D. They didn't realize he was only 18 years old at the time.

He served nearly 21 months in a maximum security prison near Fort Myers.

4 dead, 3 teens injured in New Year's Day crash near Miami

MIAMI — Four people were killed and three others were injured in a crash that happened near Miami early on New Year's Day, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

A Chevrolet Tahoe was heading west on West Flagler Avenue as a Hyundai attempted to turn left on a flashing red light, troopers said.

A woman and three men inside the car died at the scene, troopers said. Three 16-year-old boys in the Tahoe were taken to a hospital with injuries that were not thought to be life-threatening.

— From wire reports

Lecanto man accused of breaking into four storage sites

Editor's Note: This story was updated with a fourth burglary case.

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A Lecanto man's alleged burglary spree targeting four local storage sites came to an end with his arrest.

After investigating the four break-ins, which occurred over the span of seven days, Citrus County Sheriff's Office Detective James Hughes jailed 48-year-old Joshua Michael Strause the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Strause faces charges of petit

theft, two counts of grand theft, two counts of burglarizing a conveyance and three counts of burglarizing a structure.

During Strause's first court appearances Wednesday and Thursday, court records show, a judge kept his total bond for his four felony cases at \$30,000.

If Strause does post bail, the judge ordered, he must wear a GPS-monitoring device.

According to his arrest reports, Strause is accused of burglarizing



Joshua Michael Strause
faces burglary charges.

a storage site off of U.S. 19, B&B Storage off of U.S. 19, Brocks Self Storage off West Grover Cleveland Boulevard and the Ace Consignment Place off U.S. 19 sometime around Dec. 21, 24, 27 and 28, respectively.

At the unnamed storage site, seven storage units had their locks cut, and \$900 worth of gardening tools was missing.

At B&B Storage, a lock to a storage unit had been cut, and \$90 worth of small electronics was

stolen. A few days later, at Brocks Self Storage, another storage unit lock was cut, and \$2,000 worth of various tools was taken, according to arrest reports.

Hughes was able to get purported security footage of Strause rummaging through parked boats and breaking into four storage units at the Ace Consignment Place.

When Hughes showed his image from the surveillance system, Strause admitted to burglarizing the three businesses, according to his arrest reports.

Strause is due to be arraigned Jan. 25.

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Birthday — Consider what you have already achieved and what you want to pursue. Change may entice you, but review your motives before you plunge into something risky or costly. Frustration will take over if you make a mistake. Play it safe, and strive to ease stress.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Handle financial matters reasonably, and consider joint ventures that bring equal benefits to all involved. Choose physical and emotional well-being.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A positive attitude will encourage others to back your interests. Let your actions lead the way, and rewards follow.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Preparation will make the difference between success and failure. Last-minute changes will ensure that you have everything in place.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Channel your energy into what you can accomplish, and you'll make progress. A life-style change is overdue.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Keep a low profile. A problem with a regulation or authority figure will arise if you haven't paid attention to the rules.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — You may not move forward traditionally, but the results will be better than anticipated.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Follow the dots and figure out where your plans lead before you start something you may not be able to finish. Put your energy into something concrete.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Refrain from making a move or change, or agreeing to something if you aren't sure it's what you want. Pay attention to your physical and emotional well-being.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Invite people who make you think to comment on your thoughts and plans. A collective point of view will motivate you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Discuss your ideas and note the suggestions you receive. Avoiding discord will make whatever transition you make more manageable. Romance is encouraged.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — How you manage your money, friendships and social activity will determine what sort of year lies ahead. Keep an open mind.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Consider the information you gather and the source from which you draw your knowledge before you let it determine how you react.

ENTERTAINMENT

Novelist urges politicians to speak sincerely about virus

TOKYO — Japanese novelist **Haruki Murakami** says politicians need to help reduce public uncertainty and fear over the coronavirus and gain people's support by speaking sincerely about the pandemic.

Murakami, in a two-hour live New Year's Eve radio show, urged political leaders to "talk honestly from the gut" to the people to encourage their participation in slowing an upsurge in infections, which are on the verge of getting out of control.

His comments came hours after Japan's capital announced its new daily cases soared to a record 1,337 on Thursday, up sharply from the previous high of 949 on Dec. 26.

"I think an essential problem with the coronavirus is our uncertain future, which is triggering a sense of fear, anger and escapism among people, which I think is the biggest danger," Murakami said in a conversation with one of two guests, Nobel physiology prize winner **Shinya Yamanaka** of Kyoto University.

"It would be difficult for the people to squarely cooperate with the (anti-virus) measures when politicians are not communicating with messages" in words that can reach people's hearts, Murakami said, without identifying any politician by name.

Known for bestsellers such as "A Wild Sheep Chase," "The Wind-up Bird Chronicle" and "1Q84," Murakami said during the show that issues raised by the coronavirus seem to be part of developments such as globalism, climate change, rise of populism and widening social disparity.



Associated Press

In this Nov. 3, 2018, file photo, Japanese novelist **Haruki Murakami** signs his autograph on his novel "Killing Commendatore" during a press conference in Tokyo. **Murakami said politicians need to reduce public uncertainty and fear over the coronavirus by speaking sincerely about the pandemic.**

Italy's Uffizi opens Dante anniversary with virtual exhibit

MILAN — Florence's Uffizi Gallery is making available for viewing online 88 rarely displayed drawings of Dante's "Divine Comedy" to mark the 700th anniversary in 2021 of the Italian poet's death.

The virtual show of high-resolution images of works by the 16th-century Renaissance artist **Federico Zuccari** will be accessible from Friday "for free, any hour of the day, for everyone," said Uffizi director **Eike Schmidt**.

The drawings illustrate Dante's masterpiece, "The Divine Comedy," an epic poem in three parts recounting a pilgrim's travels through hell, purgatory and heaven.

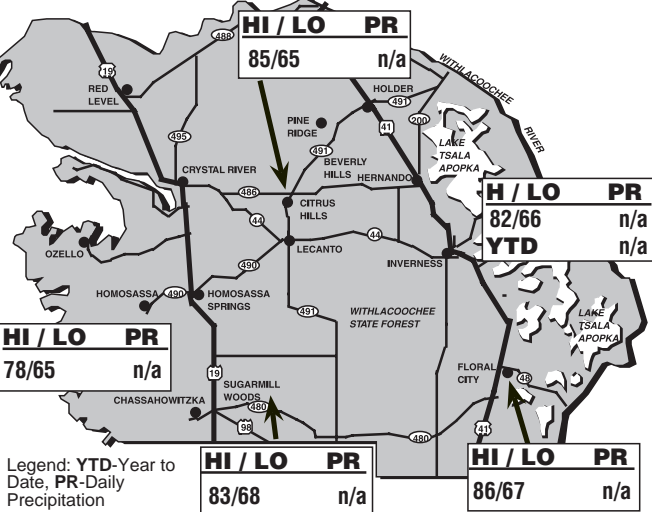
Dante Alighieri is revered as the father of the Italian language. A Tuscan by birth, he died and was buried in the city of Ravenna, a three-time ancient capital located in the region of Emilia-Romagna.

The pencil-and-ink drawings are in contrasting shades of black and red. They were completed during Zuccari's stay in Spain from 1586 to 1588, and became part of the Uffizi collection in 1738.

The drawings have only been publicly displayed twice previously, and then only a selection, owing to their fragility: in Florence in 1865 to mark the 600th anniversary of Dante's birth and coinciding with Italy's unification as a nation, and for a specialized exhibit about Dante in Abruzzo in 1993.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 84° Low: 62°
Partly sunny, breezy and warm. Some sea fog.

SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING
High: 68° Low: 40°
Chance of showers early, then breezy and colder.

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 66° Low: 38°
Sunny and cool day, cold at night.

ALMANAC				Data from Crystal River Airport
TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT		
Yesterday	84/66	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	67°	
Record*	85/24			
Normal	70/42	HUMIDITY		
Mean temp.	56	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	60%	
Departure from mean	19	POLLEN COUNT**		
PRECIPITATION		Today's active pollen:		
Yesterday	0.00"	juniper, maple, oak		
Total for the month	0.00"	Today's count: 6.8/12		
Total for the year	0.00"	Sunday's count: 5.9		
Normal for the year	0.09"	Monday's count: 7.8		
*Official record values from Tampa International		AIR QUALITY		
UV INDEX:	4	Yesterday observed	Good	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high		Pollutant	Ozone	
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.09			

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DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
01/02	SATURDAY	7:22	3:18	5:44	3:44
01/03	SUNDAY	7:23	4:09	5:45	4:34

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK				
Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 28	
SUNSET TONIGHT		5:44 pm		
SUNRISE TOMORROW		7:23 am		
MOONRISE TODAY		9:20 pm		
MOONSET TODAY		10:13 am		

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

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

SATURDAY				
City	High	Low	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	8:10 a.m.	0.7 ft	8:41 p.m.	0.2 ft
Crystal River**	6:06 a.m.	2.5 ft	7:16 p.m.	1.6 ft
Withlacoochee*	2:59 a.m.	3.3 ft	4:45 p.m.	2.5 ft
Homosassa***	6:37 a.m.	1.5 ft	8:22 p.m.	0.6 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	81	64	mc	Miami	78	71	mc
Fort Lauderdale	80	69	pc	Ocala	80	61	mc
Fort Myers	80	66	mc	Orlando	83	65	mc
Gainesville	79	60	cl	Pensacola	62	42	sh
Homestead	81	67	mc	Sarasota	79	64	mc
Jacksonville	79	60	mc	Tallahassee	70	51	t
Key West	79	71	pc	Tampa	80	64	mc
Lakeland	82	65	mc	Vero Beach	83	65	mc
Melbourne	83	66	mc	W. Palm Bch.	78	70	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

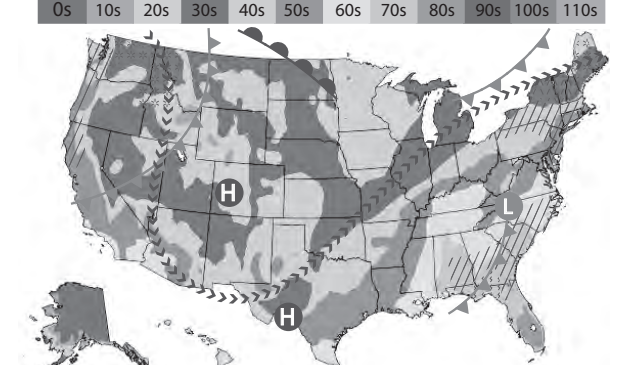
Today: South winds around 15 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Areas of sea fog. Tonight: South winds around 15 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Patchy sea fog.

Gulf water temperature
67°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	FRI	THU	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	29.02	29.06	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.68	37.68	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.90	38.90	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.11	40.12	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

City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest	City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest
Albany	32	18	0.03	42	25	ra	New Orleans	70	57	0.01	56	41	pc
Albuquerque	45	19	0.00	48	21	s	New York City	39	36	0.12	54	34	pc
Asheville	68	43	1.44	62	42	mc	Norfolk	50	45	0.12	67	46	ra
Atlanta	66	57	1.26	64	43	mc	Oklahoma City	34	30	1.12	38	26	mc
Atlantic City	44	30	0.21	55	37	pc	Omaha	27	12	0.00	28	15	mc
Austin	54	30	0.00	59	36	s	Palm Springs	72	54	0.00	66	46	s
Baltimore	37	30	0.68	54	34	pc	Philadelphia	39	28	0.39	55	33	mc
Billings	45	27	0.00	51	29	mc	Phoenix	64	39	0.00	64	38	s
Birmingham	73	61	0.52	58	39	mc	Pittsburgh	46	28	0.70	44	34	cl
Boise	43	30	0.00	43	36	mc	Portland, ME	36	18	0.00	39	26	ra
Boston	36	28	0.00	46	28	ra	Portland, OR	52	45	0.18	51	44	ra
Buffalo	34	27	0.18	39	28	ra	Providence, RI	37	25	0.00	49	27	ra
Burlington, VT	34	25	0.00	34	22	sn	Raleigh	55	41	0.22	63	49	mc
Charleston, SC	81	61	0.00	70	60	sh	Rapid City	50	21	0.00	47	29	pc
Charleston, WV	52	34	0.21	50	41	mc	Renno	43	21	0.00	47	31	mc
Charlotte	54	43	0.60	66	49	mc	Rochester, NY	36	25	0.18	40	28	ra
Chicago	36	25	0.16	34	29	mc	Sacramento	55	36	0.00	55	45	cl
Cincinnati	54	32	1.17	44	38	cl	Salt Lake City	32	17	0.00	38	25	mc
Cleveland	39	30	0.57	40	34	cl	San Antonio	59	32	0.00	61	38	s
Columbia, SC	61	54	0.47	70	53	sh	San Diego	70	45	0.00	64	46	s
Columbus, OH	46	27	0.96	42	36	cl	San Francisco	61	43	0.00	59	49	cl
Concord, NH	36	21	0.00	38	21	ra	Savannah	79	61	0.00	71	59	sh
Dallas	39	36	0.32	52	35	pc	Seattle	52	45	0.16	51	43	ra
Denver	39	21	0.00	49	23	s	Spokane	43	36	0.00	47	39	ra
Des Moines	25	19	0.00	27	14	mc	St. Louis	36	30	0.00	35	29	sn
Detroit	34	21	0.07	38	31	mc	St. Ste Marie	30	18	0.00	33	26	cl
El Paso	52	25	0.00	55	32	s	Syracuse	36	30	0.19	39	27	sh
Evansville, IN	54	34	0.67	42	35	cl	Topeka	34	27	0.41	34	21	mc
Harrisburg	36	23	0.43	48	31	mc	Washington	41	36	0.59	56	35	pc
Hartford	36	23	0.00	48	26	ra	YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW						
Houston	55	39	0.00	54	39	pc	HIGH	86, Spring Hill, Fla.					
Indianapolis	43	27	0.71	38	33	cl	LOW	-15, Mackay, Idaho					
Kansas City	32	27	0.41	30	20	mc	WORLD CITIES						
Las Vegas	59	45	0.00	56	36	s	FRI	Lisbon	54/48/s				
Little Rock	45	37	0.94	42	30	cl	H/LSKY	London	39/37/cl				
Los Angeles	66	43	0.00	65	49	pc	CITY	Madrid	41/32/pc				
Louisville	57	36	0.88	44	38	cl	Acapulco	95/63/s					
Memphis	55	43	0.88	46	33	cl	Amsterdam	43/38/s					
Milwaukee	34	18	0.32	30	22	mc	Athens	60/49/pc					
Minneapolis	23	12	0.00	29	18	mc	Beijing	29/18/s					
Mobile	70	61	0.58	61	40	mc	Berlin	37/32/pc					
Montgomery	72	64	0.68	63	40	mc	Bermuda	69/68/mc					
Nashville	75	45	0.52	52	38	sh	Cairo	73/57/pc					

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; fg=fog; hz=haze; mc=mostly cloudy; pc=partly cloudy; ra=rain; rs=rain/snow; s=sunny; sh=showers; sm=smoke; sn=snow; ss=snow showers; t=thunderstorms

Today in
HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2021. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Jan. 2, 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 miles an hour as a way of conserving gasoline in the face of an OPEC oil embargo. (The 55 mph limit was effectively phased out in 1987; federal speed limits were abolished in 1995.)

