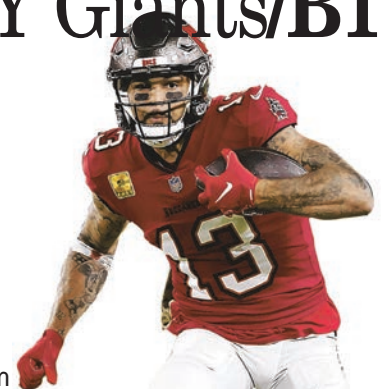


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Sunny, but breezy and chilly.
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NEWS BRIEFS

County utility crews fix leak in water main on Turkey Oak

Citrus County Utilities discovered a leak in an 18-inch water main on Turkey Oak, according to a Citrus County spokeswoman.

The water pressure was temporarily reduced while a repair was being made, said Veronica Kampschroer, county spokeswoman, who explained shutting off water completely would have impacted up to 300 households.

The repair took place Monday and was completed. Because the pipe was not breached or cut, Kampschroer said, no boil water notice was necessary. Affected residents should have seen a return to normal water pressure, she said.

If residents continue to have utility issues, they should call 352-527-7650.

Lecanto park sports courts will close for resurfacing

The tennis and basketball courts at the Lecanto Community Park, 3505 W. Educational Path, will be closed for resurfacing beginning Nov. 23. The courts will remain closed for approximately two weeks while the improvements are being made.

For more information, contact Citrus County Parks and Recreation at 352-527-7540.

Government offices to close for Thanksgiving

Citrus County Government offices will be closed Nov. 25 and 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal hours of operation and services will resume Nov. 29 with the following exceptions:

Citrus County Animal Services will be closed to the public Nov. 25 and 26. Normal hours of operation will resume Nov. 27. For more information, call 352-746-8400.

The Citrus County Library System will be closed Nov. 25 and 26. Normal hours of operation will resume Nov. 27.

For more information, call 352-746-9077.

The Citrus County Central Landfill will be closed Nov. 25 and close at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 26. There will be no hazardous waste drop-off. The administrative office will be closed both days. Normal hours will resume Nov. 27.

For more information, call 352-527-7670.

—From staff reports

Shooting, standoff nets 40 years

Hernando man agrees to prison term to avoid up to 3 life sentences

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Instead of standing trial in two weeks and risking up to three life sentences, William Cecil Poole decided to spend between 25 and 40 years in a Florida prison for fatally shooting a relative in their Hernando neighborhood before opening fire on Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies.

In exchange for the punishment, 63-year-old Poole announced a plea of no contest to his eight felony charges Monday, Nov. 22. It was Poole's final

case-status hearing before his scheduled trial the week of Dec. 6.

Poole appeared to court via a live video link from the Citrus County jail. Poole did not wish to speak beyond his answers to questions from Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard, who adjudicated Poole guilty of the offenses before ordering his sentence.

Authorities arrested Poole on Oct. 10, 2020, from the shooting scene on the 1500 block of North



William Cecil Poole
sentenced for 2020 charges.

Julia Way.

Deputies there also recovered the body of Poole's 80-year-old father-in-law, William White, from outside his home where Poole had barricaded himself to fire at responding deputies.

Poole shot and killed White during an argument over White telling Poole he could no longer live in a vehicle on the property.

Afterward, Poole aimed a pistol at a pair of responding

deputies before retreating to White's house, where he fired gunshots from the windows. Rounds struck vehicles and neighboring homes, including one residence where four people were taking cover inside.

When members of SWAT teams from the Citrus and Sumter County sheriff's offices responded, Poole fired at one of their armored vehicles, which had seven deputies inside. Poole's bullets also narrowly missed two deputies.

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A man 'all for the people'



BRIAN LaPETER/Chronicle file

In this 2008 photo, County Commission District 1 candidates Democrat Bernie Leven, left, and Republican Dennis Damato greet each other during a forum at the Florida National Guard Armory in Crystal River. Leven died Nov. 5, 2021, at age 73.

Bernie Leven will be remembered as an activist who loved his community

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

At every county commission meeting Bernie Leven attended — and he attended many — he always went prepared.

Not to rant and rave or sling fingers at the commissioners, but mostly to listen.

And when he did step up to the podium to voice his opinion, he did so thoughtfully.