On this date:
In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.
In 1959, the Soviet Union launched its space probe Luna 1, the first manmade object to fly past the moon, its apparent intended target.
In 1981, police in Sheffield, England, arrested Peter Sutcliffe, who confessed to being the "Yorkshire Ripper," the serial killer of 13 women.
In 2015, California began issuing driver's licenses to immigrants who were in the country illegally.

Ten years ago: Maj. Richard "Dick" Winters, who'd fought in several major battles in World War II and whose quiet leadership was chronicled in the book and television mini-series "Band of Brothers," died in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, at age 92.

Five years ago: A heavily armed group led by Ammon and Ryan Bundy seized the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon, beginning a 41-day standoff to protest the imprisonment of two ranchers convicted of setting fires on public land and to demand the federal government turn over public lands to local control.

Today's Birthdays: TV host Jack Hanna is 74. Actor Wendy Phillips is 69. Actor Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 53. Model Christy Turlington is 52. Actor Taye Diggs is 50. Actor Dax Shepard is 46. Actor Kate Bosworth is 38. Actor Anthony Carrigan is 38. Actor Peter Gadiot is 36.

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Walt Disney World Resort lists ways to kick off 2021 with magic

Special to the Chronicle

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Walt Disney World Resort is ready to help guests make the new year magical. From new and classic attractions to culinary experiences to character interactions and more, The Most Magical Place on Earth has plenty to offer those wanting to immediately turn the page on 2020.

■ **Explore the Taste of EPCOT International Festival of the Arts**, beginning Jan. 8 and running through Feb. 22, guests are invited to an expansive collection of visual, performance and culinary arts throughout the park.

■ **Gaze Upon the Reimagined Entrance Fountain at EPCOT** — The new water feature in front of Spaceship Earth hearkens back to the park's origins and highlights a greener, more open and welcoming entry experience for guests. The fountain is the most recent milestone in the transformation of

EPCOT now underway.

■ **Step Inside the Cartoon World of Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway** at Disney's Hollywood Studios — Guests go through the movie screen as Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Engineer Goofy and Pluto take them on a trip through Runnamuck Park ... where anything can happen!

■ **Embark on a Star Wars Adventure in a Galaxy Far, Far Away** — Disney's Hollywood Studios is also home to Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, the immersive, award-winning land featuring two thrilling attractions: Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance and Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run.

■ **Check Out Cinderella Castle's Royal Makeover** — The treasured icon at the heart of Magic Kingdom Park now features bold, shimmering and regal enhancements befitting its royal status, making for a great photo with family and friends.

■ **Experience Classic**

Attractions at Magic Kingdom Park — Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, The Haunted Mansion, "it's a small world," Pirates of the Caribbean, Space Mountain ... the new year is a great time for guests to reconnect with these classics loved by millions the world over.

■ **Watch for More New Residents on the Harambe Wildlife Reserve** at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park — Nigerian dwarf goats now play like kids at the warden's outpost near the end of Kilimanjaro Safaris.

■ **Bask in the Cuteness of Baby Animals** — In addition to the Nigerian dwarf goats, guests can try and catch a glimpse of some of the animals born in 2020 at Walt Disney World while at Disney's Animal Kingdom. Aboard Kilimanjaro Safaris, for example, they may see young Masai giraffe now out on the savanna.

■ **Celebrate the Magic of Nature in Pandora** — The World of Avatar — At

Disney's Animal Kingdom, guests can travel to the Valley of Mo'ara to hike among the floating mountains of Pandora and experience two awe-inspiring attractions: Avatar Flight of Passage and Na'vi River Journey.

■ **Find Disney Characters in New Places** — From cavalcades to caravans to flotillas and even special "pop-up" appearances, guests can discover favorite friends at all four theme parks and the occasional special surprise at Disney Resort hotels.

■ **Hop from Park to Park** — Beginning Jan. 1, guests who purchase a ticket or annual pass with Park Hopper benefits will be able to visit more than one park per day (with some new modifications).

■ **Return to Favorite Disney Restaurants** — As part of the phased reopening of Walt Disney World, restaurants continue to return to operation across The Most Magical Place on Earth. Recent reopenings

include The Crystal Palace inside Magic Kingdom and the character breakfast at Chef Mickey's inside Disney's Contemporary Resort.

■ **Make Some Time to Relax Outdoors** — Central Florida weather is often gorgeous in the early months of the year, and Walt Disney World offers special ways to enjoy some outdoor recreation, including golf and miniature golf, fishing expeditions, horseback riding and more.

■ **Buzz Through the Taste of EPCOT International Flower & Garden Festival**, blooming in March — Beginning March 3, guests will find fresh cuisine, creative gardens and unforgettable topiaries as part of this annual festival.

■ **Soak Up the Sun at Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park** — After remaining closed for all of 2020 due to the pandemic, this wintry-themed water park is planning to reopen in March and celebrate its

25th season in splashy style.

■ **Florida Residents Can Take Advantage of a Special Ticket Offer** — Beginning Jan. 4, 2021, the four-day Florida Resident Discover Disney Ticket invites Floridians to visit any of the four Disney parks through June 18, 2021 (subject to blackout dates), for a special price of \$199 (plus tax). More information is available at disneyworld.com.

As a reminder, Walt Disney World continues to operate with enhanced health and safety policies so everyone can enjoy the magic responsibly. To manage attendance, guests are required to have valid theme park admission and make a park reservation for each day of their visit through the Disney Park Pass system. Please visit disneyworld.com/Updates for more information.

For more on Walt Disney World, visit WDWNews.com and DisneyParksBlog.com.

HIRE

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He's enjoyed his work in Levy County, but said this new role is a natural career progression.

"This opens up a whole other door to continue doing what I've been doing — helping people get their dreams realized and seeing success stories with businesses," he said.

Pieklik said Register alerted him to his retirement and suggested he apply. He considered that high praise from someone who has been involved in economic development for so long.

"Bruce has been here three years, so I want to continue the work he's done and take it even further," he said.

Through smart growth and communication, Pieklik said, it is possible to strike a balance between those who moved here and want to keep Citrus County rural and those who want to see quality industry and higher-paying jobs.

The county, he said, is mostly

service-oriented and it's time to attract more manufacturers to the area to supplement the many gas stations and restaurants.

"One can't exist without the other," he said. "It comes down to balance and not tipping heavily one way or another."

The Suncoast Parkway expansion, he said, offers many opportunities to attract industry and manufacturing because it offers a fast corridor to Tampa to ship products, he said.

Preparing for the parkway

Oliver said Pieklik — if approved — would take over at a time when Citrus County is facing a number of key economic opportunities, the most important being the expansion of the Suncoast Parkway from U.S. 98 to State Road 44.

Oliver said Pieklik will be involved in setting up the zoning overlay along West Cardinal Street, which will have a toll road interchange. The creation of an industrial park at the

The Suncoast (Parkway expansion) will provide a significant shot in the arm for economic development.

Randy Oliver
Citrus County administrator.

Inverness Airport will also be a priority, he said.

"The Suncoast will provide a significant shot in the arm for economic development," Oliver said.

Oliver said Pieklik stood out from the 12-15 applications he received for the position. Ultimately, he recommended Pieklik because of his familiarity with this county, his contacts statewide and his work in Levy County helping attract businesses.

"He's done some good stuff in Levy County," Oliver said. "He knows his way around and I think it's a good opportunity for him and a great opportunity for us."

Oliver said Register did a good job laying the foundation

for local projects during the past three years. He hopes Pieklik can now move those projects forward.

"I think (Register) has the framework set up well," Oliver said. "I just think we need to execute and continue doing what we're doing and get our brand out more to let people know we're open for business."

Pieklik has already accepted the terms of his employment and if county commissioners vote to offer him the position Tuesday, they will work on a starting date. The plan is to have Register and Pieklik work together at least a week so as to familiarize the new director.

About Pieklik

The past five years, while

executive director of the Nature Coast Business Development Council in Levy County, Pieklik's résumé said he oversaw 100 new or expansion projects that created more than 800 jobs.

From 2007-11, Pieklik was assistant director for satellite parks for the city of Inverness. He helped with "special event conceptualization, marketing and coordination, as well as satellite parks maintenance supervision in preparation of activities and events," according to his résumé.

Before that, Pieklik was a Citrus County Chronicle reporter for three years and a writer/producer with WSTM-TV in Syracuse, N.Y.

As part of his employment agreement, Pieklik will be required to obtain his bachelor's degree — probably in business administration — by Jan. 1, 2022.

Citrus County commissioners meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at the county courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

To view the entire agenda, visit <https://bit.ly/3rCTjGa>.

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Keeping customers from straying

Chewy sends out some pet paintings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Danielle Schwartz didn't ask for an oil painting of her cat. But she loves the portrait of Stinky that hangs in her upstate New York home, a surprise gift from an unlikely place: an online pet store.

It's one of the more than 1,000 free paintings that Chewy sends to select customers each week — even during the pandemic — tapping into people's obsession with their fur children and, it hopes, winning customers for life.

In the cutthroat world of online shopping, that personal touch and a bit of kitsch is how Chewy is looking to stand out among the competition, which has only gotten stiffer as more people shop online and add pandemic pets to their families. Pet ownership is expected to grow 4% in 2020, the first increase in several years, according to the Petco Foundation.

Chewy's strategy seems to be working on Schwartz, whose blue-eyed cat likes to rub up against the painting from his cat tree.

"I just want to buy everything from them," she says. "They're a big company. I was shocked that they did something so personal."

The portraits have become a hit on social media, where

people share images of them or beg for their pets to be turned into works of art.

Eric Sheridan, a sales specialist from Lee, Florida, asked for a portrait through the Twitter account of Gozer, his Boston terrier with more than 3,000 followers. A Chewy representative messaged back: "My paws are crossed that we'll be able to send you one." It arrived a month and a half later. "Christmas came early," Sheridan tweeted from Gozer's account.

Not everyone is delighted by getting a mystery portrait — the company acknowledges that some confused customers send them back. But many who get a pet portrait document it for social media, giving Chewy free advertising — a trend the company noticed when it first started shipping them out.

"Customers were going bananas," says co-founder Ryan Cohen, who helped come up with the idea in 2013 before leaving the company.

Chewy was founded in 2011, marrying the fast delivery of Amazon with the friendliness of a local pet store. It also aimed to grab a piece of the fortune Americans spend on their pets, which was expected to total \$99 billion in 2020, according to the



Associated Press

In this photo made Monday, March 2, 2020, Danielle Moore poses for photos with Kana and also paintings of the pet Australian cattle dog in Dallas. In the dog-eat-dog world of online shopping, Chewy has an unusual plan to fend off Amazon: turning pets into works of art.

American Pet Products Association. Pet store chain PetSmart bought Chewy in 2017 for more than \$3 billion to grow its online business, but then spun Chewy off two years later into a publicly traded company now worth about \$40 billion, even though it has never made a profit.

Amazon and Chewy dominate the online pet supplies industry, with Amazon's market share at more than 50% and Chewy's at 34%, according to retail

consulting firm 1010data. But the pandemic has been especially good for Chewy as people avoid physical stores. Its stock price more than tripled in 2020. Sales soared 45% in the August to October quarter. And it added 5 million new customers in the last year, bringing its total customer base to nearly 18 million.

Phillip M. Cooper, a pet industry consultant, credits the customer service. "It set the standard," he says.

Obituary

Larry Johnson, 71
CRYSTAL RIVER

Larry Franklin Johnson, age 71, born October 7th, 1949. Deceased December 22, 2020.

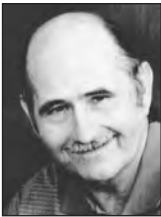
Graduated class of 1967 at Rogers High School, Toledo, Ohio. Some college degree. Larry was a Painting and Remodeling Specialist in Citrus County for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years Judy Kaye Johnson of Crystal River. Daughter Tracy Jo Johnson Penn of Crystal River. Son & Daughter in law Toby and Kim Johnson of Crystal River, Florida. Grandchildren Matthew and Raven Johnson.

Preceded in death by Mother and Father Herman and Betty Johnson.

Graveside Funeral Service at Fero Memorial Gardens, Beverly Hills, Florida, January 5, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Larry Johnson

Last of singing McGuire sisters dies in Las Vegas



Associated Press

In this Thursday, Oct. 10, 1986, file photo, The McGuire Sisters, from left, Christine, Phyllis and Dorothy, pose outside Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Lead singer, youngest: Phyllis McGuire was 89

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Phyllis McGuire, the last surviving member of the three singing McGuire Sisters who topped the charts with several hits in the 1950s, has died. She was 89.

The lead singer and younger sister of Dorothy and Christine McGuire died on Tuesday in Las Vegas, the Palm Eastern Mortuary and Cemetery confirmed on Thursday. A cause of death was not provided.

Known for their sweet harmonies and identical outfits and hairdos, the McGuire Sisters earned six gold records for hits including 1954's "Sincerely" and 1957's "Sugartime."

The group performed for five presidents and Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain. They were inducted into the National Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 1994 and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2001.

The Las Vegas Sun reported Phyllis McGuire died at her mansion she called "the Beverly Hills of Las Vegas" in the Rancho Circle estates near downtown Las Vegas. The 26,000-square-foot home includes a 45-foot version of the Eiffel Tower.

The sisters began singing together as children at their mother's Ohio church and then performed at weddings and church revivals.

They rose to popularity during World War II and got their show business break in 1952 with an appearance on the "Kate Smith Show." They quit performing as a trio but returned to the stage as a threesome in 1985.

The three last performed together in the mid-2000s, and were featured on a 2004 PBS show called "Magic Moments — Best of 50s Pop."

"They were amazing. They brought the country together by singing

wonderful songs," Lovee Arum, one of McGuire's longtime friends, told the Sun. "Phyllis McGuire was beautiful, talented and was part of the Las Vegas allure."

Phyllis Jean McGuire was born in Middletown, Ohio, on Feb. 14, 1931. Dorothy McGuire Williamson died in 2012. Christine McGuire died in 2018.

Phyllis McGuire married broadcaster Neal Van Ells in 1952. They divorced in 1956.

She also was known for her relationship with 1960s mobster Sam Giancana. Mary Louise Parker played the role of Phyllis McGuire in the 1995 HBO film "Sugartime," which portrayed Giancana's love affair with her.

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Frink also petitioned county commissioners and members of the Tourist Development Council to fund remaining Riverwalk construction.

Crystal River is asking Florida lawmakers to pay for the leftover balance of \$1.6 million in hopes it can break ground sometime in 2022.

“They ponied up \$500,000 toward Riverwalk because they understand it’s not just a city project, and it’s even more than a countywide project; it’s really a regional project,” Frink said about the TDC. “It’s our hope the state legislature feel the same.”

Frink and city staff started pushing for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to reclassify State Road 44 — from U.S. 19 to Turkey Oak Drive — so Crystal River has more say in designs of upcoming streetscape projects on the road.

Members of the Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization in early December OK’d a study to explore the costs and details of switching the names and traffic functions of that stretch of S.R. 44 with Turkey Oak Drive.

“Once we get that completed,” Frink said, “there are some amazing things we can do on State Road 44, leading into Crystal River.”

This movement to change roadway designations was

spurred by a two-day public charrette in the spring Crystal River hosted online, where roughly 4,200 people provided their vision for the road.

“We brought the whole community together during COVID,” Frink said.

Regulating King’s Bay and unclogging its waters of paddlecraft and unsightly boats within city limits was another priority for the council this year.

When Crystal River and the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office began targeting at-risk vessels moored in the middle of navigable waterways, there were more than 60 boats at question out there. Now there are around 35, Frink said.

Frink said the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is modeling proposed state law on the city’s method of having captains transfer their vessel’s title over to the city for it to remove their boat.

Crystal River also began the process in August of working with the FWC and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) to annex King’s Bay so the city can enforce its ordinances across the bay without interfering with other agency jurisdictions.

There won’t be a change of ownership, annexation of private properties or impact to riparian rights.

Frink said the next step is the county signing off on an inter-local agreement early in 2021 to determine which government will oversee permits for



Ken Frink
Crystal River city manager.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

In January 2020, the northern and eastern shores of Cedar Cove King’s Bay await the construction of Crystal River’s Riverwalk boardwalk that will stretch several waterfront properties, from the city’s Kings Bay Park to Cracker’s restaurant.

developments on the fringe of the bay.

City council voted in July to require paddlecraft businesses licensed in the city to launch their clientele’s vessels from Kings Bay Park in order to free space at Hunter Springs Park.

Frink said franchise agreements between the city and the paddlecraft vendors will be done in January, finalizing launch fees and lease payments for equipment corals at the city park.

To lessen the volume across King’s Bay, the



Joe Meek
mayor of Crystal River.

“We’ve seen many major projects come to fruition — not just discussed, but come to happen — and that’s a testament of Ken, his staff and the council working together,” Meek said. “We’re also excited to build on that momentum, and that’s what we’re going to do in 2021.”

Here are some other endeavors the city took on in 2020:

- Strengthening the relationship with Crystal River Main Street and the nonprofit’s latest executive director, Meredith Linley, to coordinate private-public partnerships to help revitalize the city’s downtown;
- Rewrote the land development code for the Crystal River Community Redevelopment Agency, turning it into a form-based code developers can use with ease to better navigate the application and permitting processes;
- Hired a full-time building official to take on immediate concerns of property owners;
- Began the Outstanding Business Partner Program, recognizing and thanking local businesses with decals and flyers for their investments in the city;
- Opened communications with the owner of the Crystal Square shopping plaza to start addressing the issues of blight on the property, which risks foreclosure;
- Hired Leslie Bollin as the city’s full-time marketing and special events coordinator, putting more attention on public relations and planning functions;
- Developed a

private-public partnership with Pete’s Pier, streamlining how boaters pay to park their trailers and launch their vessels from the marina;

- Worked with the USFWS and FDOT to install bathrooms and repave the main road at the Three Sisters Springs refuge;
- Built new pickleball courts at Jim LeGrone Memorial Park;
- Replaced 3/4 of a mile of aging sewer lines;
- Began renovating the drainage retention pond along Three Sisters Springs Trail and Northeast Second Court to help lessen the flooding and pollution impacts of storm surges and runoff into the neighboring Hunter Springs Cove;
- Notified 600 households of Crystal River’s project to switch them from septic tanks to the city’s sewer system, which is expected to add an assessment to property taxes in 2021;
- Began installing a camera and audio system to stream meetings in council chambers live online, starting in January;
- And instituted a Graphical Information System (GIS).

Check out later editions of the Chronicle for what Crystal River has in store for the future.

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Are You Taking Care of Your Mental Health?

By Dr. Ryan Dickert

Many seniors I talk with are lonely or worried about loneliness. While it’s true living longer means you experience the loss of friends and loved ones, it doesn’t mean depression or isolation should take over your life. This is neither healthy or a needed side effect you should choose to embrace.

Loneliness or any other mental health condition can undermine your overall health, and contribute to other chronic health conditions, such as dementia. Do your best to resist withdrawing and stay involved in community activities.

Some people believe as you age it’s normal to get cranky, senile or forgetful - not true! If your mood is changing or you notice other symptoms, it’s possible there is another reason or cause for this behavior.

It is believed about two million people over the age of 65 live with some kind of depression. If you feel depressed, don’t wait to get help or think it’s just part of the aging process. Talk to someone who can help, especially a doctor who can diagnose and treat the cause of the depression.

So what is going on with our brains as we age? Learning new tasks or keeping up at the same mental pace may be harder to do, and that’s not uncommon. But severe memory problems are not considered normal and should be examined.

Depending on how much and what you are forgetting could be an early warning sign of Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia. When you begin having memory issues in your daily life, speak with your doctor to find out what’s typical and what’s not.

Do our brains slow down or get smaller? Well, most scientists believe our brains do lose some mass, and there is nothing you can do about it. However, it’s not necessarily because of age.

Your daily healthcare choices play a vital role - too much stress, high blood pressure and diabetes, to name a few, can contribute to brain shrinkage, not age.

Here I’ll sound like a broken record if you read my columns regularly. Diet and exercise matter - even as you get older. The best way to prevent any chronic disease and enjoy life to the fullest is to take care of yourself. Stop smoking if you do, limit alcohol and avoid a sedentary lifestyle.

Yes, genetics can play a part in your mental health, but preventative measures can go a long way to help deter or keep illness away. The best thing you can do is communicate with your doctor if you suspect any changes in your memory, begin to feel lonely or depressed, or just want to ensure you’re doing all you can to stay mentally healthy!

Quiet New Year's gives breathing room after UK-EU Brexit split

Associated Press

LONDON — A steady trickle of trucks rolled off ferries and trains on either side of the English Channel on Friday, a quiet New Year's Day after a seismic overnight shift in relations between the European Union and Britain.

The busy goods route between southeast England and northwest France is on the front line of changes now that the U.K. has fully left the economic embrace of the 27-nation bloc, the final stage of Brexit.

"For the majority of trucks, they won't even notice the difference," said John Keefe, spokesman for Eurotunnel, which transports vehicles under the Channel. "There was always the risk that if this happened at a busy time then we could run into some difficulties, but it's happening overnight on a bank holiday and a long weekend."



A tax refund electronic machine is displayed Friday Jan. 1, in the port of Calais, northern France. Britain left the European bloc's vast single market for people, goods and services at 11 p.m. London time, midnight in Brussels, completing the biggest single economic change the country has experienced since World War II.

Britain left the European bloc's vast single market for people, goods and services at 11 p.m. London time, midnight in Brussels, on Thursday, in the biggest single economic change the

country has experienced since World War II. A new U.K.-EU trade deal will bring new restrictions and red tape, but for British Brexit supporters, it means reclaiming national independence from the EU and its web of rules.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson, whose support for Brexit helped push the country out of the EU, called it "an amazing moment for this country."

"We have our freedom in our hands, and it is up to us to make the most of it," he said in a New Year's video message.

The historic moment passed quietly, with U.K. lockdown measures against the coronavirus curtailing mass gatherings to celebrate or mourn. Brexit, which had dominated public debate in Britain for years, was even pushed off some newspaper front pages by news of the huge vaccination effort against COVID-19.

In the subdued streets of London — which voted strongly to remain in the EU in Britain's 2016 membership referendum — there was little enthusiasm for Brexit.

"I think it is a disaster, among many disasters this year," said Matt Steel, a medical doctor. "It is a crappy deal. I don't really see any positives in it, to be honest."

The break comes 11 months after a political Brexit that left the two sides in the limbo of a "transition period" in which EU rights and rules continued to apply to Britain.

The trade agreement sealed on Christmas Eve after months of tense negotiations ensures that the two sides can continue to buy and sell goods without tariffs or quotas. But companies face sheaves of new costs and paperwork, including customs declarations and border checks.

The English Channel port of Dover and the Eurotunnel braced for delays as the new measures were introduced.

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STATE CONTROL

Easing wetlands permitting process a bad move

The Everglades is home to the largest contiguous stand of protected mangroves in the northern hemisphere. It is the habitat for unique, rare and endangered species, such as the Cape Sable seaside sparrow and the Florida leafwing butterfly, species only found in those wetlands and adjacent areas.

Florida accounts for about one fifth of the country’s wetlands, and until recently, developing those wetlands required permits from the federal government. That recently changed.

In a move environmentalists call a “parting gift to developers from the outgoing administration in Washington,” the Environmental Protection Agency granted Florida’s request for wider authority over development of the state’s wetlands.

Environmentalists rightfully worry the state’s network of wetlands could face further degradation. Developers, who have long sought state control over permitting, argue the former process was unnecessarily cumbersome and expensive.

“This action allows Florida to effectively evaluate and issue permits under the Clean Water Act to support the health of Florida’s waters, residents and economy,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler during a news conference in Washington.

The Everglades is one of the largest wetlands in the world, but used to be larger, shrinking due to decades of draining for agriculture and urban development, according to the National Wildlife Federation. Known for its subtropic ecosystem and an

abundance of wildlife, the Everglades is surrounded by a number of large cities slowly encroaching on its fragile ecosystem.

Juggling the concerns of the state’s natural beauty and the ever-growing influx of people moving to the state has always been a challenge for politicians and environmentalists.

While government oversight often is overbearing and filled with unnecessary red tape, giving less regulatory latitude to developing wetlands is just not a sound idea. Considering the state’s rapid growth in the past 50 years from sleepy retirement communities to now world-class tourist destinations, it should be tougher to obtain permits to develop wetlands, not easier. After all, the natural beauty of Florida is what draws people here. Making it easier to chip away at that is a slap in the face to environmentalists who for decades have tried to preserve Florida’s natural beauty.

Activists worry that state control over permitting could limit their venues of recourse, especially in federal courts, to challenge projects that could injure the ecostructure.

The push for state control over the permitting process began under then-Gov. Rick Scott, who is now a U.S. senator. Gov. Ron DeSantis continued the push, petitioning the federal government earlier this year.

Sanibel Island Realtor David Schuldenfrei said it best at a Save Our Water Summit in 2016: “Kill the environment, and Florida’s economy will die along with it.”

THE ISSUE:

The EPA grants Florida wider control over wetlands development permitting process.

OUR OPINION:

Less regulatory latitude to developing wetlands is just not a sound idea.

Camping out for vaccine just crazy

You have got to be kidding! We’re supposed to line up like cattle to get our vaccines? Look at the overnight lines. Why not set up appointments online by hour? I’m 73. Should I spend the night on line to get a chance to get the vaccine?

Jim Ward
Floral City

Webster and the 14th Amendment

According to Section 3 of the 14th amendment, Daniel Webster and other treasonous Republicans have forfeited their right to be seated when Congress meets in January 2021.

Section 3 of the 14th amendment states, “No person shall be a senator or representative in Congress, or elector of president and vice-president, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath ... to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.”

More than half of the Republicans in the U.S. House — 146 — had backed a brief put forth earlier this week by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, to invalidate the voting results of Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin based on fraud claims already rejected by lower the courts numerous times.

On Dec. 11, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out the Texas lawsuit contesting the 2020 election results in four battleground states. The high court said Texas did not have standing to bring the case to interfere with other state election results.

The FBI, U.S. Attorney General William Barr, and the Department of Justice have repeatedly stated that there is no evidence of voter fraud or election irregularities.

It is clear according to the U.S. Constitution that anyone who has acted to tear the United States government apart should be prevented from serving as a member of Congress.

Kathy Dobronyi
Inverness

Webster votes against stimulus

Would you rather have a \$2,000 stimulus check or \$600 relief check?

President Trump, President-elect Biden, Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer plus two thirds of the House of Representatives’ Republicans and Democrats think you should get that \$2,000

U.S. Rep. Daniel Webster, who voted to overturn an election and lost, and has questionable ties to QAnon crazies, also voted against Citrus County residents getting \$2,000, along with Matt Gaetz and several others. Rick Scott voted no, and Marco Rubio voted yes. I ask the people who voted for Webster, why? A Democrat would’ve voted yes. Putting people like Webster in will cost you \$1,400. Is it worth

LETTERS to the Editor

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it? People need to vote in their best interest or suffer the result of bad choices.

We’ll see how this plays out, but Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell shot down the \$2,000 checks for Americans. Mitch needs to go if anything is to get done for the next four years; health care, the environment, money for education and things 80% of Americans support. People complain about things not getting done, well, Mitch has blocked over 400 bills, deemed himself “The Grim Reaper.” Webster seems to be the “Little Reaper.”

Charles Dozier
Inverness

‘When is enough, enough?’

T-total R-repulsiveness
U-useless M-malicious
P-pretense

A “rigged election,” proclaims Trump. Wow-wow. The Republican dreamers are having nightmares and what they see is nothing more than an ugly face (Trump’s) pointing an accusing finger saying, “You didn’t bring your family and/or friends to vote for me and I lost to ‘sleazy, crazy Joe.’ You are no good, you are fired,” but you continue to support his innuendos and lies. Wow-wow.