"He was sincere in the battle," said Teddi

Postscript

Rusnak, a friend and fellow activist and community advocate. "He was a very dear person, a friend of the county, a friend of the environment, the local business community and of homeowners. He was tireless, indefatigable, and he is sorely missed."

Bernie Leven died Nov. 5 after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. He was 73.

Leven moved to Citrus County in 1996 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he had owned restaurants and had other business ventures.

"Bernie wasted no time when he relocated here," said Joyce Valentino, a friend and former Citrus County commissioner.

He immediately got involved and stayed

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Appeals court orders recusal of judge in 1986 case

Richard 'Ric' Howard had presided

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

An appeals court ordered the recusal of Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard from presiding over Marc Mediate's resentencing for a woman's abduction and sexual abuse from 1986.

Judges with the Florida 5th District Court of Appeal filed an opinion Friday, Nov. 19, finding Howard has already decided how to punish 53-year-old Mediate

before considering required evidence about the nature of the crime Mediate committed when he was 17.

Mediate is due to have a judge review the life sentence and concurrent 30-year prison term Howard in March 2019 ordered him to serve.

Appeals judges ruled in favor of Mediate's request — or writ of prohibition — to have Howard removed from presiding over his case because of what Howard said about Mediate during his last sen-



Marc Mediate
faces resentencing.



Judge Richard 'Ric' Howard
Citrus County Circuit Court.

tencing hearing.

"We find these statements would reasonably cause a litigant

to fear that the presiding judge has predetermined the appropriate sentence," the opinion states. "Accordingly, we grant the petition for writ of prohibition and remand this case for assignment to a different judge."

A new judge has yet to be designated to Mediate's case, which is set for status hearing Jan. 12.

On Easter night, 1986, Mediate and his accomplice, then-24-year-old Edward Lindsay, abducted a then-18-year-old woman at gunpoint from along Citrus County Road 488.

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Around the COUNTY

FHP: Driver violated right of way before two-vehicle collision on busy CR 491

More information was released about a two-vehicle collision on a busy Lecanto roadway that resulted in emergency responders to airlift a person for hospitalization.

According to Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), which didn't identify the motorists involved in the 7:28 a.m. crash from Friday, Nov. 19, a blue Hyundai Tucson was stopped at Saunders Way's intersection with County Road 491 while a black GMC Sierra was headed south on C.R. 491.

FHP noted southbound traffic on C.R. 491 was heavy because of the school entrance to the south at West Educational Path.

From the Saunders Way stop sign, the Hyundai and its driver, a 43-year-old Inverness woman, travelled into C.R. 491 and into the path of the GMC, which struck the Hyundai's left side almost head on, according to FHP.

Following the collision, the GMC and its driver, a 37-year-old Lecanto woman, spun toward the south before coming to rest in a southbound lane of C.R. 491.

EMS crews airlifted the Hyundai's driver to Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point for treatment of incapacitating injuries, according to FHP.

Citrus County Fire Rescue transported the GMC's driver to Bayfront Health ER Citrus Hills for treatment of non-incapacitating injuries.

A pair of witnesses told FHP troopers they saw the Hyundai fail to yield to the oncoming GMC. FHP cited the car's driver with violating right of way from a stop sign.

—Buster Thompson/Staff writer

Community cat program temporarily suspended

Citrus County Animal Services (CCAS) has suspended the community cat Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate Return (TNVR) program due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

CCAS will be closed to the public on Nov. 25 and 26. Normal hours of operation will resume Nov. 27. The TNVR program will resume Nov. 30.

It is recommended that healthy cats found outside are left alone during the period services are suspended at the shelter. Nationally, only 2% of cats are picked up by their owners when they end up in shelters but are up to 13 times more likely to make it home when allowed to remain in the community. Allow these cats the best chance of finding their way home.

CCAS would like to extend thanks to the volunteers, fosters and community partners who support CCAS, the shelter and the TNVR program each year.

For more information, call 352-746-8400.

— From staff reports

Judge leaves case on for trial

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard left Kharess Charles Harrison's cocaine-trafficking case scheduled for trial, declining a defense attorney's request to postpone proceedings over a dispute about missing evidence.

Harrison will stand trial the week of Dec. 6, Howard ordered at Harrison's final pretrial hearing Monday, Nov. 22.