Now one of his lawyers insults the fired “Cyber Brain” and even elicits his death. Cousin Vinny Giuliani is claiming that Barr doesn’t have the evidence to justify his findings. Wow-wow.

There is no way “crazy Joe got 80 million votes; it is rigged.” Didn’t loser Trump state that prior to the election? He knew that he was a loser then, as he is now.

During my law enforcement days, bribery was a crime, punishable by law. Isn’t that what Trump has done by inviting, or perhaps demanding, that the lawmakers come to the White House so he can entice them to reverse the election? Wow-wow.

After seeing all these accusations by the Republicans, perhaps Mrs. Clinton should’ve asked for an investigation in 2016?

Now he is going to pardon everyone that has dirt on him, this way they can’t point fingers. Wow-wow.

This man is senile and very lonely, no power to do anything else. Jan. 20 is a day of great fear that is really

consuming this man.

If — big if — he was to come back in 2024, he is going to be KO’d by Kamala and it’s going to be a landslide of at least 20 million votes (“via fraud, of course”). Remember that!

Why, I ask, are the old Republicans afraid of this man? They are too old to come back in 2024, but they seemed concerned. Wow-wow.

Unfortunately, this man has time left in office and he will continue to endanger the safety of our military and country. Somehow, he has vexed his followers and they continue to praise him. When is enough, enough?

I am convinced that he will continue to divide us even more wherever he may be and thus we shall continue to be the Divided States of America. Wow-wow. May God bless us all!

Bill Matos
Inverness

US virus stats alarming

The USA has now surpassed 300,000 deaths from COVID-19. The death tolls are reported daily in the Chronicle and on TV. The problem is, it is just a number until we have something to compare it with, which is one purpose of this letter. Our death rate, in deaths per 100,000 population, is 82 times that of South Korea. If we had their death rate we would have only 3,500 deaths, our economy would be fine and the USA would have few coronavirus worries.

How about Vietnam? With their death rate, we would have, incredibly, only 119 deaths nationwide; similar situations for New Zealand, Republic of Singapore, and many others that you can verify via the internet using a calculator.

How do we compare to the rest of the planet? We aren’t the worst, but if you subtract us out, our death rate is more than five times that of the entire rest of the world. If we were just average, we would have less than 60,000 deaths. The number of U.S. coronavirus deaths exceeds the U.S. combat death toll in World War II, or all the wars since then.

The USA is the scientific nation of the world. It has received half of the Nobel Prizes in science since the 1950s and put a man on the moon. The atomic bomb was invented here, along with the first general purpose electronic programmable computer, the transistor — the heart of the integrated circuit — the internet, the telephone, incandescent light bulb, phonograph, movie camera, bifocals and Polaroids, plus many other creations. Although the U.S. shunned science when the coronavirus attacked, there are still simple scientific guidelines to follow, namely wear a mask and glasses outside your home, social distance, avoid going inside other places whenever possible, avoid groups of people, and wash hands frequently. Universally following those guidelines could save tens or even hundreds of thousands of lives before the herd immunity goal is reached. Stay safe!

Lee Kane
Crystal River

Limit short-term rentals

I am responding to the (Monday, Dec. 7, 2020) Sound Off, “Airbnb has made neighborhood ‘trashy’”: I live on a small bay with narrow streets. Most every junk house has been bought by outsiders and converted to short-term rentals and the occupants all congregate to party on one of the few waterfront rentals. Their pickups and trailers block our road, their trash and dog poop litter our street, and there’s no motel manager policing their activities. Every three or four days, a new group arrives. It is discouraging to witness our once-friendly

residential neighborhood degenerate to this. The commissioners should limit short-term rentals to no more than one rental every three months. That has been done other places and it eliminates the problem.

Money supersedes common sense

This Sound off is “Wrong spending”: People in need. Food pantries passing out food. Mental health facility needed. A lawyer to approve unneeded projects. Where’s the common sense? It is lost in the quagmire of more money. Sad.



Why can’t attorney render a decision?

Would someone please explain to me why our county attorney wasn’t able to render a decision in regards to the Riverwalk project?...

It just doesn’t seem right

(Re the Dec. 10, 2020, front-page story, “Riverwalk gets thumbs up”): Am I reading this correctly in Thursday’s paper that the city of Crystal River is considering using the \$566,000 allotment from CARES Act for the Riverwalk? With so many people out of work and small

businesses closing, this just doesn’t seem right.

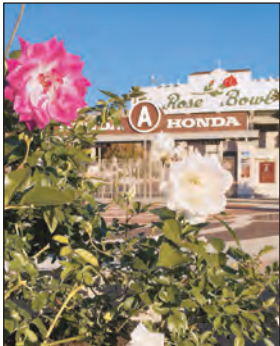
A lot of pork in BOCC goals

I just recently read an article with regard to the commissioners’ recent retreat (the Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, front-page story, “Board switches gears for retreat,” “Members meet to hash out and discuss goals, priorities for coming year”). After reading that article, I think it was mislabeled and should have been called “commissioners’ barbecue” because it seemed like all there was, was a lot of pork. The only thing missing was the beer and the sauce. Each individual commissioner had an individual

agenda. If we want to make the county better, why don’t we look within first? How do we do business as a county? I’ve had the misfortune of having to come to the government building several times to conduct business and found that I either had to sign a form, have a form notarized or provide documentation. This is the 21st century, people. We’re in a digital age. Why can’t we do this online? Why is the county’s website so difficult to negotiate and so difficult to find out even rudimentary departmental information? Again, why don’t we spend money looking at ourselves and how we do business and how we serve our citizens of Citrus County?

Nation BRIEFS

No parade



Associated Press

Roses bloom outside the unusually quiet Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1, after the traditional Rose Bowl NCAA football game was moved to Texas, and the Rose Parade was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Delay sought in Floyd death trial

MINNEAPOLIS — Prosecutors in the case against the four Minneapolis officers charged in the death of George Floyd requested that the trial delayed by three months.

The Star Tribune reports prosecutors cited the COVID-19 pandemic and the amount of time needed before enough people are vaccinated and health risks are sufficiently diminished.

The trial has been scheduled for March 8 for the four now-fired police officers charged in the death of Floyd on May 25 while he was forcibly detained on a south Minneapolis street corner.

In its motion, the prosecution argued that putting off the trial until June 7 "appropriately balances the need to protect public health with the need to ensure that this case is resolved expeditiously."

Derek Chauvin, Tou Thao, J. Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane are scheduled to be tried together. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter, and the others are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

Chauvin's attorney, Eric Nelson, said he doesn't intend to object to the prosecution seeking a delay in the trial.

Kueng's attorney, Thomas Plunkett, said the prosecution's motion pointing to COVID-19 is puzzling.

"The timing of their motion seems curious to me," Plunkett said. "The pandemic has been around for a while."

Vandals damage federal buildings

PHILADELPHIA — A group of people dressed in black vandalized at least two federal buildings in downtown Philadelphia on New Year's Eve, and police said they recovered Molotov cocktails and other suspicious devices as they arrested seven of them, authorities said Friday.

Officers spotted about 50 people, all in black, around 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the historic U.S. Customs House, police said.

And a 25-year-old man was seen throwing a brick through the windows of a federal building and courthouse shortly before 9 p.m., police said. He fled with a 24-year-old man and two 23-year-old women, all of whom were arrested.

Damage to the building was estimated at about \$3,000. Anti-police and anti-prison graffiti were scrawled on walls, a sheriff's van was defaced and several windows were broken.

Three other people were also arrested in the area.

— From wire reports

Jobless claims down

But still at 4 times pre-pandemic level

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits last week fell by 19,000 to 787,000, still a historically high level as a resurgent coronavirus maintains its grip on the U.S. economy.

While at the lowest level in four weeks, the figures released Thursday by the Labor Department are nearly four times higher than last year at this time before the coronavirus struck. Employers continue to cut jobs as rising infections keep many people at home and state and local governments re-impose tighter restrictions on businesses and public activities.

Jobless claims were running around 225,000 per week before the

pandemic struck with force last March when weekly jobless claims surged to 6.9 million and sent U.S. economy into a deep recession.

The total number of people receiving traditional unemployment benefits fell by 103,000 to 5.2 million for the week ending Dec. 19. That's still far greater than the 1.7 million a year ago when the unemployment rate was hovering around a half-century low of 3.9%.

Unemployment claims peaked in May at 25.9 million.

The four-week average for claims which smooths out weekly variations rose last week to 836,750, an increase of 17,750 from the previous week.

Economists believe that the holidays, in addition to broad confusion

over the status of a COVID-19 relief package, suppressed applications for benefits last week, so the numbers may be worse than they appear.

Congress finally passed a \$900 billion relief bill that would boost benefit payments and extend two unemployment assistance programs tied to job losses from the pandemic. However, President Donald Trump called the measure a "disgrace" and refused to sign off until Sunday, a one-week delay that means many Americans in desperate need will have to wait longer for help.

Trump has continued to pressure Congress, through tweets, to boost the stimulus payments to individuals from the \$600 in the bill to \$2,000. The Democratic-controlled House quickly passed legislation to meet Trump's demand, but the Republican-led Senate checked that effort.

A flop and a quash



Associated Press

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky walks off of the Senate floor on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020.

Push for \$2K checks fails, Senate overrides veto on defense bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell all but shut the door on President Donald Trump's push for \$2,000 COVID-19 relief checks, declaring Congress has provided enough pandemic aid as he blocked another attempt by Democrats to force a vote.

The GOP leader made clear Wednesday he is unwilling to budge, despite political pressure from Trump and even some fellow Republican senators demanding action. Trump wants the recent \$600 in aid increased threefold. But McConnell dismissed the idea of bigger "survival checks" approved by the House, saying the money would go to plenty of American households that just don't need it.

McConnell's refusal to act means the additional relief Trump wanted is all but dead.

"We just approved almost a trillion dollars in aid a few days ago,"

McConnell said, referring to the year-end package Trump signed into law.

McConnell added, "if specific, struggling households still need more help," the Senate will consider "smart targeted aid. Not another firehose of borrowed money."

The showdown between the outgoing president and his own Republican Party over the \$2,000 checks threw Congress into a chaotic year-end session just days before new lawmakers are set to be sworn into office.

It's one last standoff, together with the override of Trump's veto of a sweeping defense bill, that will punctuate the president's final days and deepen the GOP's divide between its new wing of Trump-styled populists and what had been mainstay conservative views against government spending.

Trump has been berating the GOP leaders, and tweeted, "\$2000 ASAP!" President-elect Joe Biden also

supports the payments and wants to build on what he calls a "downpayment" on relief.

"In this moment of historic crisis and untold economic pain for countless American families, the President-elect supports \$2,000 direct payments as passed by the House," said Biden transition spokesman Andrew Bates.

The roadblock set by Senate Republicans appears insurmountable. Most GOP senators seemed to accept the inaction even as a growing number of Republicans, including two senators in runoff elections on Jan. 5 in Georgia, agree with Trump's demand, some wary of bucking him.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the \$600 checks began to go out Wednesday. Congress had settled on smaller payments in a compromise over the big, year-end COVID-19 relief and government funding bill that Trump reluctantly signed into law.

World BRIEFS

All quiet



Associated Press

A young woman walks under a New Year's balloon decoration framing the entrance of an apartment building in Bucharest, Romania, Friday, Jan. 1. New Year's eve public celebrations and the fireworks shows were canceled and police were present in the traditional celebration places to prevent people from gathering.

Mexico City bans single-use plastics

MEXICO CITY — A broad ban on single-use containers, forks, straws and other ubiquitous items takes effect in Mexico's capital, one of the world's largest cities, after more than a year of preparation.

On Friday, Mexico City's environmental secretary said via Twitter that "from today on Mexico City without single-use plastics." The message urged people to think of always carrying reusable containers like never leaving home without their cell phones.

Mexico City lawmakers passed the ban on plastic bags, utensils and other disposable plastic items in 2019. The city of 9 million people has spent the past year adjusting or in some cases ignoring the impending law change. The ban on plastic bags took effect last year.

8 dead in New Year's poisoning

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Several people have been found dead in a cottage in southwestern Bosnia, police said Friday. Local media reported that eight young people died from carbon monoxide poisoning during a New Year's Eve celebration.

Local police spokeswoman Martina Medic told The Associated Press that police responded to a call around 10 a.m. and went to a house in the village of Tribistovo where several people were found dead.

The village is 90 miles southwest of Sarajevo, the capital.

UK abolishes 'sexist' tax

LONDON — Britain on Friday became the latest country to abolish the so-called "tampon tax," eliminating sales taxes on women's sanitary products.

The move was widely praised by women's rights advocates as well as proponents of the country's departure from the European Union.

Treasury chief Rishi Sunak had committed to ending the widely unpopular tax on tampons and sanitary pads in his budget in March but the change could only take effect Friday after Britain had finally left the economic orbit of the European Union.

Under EU law, nations cannot reduce the rate of value-added tax on menstrual products below 5% as they are deemed to be luxury items and not essentials. Ireland is the only EU country that does not charge a levy on sanitary products as its zero tax rate was in place before the EU set its floor.

— From wire reports

Explosives experts working to defuse mine

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi explosives experts were working to defuse a large mine discovered on an oil tanker in the Persian Gulf and evacuate its crew, authorities said Friday.

The statement came a day after two private security firms said sailors feared they had found a limpet mine on the MT Pola, a Liberian-flagged tanker in the waters off the Iraqi port of Basra. A limpet mine is a type of naval mine that attaches to the side of a ship, usually by a diver-member of special forces. It later explodes, and can significantly damage a vessel.

The Iraqi statement said the mine had been attached to a tanker rented from Iraq's Oil Marketing

Company SOMO that was refueling another vessel. Iraq's naval forces were making "a great effort to accomplish the mission" safely, said Iraq's Security Media Cell, which is affiliated with the country's security forces.

It was the first official Iraqi confirmation that a mine was discovered on an Iraqi tanker transferring fuel in the Persian Gulf to another vessel. It did not identify either vessels or provide more details.

The discovery came amid heightened tensions between Iran and the U.S. in the waning days of President Donald Trump's administration.

Already, America has conducted B-52 bomber flyovers and sent a nuclear submarine into the Persian Gulf over what Trump officials

describe as the possibility of an Iranian attack on the one-year anniversary of the U.S. drones strike in Baghdad that killed a top Iranian general and a top Iraqi militia leader.