Harrison is accused of dealing in roughly two ounces of crack and powdered cocaine Citrus County Sheriff's Office narcotics detectives seized May 2019 from and near the 43-year-old's Crystal River homestead off North Amphibian Point.

Authorities also found 19 grams of MDMA (ecstasy), 11 ounces of marijuana, several oxycodone pills, drug-packaging equipment and around \$8,000 in cash.

Deputies discovered some of the cocaine inside a shed on Harrison's property, and the rest of the drugs were located inside a canvas bag in a wooded area authorities spotted someone fitting Harrison's description walking away from.

Harrison, according to his arrest report, admitted to owning the drugs inside the shed but not those found outside.

At the time of his arrest, Harrison had 33 prior felony arrests and



Kharess Harrison

15 felony convictions on his record, and was most recently released from prison in 2016, according to the sheriff's office.

Prosecutors charged Harrison with trafficking in cocaine, possessing MDMA with intent to sell, manufacturing cocaine, possessing oxycodone with intent to sell, possessing marijuana with intent to sell and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Harrison faces a prison sentence of between 7 and 30 years if convicted of trafficking.

Amanda Micallef, Harrison's lawyer, asked Howard on Monday to take her client's case off the judge's upcoming trial docket

because she's still trying to figure out what happened to a second book bag deputies reportedly found alongside the bag with the drugs inside.

Citing police reports, Micallef said the bag contained forms of ID that didn't belong to Harrison.

"There's some unusual facts in this case," she said. "This was found with other items my client is being charged with."

Assistant State Attorney Kevin Davis objected to Micallef's request to delay the trial for what would be the eighth time.

Davis told Howard the bag wasn't collected as evidence, noting the evidence Harrison was charged for has been available for Micallef to review since the start of the case.

Howard opted to leave Harrison on for trial.

DeSantis pitches plan for 'Gas Tax Relief'

JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — To confront inflation, Gov. Ron DeSantis said Monday he will ask lawmakers next year to temporarily "zero out" state gas taxes.

Continuing to contrast his economic approach to the Biden White House, DeSantis said the approximately 25-cent-a-gallon "gas tax relief" proposal could save the average Florida family up to \$200 over a five- to six-month period, while reducing state revenue by more than \$1 billion. DeSantis wants lawmakers to approve it during the legislative session that starts Jan. 11.

"We've always been very strong on tax relief in Florida. We did things like sportsmen's relief (a sales-tax "holiday" around July 4). We've done back-to-school (tax holidays). We've done all that stuff. And that's good. But this is, I think, really, really big," DeSantis said while at a Buc-ee's convenience store in Daytona Beach.

Later at a Daily's convenience store in Jacksonville, DeSantis said, "It's clearly not going to eliminate all the inflation, because it's gone up so much. But it will make a real difference in folks' pocketbooks. And I think we're going to get a lot of good support for that."

Florida has deep financial reserves because of federal COVID-19 stimulus money, and DeSantis said the reduction in gas-tax revenue won't



Associated Press

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks to supporters and members of the media after a bill signing Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, in Brandon. DeSantis signed a bill that protects employees and their families from coronavirus vaccine and mask mandates.

hinder the state Department of Transportation's annual road program.

"We're doing infrastructure, not just roads, including roads, also the water resources, all that," DeSantis said. "We probably have never had such strong reserves in the history of the state. So, we have the ability to provide relief for people, and I don't think we're going to miss a beat."

Meanwhile, the AAA auto club reported the price of gas in Florida heading into the Thanksgiving holiday jumped 10 cents in the past week to an average of \$3.36 a gallon for regular unleaded.

The mark is the

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highest for the state since September 2014.

Last year, as motorists cut travel because of COVID-19, gas was selling at an average of \$2.03 a gallon heading into the holiday. Two years ago,

the average was \$2.44 a gallon.

"The good news is gas prices should gradually decline through the holiday," AAA spokesman Mark Jenkins said in a prepared statement.

"Crude oil and gasoline futures dropped last week, and that should restore some downward pressure on prices at the pump."

DeSantis isn't the first politician to pitch temporarily reducing gas prices.

Last week, Congressman Charlie Crist and Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, who are running to be the Democratic gubernatorial nominee in 2022, separately tossed out the idea of a "gas tax holiday."

Crist also suggested President Joe Biden tap into the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help alleviate pump prices.

Woman accused of residential burglary, reportedly steals Christmas ornaments

HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Staff writer

The Grinch unsuccessfully stole Christmas, and a Homosassa woman followed in his fuzzy green footsteps.

According to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit, April Hyden, 43, stole Christmas ornaments, along with other items, from a residence before trying to hit the owner with his own walking stick.

She was arrested and charged with criminal mischief (\$200 or less), aggravated assault with

intent to commit felony and burglary — structure — unoccupied. Bond was set at \$10,500.

Deputies arrived Sunday, Nov. 21, at a Lecanto residence for a residential burglary. The victim and witness alleged some of their belongings were on the side of the garage when they returned home.

According to the report, they told deputies they saw Hyden walk out of the garage, pushing a wheelchair with the victim's property in it.

When they confronted



April Hyden

Hyden, she alleged she owned the property and her father used to own the property. The witness said Hyden began cursing at them and wanting to fight.

The victim reportedly said Hyden tried walking away with the wheelchair and items. He tried to grab his property when Hyden took his walking stick and began "erratically" swinging at him.

According to the report, Hyden then grabbed a cooler and a tablet and tried to continue to leave the property. The victim

grabbed the cooler back, but Hyden ran to an unknown house down the road and hid with the tablet.

Hyden reportedly took the following items: a tablet, \$150; a jump box, \$100; Christmas ornaments, \$30; various food and drink items, \$40; and the wooden walking stick, \$80. The approximate value of the stolen items totaled \$400.

The victim reportedly told deputies he did not know Hyden and she never had permission to be on his property. He also said he had left the garage door unlocked.

According to the report,

the victim's wooden lattice to his porch was also broken and appeared as if someone crawled under the porch. He said it was not broken when he left in the morning and valued the damage at approximately \$40.

When deputies made contact with Hyden, she had the victim's tablet with her. Deputies also reported Hyden was uncooperative and alleged she does not have arms or legs.

Hyden was placed under arrest, handcuffed behind her back and transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility for booking and processing.

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involved in a variety of organizations such as the Citrus County Council, TOO FAR, Homosassa River Alliance, Homosassa Civic Club, Homosassa River Angels, Citrus 2020 and Save Our Waters Week.

His passion was for the environment and our local waters.

“He was extremely vocal in his platform — water was his No. 1 issue,” said former Commissioner Gary Bartell. “He never let an opportunity go by without being an advocate for water quality.

“The thing that made him different and the thing I always admired about him, he always judged things on their long-term merits. He cared, and cared very strongly, not for the benefit of Bernie Leven, but for future generations,” Bartell said.

Leven was a big picture person, with the ability to “take a 360-degree view of issues,” Rusnak said. “When he would speak at the Citrus County Council meetings and work in committees, he would look at things both from a business background perspective and from an activist viewpoint.

“He could see the unintended consequences of an action, and I always admired that about him,” she said. “He could temper his fervor for something by asking, ‘What’s practical? How do we get the money for this? What are the consequences if we move forward?’ He had that ability and brought that to many issues.”

Bernie Leven loved going to county commission meetings.

“That was back in the day when there was a lot going on in Citrus County,” Valentino said. “That was also a time when we had a board that took in a lot of input and allowed people to have a voice in government, and Bernie had a voice. It was a great time.”

She said often he would sit in the front row, but at times would sit in the back to see how people were reacting to things that were being said.

“He knew what the county was doing and not doing and why they were doing it,” said Janet Barek, another friend from some of the organizations Leven belonged to. “He was all for the people. He lived and enjoyed doing for others.

“It was a different time,” she said. “When it was his turn to speak, he was always respectful. In all the years I



In this 2019 photo, Bernie Leven, with Homosassa River Angels, unveils the new sign for the Halls River Bridge, dedicated to his friend and mentor, the late Jim Bitter. Leven died Nov. 5, 2021, at age 73.

knew Bernie, I never heard a swear word from him.

“We didn’t agree on everything, but he always respected my opinions, and he always stuck to his guns,” she said. “And underneath his rough exterior and argumentativeness, he had a wonderful heart. If he was your friend, he was your friend 100%.”

Twice Leven threw his hat into the ring and ran for county commissioner.