Iraq is marking the anniversary with a series of events this week.

On Thursday, the United Kingdom Marine Trade Operations, an organization under Britain's royal navy, said on its website that an "unknown object" had been attached to a ship's hull in the vicinity of Iraq's Khor Al-Zubair Port, without providing further information.

The Pola serves as floating fuel oil storage of Iraq's State Organization of Marketing of Oil, said Sudharsan Sarathy, a senior oil analyst at the data-analysis firm Refinitiv.

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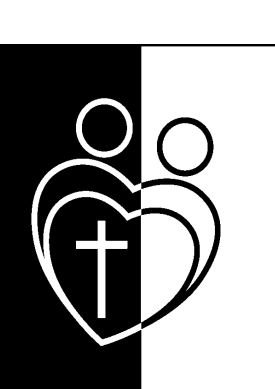
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Congregation Beth Shalom

On Sunday morning, Jan. 3, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., via Zoom, Cantor Alisa Forman has a scheduled

Adult Education class. The topic will be the origin of prayers. The next class will be first Sunday in February. Each class discusses interesting Jewish topics. Classes are \$5.

The next Book Club meeting at Congregation Beth Shalom will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, via Zoom. The book is: "The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem" by Sarit Yishai-Levi. Contact Sue Pellegrino if interested in joining at chopped-herring@aol.com.

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Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom is planning events for the beginning of 2021. Please note that we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Cantor Alisa Forman will present a mini concert via Zoom. She will perform songs in English and Hebrew while also playing guitar and maybe piano. Requested donation is \$18 per person.

We are having a virtual bingo game the second Tuesday each month.

Other special events to celebrate our 50th anniversary are being planned. Contact Barbara Hamerling at barb4949@gmail.com for more information about the above events, services, our new monthly virtual bingo game and availability of our Kellner auditorium.

Gulf To Lake Church

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Here is the lineup for the Winter Music Series 2020-2021 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando: Larry Stephenson Bluegrass Band — 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 Johny Carlsson & MegaBones — Five professional trombone players performing original compositions that characterize jazz from the '50s and '60s, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14. Special Consensus, Bluegrass Band — Grammy nominee and IBMA "Best Song of the Year" award winner, 7 p.m. Friday, April 16.

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**GRACE
NOTES**

Singing into the new year

All this week I've had a song playing in my head, "On the Willows" from the musical "Godspell" and taken from Psalm 137.

A song of bitter lament, I've been hearing the part that goes: "How can we sing, sing the Lord's song, in a foreign land?"

The ancient Israelites had been taken captive by the Babylonians, and as they wept by the waters of Babylon and remembered Zion, they hung up their harps.

"For there our captors required of us songs ... of mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'" wrote the psalmist.

With this pandemic that has devastated our globe, with this political turmoil that is destroying our nation, with the start of a new year and the uncertainty of what lies ahead — can it get any worse? (yes, it can) — it feels a lot like we are being held captive by forces we are powerless to overcome.

How can we sing? How can we sing anything other than songs of melancholy and sadness?

On Christmas Day, I posted something from Christian author Ann Voskamp: "Christ followers know that suffering is a given, that suffering alone is unbearable — and we are given Someone who bears the suffering with us."

A friend, who nearly died from COVID-19 and is still suffering through what looks to be a long recovery from it, commented: "I needed to know that right now."

It wasn't a "Jingle Bells" Christmas for so many people this year.

Voskamp writes: "Christ-followers do more than believe some things are true, they trust that Someone is here.

"We may have no niggling of an idea what's around the corner. ... the doctor's report for Mama's next round of tests could end up as some alarming news being batted around on the church's prayer chain for the next six years, and the diabetes alarm that jolts us awake at 3:17 a.m. may have us holding a seizing son while his eyes roll back in his head and someone fumbles with the glucagon needle to shoot a lifeline of glucose into his blood.

"Prodigals may never come home. Addictions might suck the hope right out of the veins. Mental illness may lurk ominous around the edges of family, strained relationships may yank out chunks of pulpy heart, and I may go ahead and let myself down so hard for the gazillionth time that I smash all my hope in any shiny tomorrows.

"But God. Someone is actually here — Someone unseen who is actually closer than the next unseen breath that fills your lungs, and that which is unseen can be here, keeping you alive.

"Breathe. Someone is here.

"Not some idea, not some philosophy, not some theology — Someone."

When I read that, I hear another song playing in my head: the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." Taken from verses in Revelation, the final, triumphant book of the Bible, Handel wrote in 1741:

"Hallelujah ... For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!

Hallelujah ... The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ ... And He shall reign for ever and ever!

"King of kings, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah, and Lord of lords, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah!"

How can we sing?

We can sing because no matter what goes on around us Someone — God — is with us; we can sing because he is victor and because we are his.

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 nkenedy@chronicleonline.com.

Faith Lutheran purchases bikes for Citrus children



Special to the Chronicle

On Thursday, Dec. 3, five members of Faith Lutheran Church in Lecanto went to Walmart and bought 16 bikes and helmets with the funds raised by its members. Then, members delivered them to Citrus United Basket (CUB). Pictured from left are Gary Wygle, Marge Sawyer, Dave Trout, Anita Trout and Carol Clayton. The bikes were purchased thanks to the help of all who participated in the Red Sock, Thrivent-sponsored event.

Half-century of service

Congregation Beth Sholom observes 50th anniversary of synagogue

HARVEY HAMERLING
Special to the Chronicle

Congregation Beth Sholom, Beverly Hills Jewish Center, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our original synagogue building.

The synagogue building was officially dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 21, 1971, three years after the formation of the Congregation.

After the early years of dealing with makeshift facilities, the late Sam Kellner, the founder and developer of Beverly Hills, built a sanctuary building on an acre of land that he deeded to the Jewish residents of Beverly Hills.

The sanctuary building was an all-purpose building, being used for services to dances to bingo.

After several years, the building proved inadequate. More room was needed. On Nov. 28, 1976, ground was broken for an additional building behind the original structure. This building is now referred to as the Kellner Auditorium.

The underlying thought back in the 1970s was that eventually it would serve the needs of a much larger congregation. That did not prove to be the case. Instead, it served the social and fundraising needs of the congregation and is used as a meeting hall.



Special to the Chronicle

The sanctuary of Congregation Beth Sholom.

Congregation Beth Sholom still maintains two buildings: the sanctuary building and Kellner Auditorium, which still exists as the place for social and community events.

In 1993, Rabbi Zvi Ettinger arrived with plans to improve the congregation. He started an adult education program in Jewish history and literacy. He urged the formation of a Sunday school and enhanced services.

After Rabbi Ettinger left, Cantor Mordecai Kamlot served as spiritual leader for a few years.

Currently, we are blessed to have Cantor Alisa Forman as our spiritual leader. Cantor Forman, who has a doctorate in

ministry, is a talented musician and singer, very knowledgeable in Judaism, uses her abilities and enthusiasm to make our services enjoyable and meaningful.

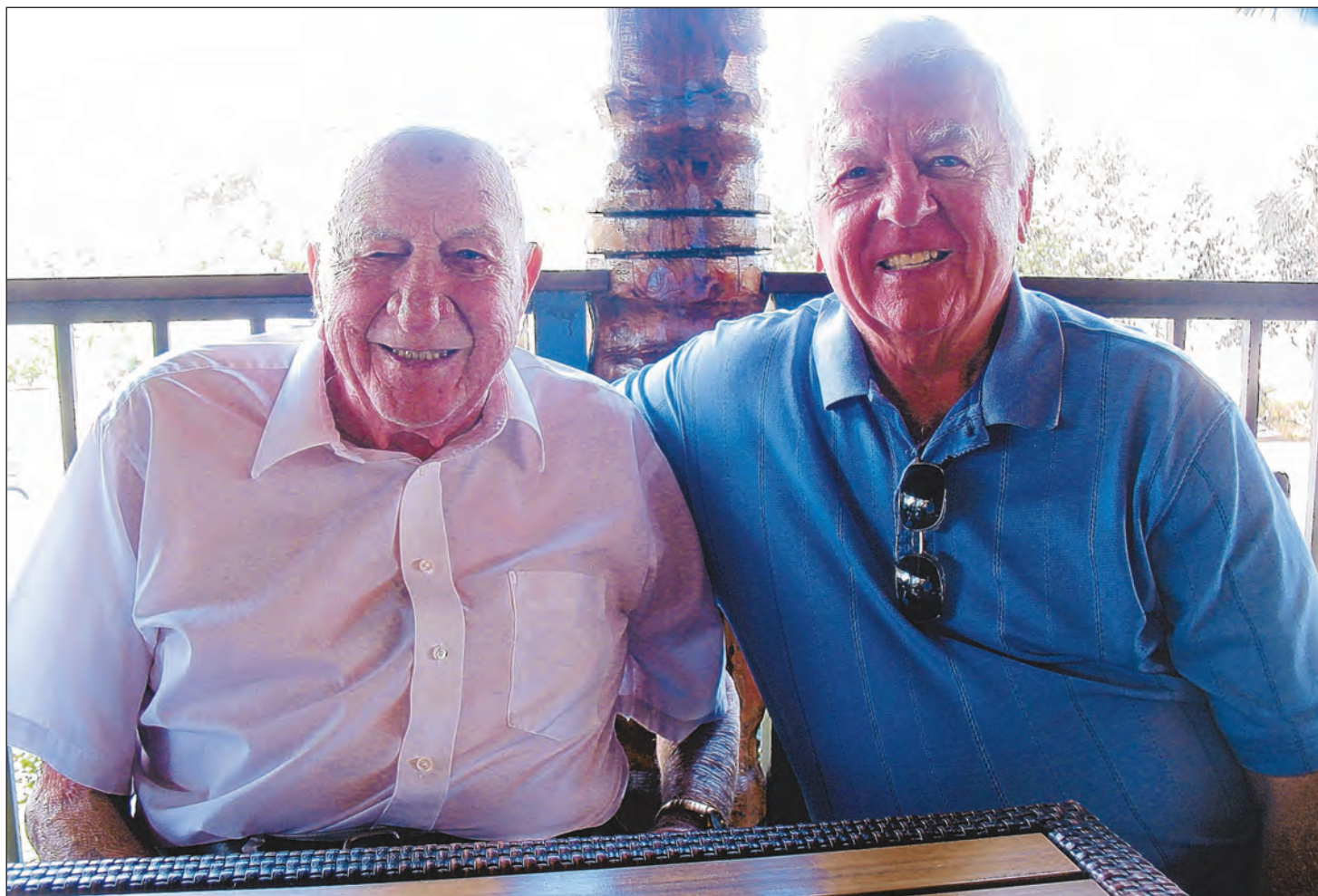
Cantor Forman initiated the use of Zoom for shabbat and holiday services, adult education and other religious and social activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue online services and activities waiting to return to our beautiful sanctuary building when safe to do so.

Beth Sholom is a liberal conservative congregation, using prayer books published by United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), following the guidelines of the Rabbinical Assembly, but also incorporating many English readings and music to make the services enjoyable for reform Jews as well as conservative Jews. The congregation has also served the Citrus County community over the years, including donating food and money to local food banks and the Family Resource Center.

Many activities are being planned via Zoom and hopefully later in our sanctuary and/or Kellner Auditorium to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

For more information about upcoming events and services at Congregation Beth Sholom, email President Barbara Hamerling at barb4949@gmail.com.

St. Paul's honors veterans year-round



Special to the Chronicle

A special day to honor all veterans once a year is a great national holiday to give veterans the respect and thanks they deserve. However, it's thoughtful to extend that gratefulness to veterans throughout the year. At St. Paul's Lutheran Church on North Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills, special prayers for the well-being and good health for all veterans will continue throughout the new year. Prayers will also include the safekeeping of all our military currently serving our country. Pictured are two of the veterans and members at St. Paul's enjoying camaraderie: Len Sempert, left, a World War II veteran having served in U.S. Army operations including Germany, France and Belgium; on the right is Rick Robinson, U.S. Air Force, having served on active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis at MacDill AFB in Tampa. For more information, visit the St. Paul's website at www.stpauls.edu.

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Games with 100 or more receiving yards for DeVonta Smith this season, setting a new record for an Alabama player.



DeVonta Smith

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Tide roll to title game

No. 1 Alabama delivers knock out of No. 4 Notre Dame 31-14 in relocated Rose Bowl



Associated Press

Alabama running back Najee Harris (22) hurdles Notre Dame cornerback Nick McCloud (4) as he carries the ball for a long gain in the first half of the Rose Bowl game on Friday in Arlington, Texas.

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP sports writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alabama rolled into another College Football Playoff championship game.

DeVonta Smith caught three of fellow Heisman Trophy finalist Mac Jones' four touchdown passes, Najee Harris ran for 125 yards with a high-hurdling highlight and top-ranked Alabama beat No. 4 Notre Dame 31-14 in the relocated Rose Bowl on Friday to reach its fifth CFP title game.

While the location for this Rose Bowl was truly untraditional, the Crimson Tide (12-0, No. 1 CFP) playing for the national title is a common occurrence in seven seasons of the CFP.

"I don't think there's anything quite like the Rose Bowl, the tradition, the setting, the mountains. It's just a phenomenal experience ... wish our players had gotten that opportunity," coach Nick Saban said.

But Saban and the Tide will take yet another win in the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, which the coach

called one of college football's finest venues, and moving on in the playoff.

Notre Dame (10-2, No. 4 CFP), in football's final four for only the second time, has lost seven consecutive New Year's Six games since 2000.

Alabama led 14-0 after scoring the first two times it had the ball, including a 97-yard drive on which Harris leaped over 6-foot cornerback Nick McCloud just after crossing the line of scrimmage, landed on both feet and then sprinted for a 53-yard gain before getting run out of bounds.

"I actually try to teach him not to do

it, and it didn't work," Saban said, laughing. "Anyway, for a big guy, it's pretty amazing that he can do that."

Jones, who completed 25 of 30 passes for 297 yards, threw a 12-yard TD pass to tight end Jahleel Billingsley on the next play.

That touchdown came between drives when Smith, who has 16 touchdown catches in his last seven games, turned short passes into scores of 26 and 34 yards. Smith finished with seven catches for 130 yards, added a nifty toe-tapping 7-yarder in the front

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Clemson, Ohio State battle in Sugar Bowl



Associated Press

Ohio State running back Trey Sermon runs past Clemson safety Lanndan Zanders during the first half of the Sugar Bowl on Friday, in New Orleans. The game was not completed at press time, for a full recap see Sunday's sports section.

Florida QB Trask officially turns pro

Leaving Gators for NFL after record season

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Florida quarterback Kyle Trask made his future plans official Thursday, formally announcing he's declining an opportunity to return to school and entering the NFL draft.

No one thought Trask would stick around following a record-breaking season that included being named a Heisman Trophy finalist. Even coach Dan Mullen made it clear he was moving forward with Emory Jones and Anthony Richardson at the position.

Nonetheless, Trask made his announcement in a 2 minute, 19 second video released on social media.

"This decision, I talked a lot with my coaches about it, I

talked with my family, my friends and just my support group," Trask said. "I feel it's best to chase my dreams of playing in the NFL. I've had dreams of playing in the NFL ever since I was a kid. Just to have this opportunity to play at the next level, it's crazy and I'm just going to try and go and make the most of it."

Trask completed 68.9% of his passes for 4,283 yards and 43 touchdowns this season. He led the nation in passing yards and TD passes. He also ran for three scores. He broke the previous school record (39) for TD passes (39) set by 1996 Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel.

Defensive tackle Kyree Campbell also announced plans to turn pro. Campbell was one of three defensive starters to opt out of the Cotton Bowl on Wednesday night.

Trask and Campbell are both seniors who could have played one more year under a special NCAA rule put in place because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Fellow defensive tackle Zachary Carter, meanwhile, announced plans to return to school for his senior season.

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Kyle Trask

Lakers rally past Spurs

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Anthony Davis had 35 points and 11 rebounds, and LeBron James added 26 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists and the Los Angeles Lakers rallied to beat the San Antonio Spurs 109-103 on Friday night.

The Lakers closed with a 9-0 run for their second victory over the Spurs in three days.

Keldon Johnson had a career-high 26 points and added 10 rebounds, and DeMar DeRozan had 23 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for San Antonio.

Johnson blocked James' layup attempt, but Kyle Kuzma tipped in the follow to give the Lakers a 105-103 lead with 53.9 seconds remaining. James followed with a layup, and Davis closed the scoring with two free throws.

Bucks 128, Bulls 96

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 29 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists and Milwaukee used torrid 3-point shooting to blast short-handed Chicago.

Milwaukee shot 22 of 45 from 3-point range, and Antetokounmpo was two assists from a second straight triple-double. The reigning two-time MVP had 26 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists Wednesday in a 119-108 loss at Miami.

Zach LaVine had 16 points for the Bulls.

Wizards 130, Timberwolves 109

MINNEAPOLIS — Bradley Beal had 31 points and seven assists and Washington beat Minnesota without Russell Westbrook for its first victory in six games this season.

Westbrook sat out for rest on the second game of a back-to-back, but the Wizards (1-5) didn't look like the same team that lost the night before at home to Chicago.

Thomas Bryant added 18 points and seven rebounds for Washington.

Malik Beasley scored 21 points for Minnesota.

Mavericks 93, Heat 83

DALLAS — Luka Doncic had season highs of 27 points and 14 rebounds for his first double-double of the season to lead Dallas past Miami.

Bam Adebayo scored 19 points for Miami, and Avery Bradley had 15 for Miami.

Pistons 96, Celtics 93

DETROIT — Jeremi Grant scored 24 points and Detroit won for the first time in five games this season, beating Boston.

Jayson Tatum had 28 points for the Celtics. Jaylen Brown scored 25, but missed a tying 3-pointer in the final seconds.

Grizzlies 108, Hornets 93

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dillon Brooks scored 21 points and undermanned Memphis beat Charlotte.

Memphis had seven players ruled out for various health reasons and dressed just nine.

Bismack Biyombo led Charlotte with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Hawks 114, Nets 96

NEW YORK — De'Andre Hunter scored 23 points help Atlanta beat Brooklyn, Trae Young added 21 points and John Collins had 20 for Atlanta.

Kevin Durant scored 28 points for the Nets. They have lost three of four.

Podlesny's FG lifts Georgia

Cincinnati can't hold lead in Peach Bowl

CHARLES ODUM
AP sports writer

ATLANTA — Jack Podlesny told Georgia coaches before Friday's Peach Bowl that he felt confident attempting field goals from as long as 55 yards — a full 4 yards past his career best.

Podlesny made good on his claim, kicking a 53-yard field goal with three seconds remaining, and No. 11 Georgia handed No. 6 Cincinnati its only loss of the season with a dramatic 24-21 victory in the Peach Bowl.

Podlesny dropped to one knee following the career-long kick as his teammates surged onto the field. Asked what he was thinking while he was kneeling, Podlesny said he wanted to "try to remember why I'm here. ... God is good and it's amazing to be here."

Georgia trailed 21-10 in the fourth quarter, but its defense clamped down on Desmond Ridder and Cincinnati and JT Daniels helped rally the Bulldogs with his arm. Daniels, a Southern California transfer, passed for 392 yards while improving to a perfect 4-0 in four starts for Georgia.

Podlesny's winning kick tied a Peach Bowl record for longest field goal and gave Georgia a 22-21 lead. Azeez Ojulari sacked Ridder for a safety on the final play. It was Ojulari's third sack. Georgia tied a school record with eight sacks.

Ridder completed 24 of 37 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns. Jerome Ford added a career-long 79-yard touchdown run early in the second half but it wasn't enough for the Bearcats.

Cincinnati (9-1, No. 8 CFP) was motivated to use the Peach Bowl to gain national respect. Coach Luke



Associated Press

Georgia kicker Jack Podlesny (96) reacts to his game-winning 53-yard field goal with three seconds remaining in the game to beat Cincinnati 24-21 in the Peach Bowl on Friday in Atlanta.

Fickell said the game was a measuring stick for his team.

"We're not there yet," Fickell said. "That's what keeps motivating you, and I think that, you know, there's a lot of things we're going to take from this that we know we can do."

Georgia (8-2, No. 9 CFP) won despite running for only 45 yards.

"I would feel much better if we just played our best game," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "I don't think we played our best game. I want to give Cincinnati credit for that. They created some of that."

On Georgia's final play before the decisive field goal, Daniels attempted a deep pass that fell incomplete. Asked why he didn't try a shorter pass that might have made the kick more manageable, Smart said: "I felt comfortable with where he was that he would have the leg strength to get there."

He was right.

Ridder threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Alec

Pierce in the first quarter and added an 11-yard scoring pass to Josh Wyle late in the first half.

"We've been ready to play this game for a long time," Ridder said. "It's just, you know, disappointing, obviously, the way it ended."

Daniels overcame an interception and a lost fumble to lead the comeback.

Georgia's defense helped fuel the rally. Ridder fumbled on a sack by Ojulari, and Adam Anderson recovered at the Bearcats 25. Zamir White's 9-yard TD run trimmed Cincinnati's lead to 21-16.

THE TAKEAWAY

Cincinnati: Led by Ridder, the Bearcats answered any doubts the Group of Five team could match up against Georgia, from the Southeastern Conference. Ridder frustrated Georgia's defense with his mobility. Ford used his power to burst through the line and his speed to outrun the Bulldogs' defense on his 79-yard scoring run early

in the second half.

Georgia: White's TD run in the fourth quarter was a rare highlight for a rushing attack that averaged only 1.9 yards on 24 carries. The Bulldogs played without backup running back James Cook, who was with his family following his father's death. Running backs coach Dell McGee wore Cook's No. 4 jersey on the sideline.

INJURIES

Cincinnati's secondary played without two AP second-team All-America selections due to injuries: cornerback Ahmad Gardner (back) and safety James Wiggins (calf). Cincinnati also was without running back Gerrid Doaks (ankle).

ANOTHER TURNOVER

Coby Bryant's interception of Daniels' pass intended for George Pickens in the first quarter extended the Bearcats' streak of forcing a turnover to 20 consecutive games. It's the longest active streak

among FBS teams.

EJECTED

Bearcats left tackle James Hudson was called for targeting and ejected late in the first half. Hudson lowered his helmet on a hit that knocked Georgia cornerback Tyson Campbell to the ground.

Despite the penalty, Ridder kept the drive alive with two more passes, including a go-ahead 11-yard scoring pass to Whyte.

UP NEXT

Cincinnati: Ridder, a junior, is expected to announce his plans for 2021, a decision which could shape the Bearcats' offseason. The Bearcats are scheduled to open next season on Sept. 4 against Miami of Ohio.

Georgia: The Bulldogs, who are expected to return most of their top skill position players on offense, will open their 2021 season with a high-profile game against Clemson in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ramsey carries 'Cats in Citrus Bowl

No. 15 Northwestern defeats Auburn

JOHN DENTON
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Northwestern's defense sent coordinator Mike Hankwitz into retirement as a winner.

Peyton Ramsey threw three touchdown passes and ran for a score, and the 15th-ranked Wildcats clamped down defensively to beat Auburn 35-19 in the Citrus Bowl on Friday.

Ramsey, a graduate transfer, totaled 291 yards passing and 50 yards rushing for Northwestern (7-2), which won its fourth straight bowl game. Ramaud Chiaokhiao-Brown, John Raine and Riley Lees had touchdown catches for the Wildcats, who bounced back from an ugly loss to Ohio State on Dec. 19 in the Big Ten championship game.

It was the final game for the 73-year-old Hankwitz, who is retiring after a 51-year coaching career that included 400 victories at nine schools. He was the defensive coordinator for Colorado's 1990 national championship team and spent the last 13 seasons as Northwestern's coordinator.

"For Hank, you want to talk about the (legend), think about this: 580 career games coached, 400 career wins, 288 of those as a defensive coordinator, 11 conference championships and a national championship," Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "There's a lot to be thankful for — our seniors, to Hank and our players down here."

Bo Nix threw for 292 yards for Auburn (6-5) but was often frustrated by Northwestern's defense, which came in allowing 15.5 points per game, ranked fifth in the nation. Auburn was led by interim coach Kevin Steele following the Dec. 13 firing of Gus Malzahn and was missing several key players.

"We're Auburn football and



Associated Press

Northwestern quarterback Peyton Ramsey (12) looks for a receiver against Auburn during the first half of the Citrus Bowl, Friday in Orlando.

we're never going to make excuses for who's out there and who's not out there. It's next man up," Steele said. "It doesn't matter — COVID, injury or opt-outs, we don't (make excuses). We had some young guys who did some really good things that are going to help them for the future of the program."

Auburn got within 14-13 when Nix hit Elijah Canion for a 57-yard touchdown midway through the third quarter. But Ramsey responded with a 30-yard touchdown run late in the quarter.

"On the 30-yard run, it was a look we had seen a couple times earlier in the year, but this time they didn't spy me," Ramsey said. "I was able to get out in the open field and get in the end zone. More than anything, I got out of the pocket and saw some green grass."

Linebacker Paddy Fisher, the nation's active leader in tackles coming into the game, drilled Nix for no gain on fourth-and-1 on the second play of the fourth quarter. Cam Porter had seven carries on the ensuing drive, including a 1-yard plunge into the end zone that put Northwestern ahead 28-13. Porter rushed for 98 yards on 33 carries, and the Wildcats

offense finished with 457 yards and 25 first downs.

The Tigers failed to convert 10 of their first 11 third downs, were unsuccessful on their first two fourth-down tries and mustered 361 yards and 18 first downs. For the game, the Tigers were 2 of 13 on third downs.

Ramsey put Northwestern ahead 14-0 on first-quarter TD passes of 35 yards to Chiaokhiao-Brown and 6 yards to Raine. His final touchdown pass, to Lees, put the Wildcats ahead 35-13 midway through the fourth quarter.

"We stumbled in a couple of games, but we wouldn't be where we're at today without Peyton Ramsey," Fitzgerald said. "Great leader, great teammate and you can tell that he is from a coaching family. And he's just so unflappable."

Both teams were without major contributors because of COVID-19 protocols, injuries and opt-outs. Auburn running back Tank Bigsby didn't make the trip for medical reasons, and top wideout Anthony Schwartz and defensive back Roger McCreary opted out to prepare for the NFL draft.

COACHES OLD AND NEW

Fitzgerald and several

Northwestern players were visibly emotional while celebrating with Hankwitz after the game.

"When you start, you don't plan how many years that you're going to coach," Hankwitz said. "I've been fortunate to work with some great head coaches. ... When I had a chance to come here (to Northwestern) I didn't realize how fortunate I was."

Bryan Harsin, hired out of Boise State to replace Auburn's Malzahn, was on the field before kickoff and watched the game from a suite.

THE TAKEAWAY

Auburn: Harsin will have plenty of talent to build his offense around with Nix and Bisby expected back next season.

Northwestern: Fitzgerald has established the Wildcats as a consistent contender in the Big Ten and the future should be bright. The first priority: Finding a replacement for Ramsey, who had a solid season after transferring from Indiana.

UP NEXT

Auburn: Opens its season at home against Akron on Sept. 4.

Northwestern: Hosts Big Ten rival Michigan State on Sept. 4.

FOOTBALL
NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Buffalo	12	3	0	.800	445	349
Miami	10	5	0	.667	378	282
New England	6	9	0	.400	298	339
N.Y. Jets	2	13	0	.133	229	429

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	423	348
Tennessee	10	5	0	.667	450	401
Houston	4	11	0	.267	346	423
Jacksonville	1	14	0	.067	292	464

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800	394	288
Baltimore	10	5	0	.667	430	300
Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	384	397
Cincinnati	4	10	1	.300	308	386

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
*yx-Kansas City	14	1	0	.933	452	324
Las Vegas	7	8	0	.467	402	447
L.A. Chargers	6	9	0	.400	346	405
Denver	5	10	0	.333	292	414

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	9	0	.400	376	450
Washington	6	9	0	.400	315	315
N.Y. Giants	5	10	0	.333	257	338
Philadelphia	4	10	1	.300	320	398

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-New Orleans	11	4	0	.733	449	330
x-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	448	328
Carolina	5	10	0	.333	343	369
Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	369	370

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	474	353
Chicago	8	7	0	.533	356	335
Minnesota	6	9	0	.400	393	440
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	342	482

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Seattle	11	4	0	.733	433	348
L.A. Rams	9	6	0	.600	354	289
Arizona	8	7	0	.533	403	349
San Francisco	6	9	0	.400	353	364

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

z-clinched first round bye

*-clinched home-field advantage

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.

Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at New England, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.

Green Bay at Chicago, 4:25 p.m.

Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.

L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.

Las Vegas at Denver, 4:25 p.m.

New Orleans at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.

Seattle at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.

Tennessee at Houston, 4:25 p.m.

Washington at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

NFL Playoff scenarios

Week 17

AFC

CLINCHED: Buffalo Bills - AFC East division title; Kansas City Chiefs - AFC West division title and first-round bye; Pittsburgh Steelers - AFC North division title.

BALTIMORE RAVENS (10-5) at Cincinnati (4-10-1)

Baltimore clinches playoff berth with:

— A win

— Losses by Cleveland or Indianapolis

— A tie and a loss by Miami or Tennessee

— A tie and tie by Cleveland or Indianapolis

CLEVELAND BROWNS (10-5) vs. Pittsburgh (12-3)

Cleveland clinches playoff berth with:

— A win

— A loss by Indianapolis

— A Tennessee loss and a win or tie by Miami and win or tie by Baltimore

— A tie and a Baltimore win or tie

— A tie and a loss by Baltimore, Miami or Tennessee

— A tie and a tie by Indianapolis

— A tie and a tie by Tennessee and a win by Baltimore and win by Miami

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (10-5) vs. Jacksonville (1-14)

Indianapolis clinches AFC South division title with:

— A win and a Tennessee loss or tie

— A tie and a Tennessee loss

Indianapolis clinches playoff berth with:

— A win and a loss or tie by Baltimore, Cleveland or Miami

— A tie and a loss by Baltimore, Cleveland or Miami

MIAMI DOLPHINS (10-5) at Buffalo (11-3)

Miami clinches playoff berth with:

— A win

— A loss by Baltimore, Cleveland or Indianapolis

— A tie and a tie by Baltimore, Cleveland or Indianapolis

— A tie and a loss by Tennessee

TENNESSEE TITANS (10-5) at Houston (4-11)

Tennessee clinches AFC South division title with:

— A win

— A loss by Indianapolis

— A tie and a tie by Indianapolis

Tennessee clinches playoff berth with:

— A loss by Baltimore or Miami

— A tie and a loss by Cleveland

— A tie and a tie by Miami or Baltimore

NFC

CLINCHED: Green Bay Packers - NFC North division title; New Orleans Saints - NFC South division title; Seattle Seahawks - NFC West division title; Tampa Bay Buccaneers - playoff berth

ARIZONA CARDINALS (8-7) at L.A. Rams (9-6)

Arizona clinches playoff berth with:

— A win

— A tie and a loss by Chicago

CHICAGO BEARS (8-7) vs. Green Bay (12-3)

Chicago clinches playoff berth with:

— A win

— A loss by Arizona

— A tie and a tie by Arizona

DALLAS COWBOYS (6-9) at N.Y. Giants (5-10)

Dallas clinches NFC East division title with:

— A win and a loss or tie by Washington

— A tie and a loss by Washington

GREEN BAY PACKERS (12-3) at Chicago (8-7)

Green Bay clinches the first-round bye with:

— A win or tie

— A loss or tie by Seattle

LOS ANGELES RAMS (9-6) vs. Arizona (8-7)

Los Angeles clinches playoff berth with:

— A win or tie

— A loss or tie by Chicago

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (11-4) at Carolina (5-10)

New Orleans clinches the first-round bye with:

— A win and loss by Green Bay and a win by Seattle

NEW YORK GIANTS (5-10) vs. Dallas (6-9)

New York clinches NFC East division title with:

— A win and a loss by Washington

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (11-4) at San Francisco (6-9)

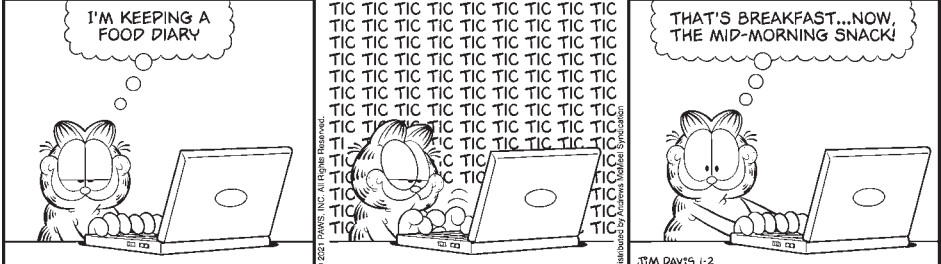
Seattle clinches the first-round bye with:

SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 2, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum DI: 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		Ellen's Game		The Wall 'PG' 88		Saturday Night Live		News	SNL
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	NewsHour Wk	Growing Bolder 'G' 88	The Lawrence Welk Show 'G' 88		Keep-Appear	As Time Goes By	Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders 'PG' 88		Murders	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 'PG' 88	ACL Hall-Fame
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			Classic Gospel 'G'		Antiques Roadshow		Sherlock on Masterpiece '14'		Sherlock on Masterpiece '14'				Sherlock	
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	Bucs All Access	Bruce Arians	Ellen's Game of Games 'PG' 88		The Wall 'Rebekah and Chris' 'PG' 88		Saturday Night Live (N) '14' 88		NewsChannel 8	Saturday Night Live
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News	World News	Jeopardy! 'G' 88	Wheel of Fortune	To Tell the Truth 'PG' (DVS)		Shark Tank 'PG' 88 (DVS)		The Rookie "The Hunt" '14'		News Saturday	Hot Topics
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Weekend News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! 'G' 88	Magnum P.I. "A Bullet Named Fate" '14'		Blue Bloods "Reckless" (In Stereo) '14'		48 Hours (N) (In Stereo) 88		10 Tampa Bay	Storm of Suspicion
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	FOX13 News Saturday 88		TMZ (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' 88		9-1-1 "Powerless" '14' 88 (DVS)		9-1-1: Lone Star "Awakening" '14'		FOX13 10:00 News (In Stereo) 88		News	Cosmos: Possible
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			TBA	ABC	To Be Announced		To Tell the Truth		Shark Tank 'PG'		The Rookie '14'		WCJB T	Bensinger
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Turning Point With David Jeremiah 'G'		Robert Jeffress	The Three	Gaither Homecoming Hour 'G' 88		Leslie Hale 88		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	To Be Announced										ABC Action News	Inside Edition
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' 88	Mom '14' 88	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The First 48 Brutal double homicide. '14'		Family Guy 'PG'	Family Guy '14'
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra (N) 'PG' 88		FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Bucs All	Bucs	Wipeout 'PG' 88		ROH Wrestling	
40 (WAGX) 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 'PG'	Friends '14' 88	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	NCIS Torres must rely on his team. 'PG'		NCIS "Silent Service" (In Stereo) 'PG'		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	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Preview	9-1-1 (In Stereo) '14'		9-1-1: Lone Star '14'		FOX 51 News		Cosmos: Possible	
53 (WXPX) ION		17				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 Office invader. '14' 88		Most Daring Catfight. (In Stereo) '14' 88		Most Daring "Young & Dangerous" 'PG'		Most Daring Speeding granny. '14'		Most Daring Workplace gunfire. '14'		Most Daring Bank robbers. '14' 88	
(ACCN)		99				College Basketball		College Basketball		College Basketball		All ACC		All ACC	All ACC	All ACC	All ACC
(AMC)	55	64	55			*** <i>"Lethal Weapon 2"</i> (1989, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. 'NR' 88		Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. 'NR' 88		*** <i>"Lethal Weapon 3"</i> (1992) Mel Gibson, L.A. detectives and a wild woman crush a guns-to-gangs deal.				*** <i>"Lethal Weapon 4"</i> (1998, Action) Mel Gibson. 'R' 88			
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	Pit Bulls & Parolees: Favorite		Pit Bulls & Parolees: Favorite		Pit Bulls & Parolees: Favorite		Pit Bulls and Parolees "200th Episode" Celebrating 200 episodes. (N) 'PG' 88				Pit Bulls and Parolees 'PG' 88	
(BET)	96	71	96			** <i>"Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family"</i> (2011, Comedy-Drama) Tyler Perry, Shad "Bow Wow" Moss. 'PG-13' 88				(2011, Comedy-Drama)		** <i>"Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail"</i> (2009, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Derek Luke. Madea raises hell behind bars. 'PG-13' 88					
(BIGTEN)	742	809				To Be Announced				To Be Announced				Campus Eats 'G'	The Final Drive (N) (Live) 88	The Final Drive	
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			*** <i>"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"</i> (2011)				*** <i>"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"</i> (2011)		*** <i>"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1"</i> (2010)					
(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office 'PG'	The Office '14' 88	The Office '14' 88	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	The Office 'PG'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Dunham		*** <i>"Double Jeopardy"</i> (1999, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd, Bruce Greenwood. 'R' 88		Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd, Bruce Greenwood. 'R' 88		*** <i>"The Lincoln Lawyer"</i> (2011, Crime Drama) Matthew McConaughey, Marisa Tomei. 'R' 88					
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsroom		The Nineties 88		The Eighties 'PG'		"Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice"				The Seventies 'PG'	
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	PlayStation Fiesta Bowl		Studio		Capital One Orange Bowl Texas A&M vs North Carolina. (N) (Live)						SportsC.	
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	Journal Editorial Rpt.		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Strange		Strange		OBJECTified 88		OBJECTified 88	
(FLIX)		118	170			*** <i>"Your Sister's Sister"</i> (2011, Comedy-Drama) Emily Blunt. (In Stereo) 'R' 88				** <i>"Madea's Family Reunion"</i> (2006) Tyler Perry. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88				9-1-1: Lone Star "Awakening" '14'		** <i>"The Waterboy"</i> (1998) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13' 88	
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Fox Report		Life, Liberty & Levin		Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld		Watters' World 88	
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** <i>"There's Something About Mary"</i> (1998) Cameron Diaz. A man hires a sleazy private eye to find a former classmate. 'R' 88				Cameron Diaz. A man hires a sleazy private eye to find a former classmate. 'R' 88		*** <i>"Coming to America"</i> (1988) Eddie Murphy. An African prince and his royal sidekick come to Queens.				"Dumb & Dumber"	
(FS1)	732	112	732			To Be Announced				To Be Announced				WWE Friday Night SmackDown			
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Pregame		MLB Baseball				Postgame		Shogun Fights		Shogun Fights	
(FX)	30	60	30		51	** <i>"Now You See Me 2"</i> (2016) Jesse Eisenberg. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88		Jesse Eisenberg. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88		*** <i>"Hidden Figures"</i> (2016) Taraji P. Henson. Mathematicians help launch astronaut John Glenn into space. 'PG' 88						Better Things	
(GOLF)	727	67	727			PGA Golf		PGA Tour Golf Wyndham Championship, Final Round. 88				PGA Golf					
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"On the 12th Date of Christmas" (2020) Candace Cameron Bure. 'NR' 88		"If I Only Had Christmas" (2020, Romance)		"Taking a Shot at Love" (2021, Romance) Alexa PenaVega. Premiere. 'NR' 88						"One Winter Proposal" (2019) 'NR'	
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	* <i>"Something Borrowed"</i> (2011) Ginnifer Goodwin. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88		Ginnifer Goodwin. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88		** <i>"The High Note"</i> (2020) Dakota Johnson. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88		His Dark Materials		** <i>"The Hangover Part II"</i> (2011) Bradley Cooper. 'R' 88			
(HBO2)	303	202	303			I May Destroy You		** <i>"Hours"</i> (2013, Drama) Paul Walker. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88		** <i>"Grudge Match"</i> (2013, Comedy) Robert De Niro. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88		*** <i>"War Dogs"</i> (2016, Comedy-Drama) Jonah Hill. (In Stereo) 'R' 88					
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Good Bones "The Boho Bungalow" 'G'		Good Bones 'G' 88		Escape to the Chateau (N) 'PG' 88		Love It or List It 'PG' 88 (DVS)		Love It or List It 'PG' 88 (DVS)		Love It or List It 'PG' 88	
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	History's Greatest Mysteries 'PG' 88		History's Greatest Mysteries New evidence on the Titanic disaster. 'PG' 88		Titanic: Into the Heart of the Wreck The Titanic is under a new threat. (N) 'PG' 88				History's Greatest Mysteries 'PG' 88			
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	"Secrets in the Woods" (2020, Suspense) Brittany Underwood, Taylor Frey. 'NR' 88		"Kidnapped in Paradise" (2021, Suspense) Claire van der Boom. Premiere. 'NR' 88		"The Neighbor in the Window" (2020, Suspense) Jamie-Lynn Sigler. 'NR' 88							
(LMN)	119	50	119			"Betrayed by My Husband" (2017, Suspense) Emmanuelle Vaugier. 'NR' 88		"Stalked by My Husband's Ex" (2020, Suspense) Alex McKenna. 'NR' 88		"My Husband's Deadly Past" (2020, Suspense) Sarah Butler. 'NR' 88							
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			American Voices		American Voices		Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		American Voices		Week-Johnson	
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Basketball		College Basketball Massachusetts at Saint Louis. From Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis. (N)		Mecum Top 10		Poker Central		Poker Central		Poker Central	
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14' 88		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14' 88		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14' 88		Drug Lords: The Next Generation '14'		Drug Lords: The Next Generation '14'		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix "Vitamin K" '14'	
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud		*** <i>"Despicable Me"</i> (2010) 'PG' 88		Sheldon		Sheldon		Friends		Friends 'PG' 88	
(OWN)	125	24	103			My 600-Lb. Life 'PG'		My 600-Lb. Life 'PG'		My 600-Lb. Life 'PG'		My 600-Lb. Life "Mercedes' Story" 'PG'				My 600-Lb. Life 'PG'	
(OXY)	123	44	123			Killer Siblings '14'		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' 88		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' 88				The Backyard			
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	** <i>"Fast & Furious"</i> (2009, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88				** <i>"The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"</i> (2006, Action) Lucas Black. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88						*** <i>"The Italian Job"</i> (2003) 'PG-13' 88	
(SEC)	745	72				College Football		SEC Now (N) (Live)		College Football				SEC Now (N) (Live)		SEC Now	
(SHOW)	340	241	340			Your Honor "Part Two" 88		Your Honor "Part Three" 88		Your Honor "Part Four" 88		*** <i>"Dark Waters"</i> (2019) Mark Ruffalo. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88				*** <i>"21 Bridges"</i> (2019) 'R'	
(SUN)	36	31	36			To Be Announced										To Be Announced	
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** <i>"X-Men III: The Last Stand"</i>		*** <i>"Zombieland"</i> (2009, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg. 'R' 88		*** <i>"Hancock"</i> (2008, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron. 'PG-13' 88				Futurama 'PG'		Futurama 'PG'	
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	*** <i>"Ocean's Thirteen"</i> (2007) George Clooney.				*** <i>"Ocean's 8"</i> (2018) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13'				Full		Wipeout	
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	**** <i>"Lawrence of Arabia: Director's Cut"</i> (1962) Peter O'Toole. 'PG' 88		**** <i>"City Lights"</i> (1931) Charlie Chaplin, Harry Myers. 'G'		**** <i>"Vertigo"</i> (1958) James Stewart. A detective with a fear of heights falls for his quarry. 'PG' 88							
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Naked and Afraid "All or Nothing" '14'		Naked and Afraid "Hangry" '14' 88		Naked and Afraid (In Stereo) '14' 88		Naked and Afraid "In Too Deep" A dive master and a boat captain. '14' 88				Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch 'PG'	
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day: Other		90 Day: Other		90 Day: Other	
(TMC)	350	261	350			"Fisher King"		*** <i>"Armageddon"</i> (1998) Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid. 'PG-13' 88		*** <i>"Halloween III"</i> (1981) Jamie Lee Curtis. 'R' 88				** <i>"Halloween III: Season of the Witch"</i> (1982) Tom Atkins.			
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	*** <i>"Ant-Man and The Wasp"</i> (2018, Action) Paul Rudd. 'PG-13' 88 (DVS)		*** <i>"Thor: Ragnarok"</i> (2017, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston. 'PG-13' 88 (DVS)		*** <i>"Thor: Ragnarok"</i> (2017, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston. 'PG-13' 88 (DVS)				** <i>"Clash of the Titans"</i> (2010) Sam Worthington. 'PG-13'			
(TOON)	38	58	38	33		"We Bare Bears: The Movie"		Gumball		Final Sp.		American		Rick		Fam. Guy	
(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	The Dead Files 'PG'		The Dead Files 'PG'		The Dead Files 'PG'		The Dead Files 'PG'		Kindred Spirits 'PG'		Kindred Spirits 'PG'	
(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	Jokes		Jokes		Jokers		Jokers		Jokers		Jokers	
(TVL)	32	49	32	34	24	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men	
(USA)	47	32	47	17	18	*** <i>"Friday"</i> (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker. 'R' 88		** <i>"Friday"</i> (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube. 'R' 88		** <i>"Friday After Next"</i> (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. 'R' 88						Modern Family	
(WE)	117	69	117			Criminal Minds "The Stranger" '14'		Criminal Minds "Out of the Light" '14'		Criminal Minds "Big Sea" (In Stereo) '14'		Criminal Minds "Supply & Demand" '14'		Criminal Minds "It Takes a Village" '14'		Criminal Minds "Proof" '14'	
(WGN-A)	18	18	18	18	20	Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation 88	

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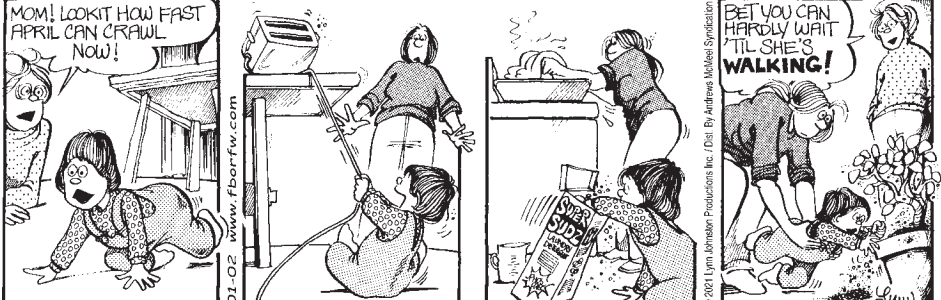
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Pickles



For Better or For Worse



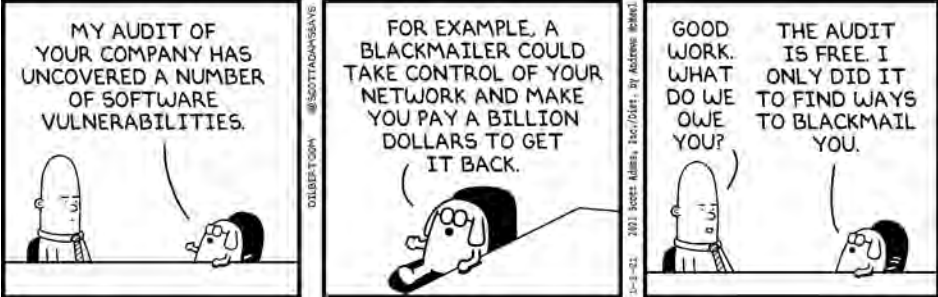
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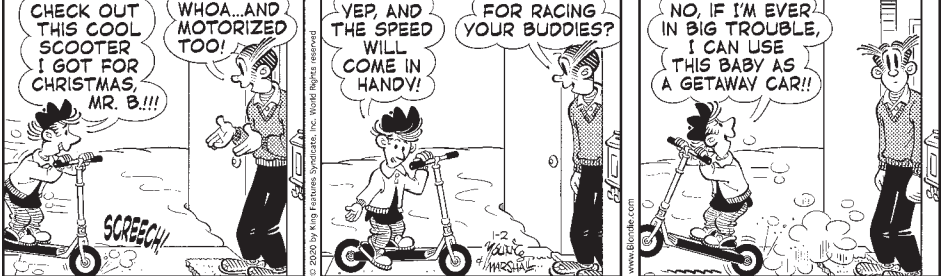
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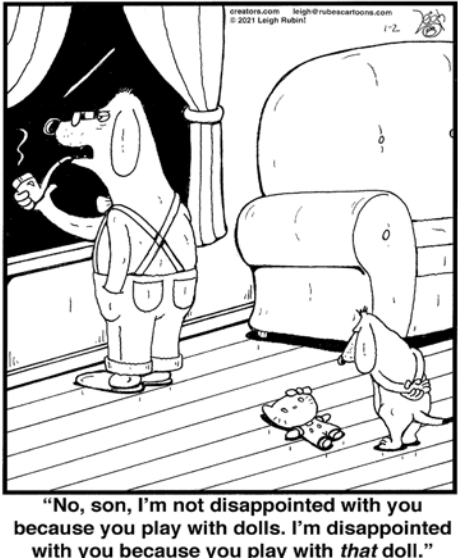
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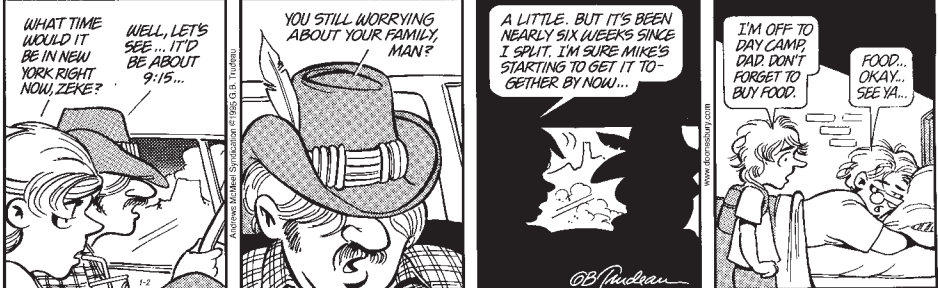
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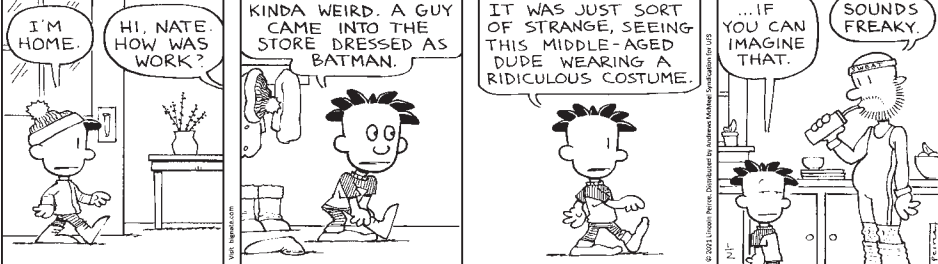
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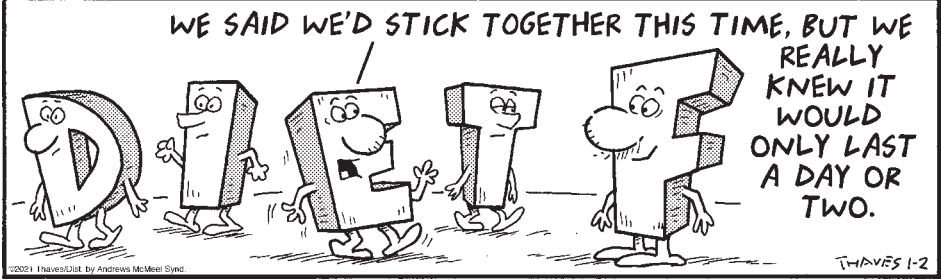
Betty



Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

LOCAL THEATER INFORMATION

Regal Cinema on State Road 44 in Inverness and Regal Cinema in Crystal River are closed until further notice.

VALERIE THEATRE CULTURAL CENTER

NOTE THAT COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE.

"Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory" (G) Jan. 2, 3 p.m.

"The Out Of Towners" (G) Jan. 3, 3 p.m.

"All About Eve" (NR) Jan. 4, 1 p.m.

"Gleason" (R) Jan. 6, 1 p.m.

"Dr. Zhivago" (PG-13) Jan. 9, 1 p.m.

"Cape Fear" (NR) Jan. 10, 3 p.m.

"Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" (NR) Jan. 11, 1 p.m.

"The Emperor's New Groove" (G) Jan. 12, 4:30 p.m.

Local RADIO

WJUF-FM 90.1 National Public

WHGN-FM 91.9 Religious

WXCW-FM 95.3 Adult Mix.

WXOF-FM 96.7 Classic Hits

WEKJ FM 96.3, 103.9 Religious

WSKY 97.3 FM News Talk

WXJB 99.9 FM News Talk

WXCZ 103.3 Country

WXCZ-FM 104.3 Country

WDUV 105.5 FM Hudson

WJQB-FM 106.3 Oldies

WFJV-FM 107.5 Classic Rock

WRZN-AM 720 Religious

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by Luis Campos

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Today's clue: A equals X

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RTZEMJ CMP VEUREMJ, EN'U CFTSN

PTEMJ, FDEMJ CMP FDWTYEMJ." YELD

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Applicant must have valid FL Driver's license, and G.E.D. or High School Diploma.
Applications will be accepted until **Friday, January 8th 2021 at 4:00 pm** and may be picked up at the **Inglis Town Hall 135 Hwy 40 West, Inglis FL.**
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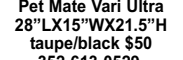
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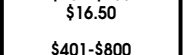
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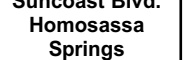
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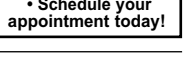
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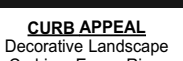
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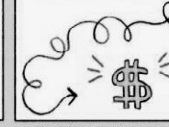



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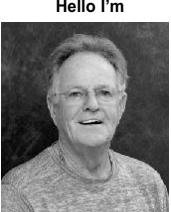


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			4			9					
8			2			6			7		
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				1					6	2	
			7			5			8		9
				9			3				

Solution to Friday's puzzle 1/2/21

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

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

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Saturday, January 2, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- IMPOSTOR

(IMPOSTOR: im-POS-ter: One who deceives under an assumed name or identity.)

Average mark 33 words
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 45 or more words in IMPOSTOR?
The list will be published Monday.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- SURFEIT				
serf	suer	rest	fetus	fuse
serif	suet	rife	fire	fustier
sift	suit	rifest	first	etui
sifter	suite	rif	fist	tier
sire	sure	rise	fret	tire
site	surf	rite	fries	tries
stir	user	ruse	fruit	true
strife	refit	rust	furies	turf

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

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ACROSS

1 Riding whip
5 Stand by
9 Sacred snake of Egypt
12 Pacific island
13 Put under wraps
14 Small music maker
15 Vaccine type
16 Bradley or Sharif
17 Morse click
18 Shah's domain
20 North Sea tributary
22 Walk unsteadily
23 Sunrise to sunset
24 Go to the rink
27 Time gone by
31 Turf
34 Plod heavily
35 Fall birthstone
36 Chuck wagon dinner

DOWN

1 Hens' home
2 Less common

38 Valuable wood

40 PC button
41 Cat's-paw
42 Ore analysis
44 Not just mine
46 Narrow road
49 Oust
52 Foundation material
54 Barbie's friend
55 Cuzco founder
58 Lhasa —
59 Reaction to a mouse
60 Takeover
61 Lug or carry
62 Melissa McCarthy film
63 Iowa city
64 Nautical position

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	A	S	P		S	A	D		A	L	P
A	L	I	A	S		H	U	E		Y	O
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A	B	E	T	T	E	D		E	L	A	N
F	I	E		R	A	G		S	A	G	E
T	E	D		O	R	E			N	A	B

3 Chicago's airport

4 Vital signs
5 Not so fast!
6 Prepare to fire
7 Wyo. neighbor
8 — firma
9 German car

10 Rind

11 Former mayor Buttigieg
19 Types
21 Injection
23 Impressionist painter
25 Vows venue
26 Foot parts
28 Gibbon
29 Airline to Stockholm
30 "90 Day Fiance" network
31 Barracks off.
32 Baja gold
33 Twosome
37 Coalition
39 Curly cabbage
43 Honda rival
45 Erie Canal city
47 Sherpa's country
48 Come later
49 Makes do
50 Prez backup
51 Black
52 Lids
53 Enameled metal
56 — de plume
57 Stage signal

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1. Shout out "How come?" (1)

2. Mandible imperfection (1)

3. So-so race loser to a tortoise (1)

4. Window section blotch (1)

5. Quirkier nudger (2)

6. Bore used crayons to fill in pictures (2)

7. Everest decorative pool with water jets (2)

5. ODDER PRODDER 6. DILLARD COLORED 7. MOUNTAIN FOUNTAIN

1. CRY WHY 2. JAW FLAW 3. FAIR HARE 4. PANE STAIN

ANSWERS

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