“There were some important things coming up and he really wanted to serve the people,” Valentino said. “He felt that people were losing their voice, that they weren’t being heard, and he felt he could do more on the board.

“Politics was definitely in his blood,” she said. “He had the fire in the belly. He didn’t run just to have a job; he ran to serve.”

In 2006, he lost to John Thrumston by

1,600 votes in the District 4 race, and in 2008 he lost to then-incumbent Dennis Damato.

“It was the will of the voters,” Leven told the Chronicle after the 2008 election. “They made their decision. I’ll still support the county any way I can.”

One of the ways he supported the county was with his prolific letters to the editor and guest columns published in the Chronicle.

In a March 2011 letter, he wrote: “The BOCC’s recent unanimous decision to hire a lobbyist to promote the construction of a port in Citrus County should enrage every county taxpayer. Why on Earth would anyone pay to promote a project without first completing a feasibility study to see if it is a viable project?”

In October 2014, about a proposed one-cent sales tax, he wrote a one-word

letter: “No.”

In his last letter to the editor in October 2020 after a presidential debate, he wrote: “The winners: China and Russia. “The losers: The United States and the American people.”

“Bernie loved communicating, and he would send me his letters to proofread,” Valentino said. “He was opinionated, and sometimes ornery, but he loved the community.”

Of his accomplishments, Leven would probably point to his role in bringing the Environmental Jeopardy Games to the annual Save Our Waters Week and helping to erect a plaque at the Halls River Bridge in Homosassa in memory of his friend and mentor, the late Jim Bitter.

The Jeopardy-style game started out as a fundraiser for Citrus 2020, said Lace Blue-McLean.

“Then Bernie was instrumental in getting the high school version going, which later included middle school students. He was interested in ways to educate the community about the protection of our waters, and he knew the importance of getting students involved.”

On Dec. 6, 2019, the Halls River Bridge in Homosassa was dedicated to local Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient James C. Bitter, a day that Leven had longed to see.

Shortly before Bitter died in 2016, Leven told him that someday he would like to do something in the community to memorialize him.

The Halls River Bridge, Leven said in 2019, was the perfect way to do it, especially since the bridge is adjacent to land that was the focus of a four-year legal fight to prevent controversial development.

“He (Bitter) was not against development,” Leven said at the dedication. “He just wanted smart growth in the right places. He wanted to keep the wetlands and scenic beauty in that area west of U.S. 19 pristine.”

As did Leven.

“His heart was always with our community,” said Curt Ebitz, a longtime friend who worked with Leven on Save Our Waters Week. “He was a good, active listener, and his demeanor was always very calming.

“He was a Democrat, but his political party was never a boundary,” Ebitz said. “Politics weren’t important to him, people were.”

JUDGE

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While the other drove the woman’s truck toward the Florida Panhandle, Mediate or Lindsay took turns sexually abusing the woman before they left her bound and blindfolded at a Taylor County cemetery.

After breaking free, the woman flagged down a passing motorist. She later identified Lindsay and Mediate for authorities, who charged the pair in May

1986.

A judge ordered Mediate in September 1986 to serve a life sentence for the woman’s kidnapping, and consecutive 30-year sentences for each of his four sexual battery charges. Lindsay agreed to a plea deal, and was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling from 2010 qualified Mediate to have another sentence, finding it unconstitutional for judges to sentence a juvenile to life for a non-homicide offense without taking their background, mentality and potential for rehabilitation into account.

Mediate challenged Howard’s first sentence for him from November 2011, and was awarded in 2017 to have another revised punishment.

Howard in March 2019 ordered Mediate’s current prison term, which required Mediate to have his sentence reviewed in 20 years, retroactive to when he was sentenced in 1986, meaning he immediately became due to have Howard revisit his latest sentence.

Mediate filed motions in the summer of 2021 to have Howard recuse himself over what Mediate claimed were prejudicial comments the judge made during

the March 2019 sentencing hearing.

Howard denied the motions because they were legally insufficient, prompting Mediate and his lawyer, Assistant Public Defender Ed Spaight, to file a writ of prohibition with the appeals court.

Appeals judges found Howard’s words warranted his “disqualification.”

They specifically took issue of when Howard said Mediate “is an older, dedicated unrepentant rapist (who is) driven to sexually (and who) has a low possibility of rehabilitation” and “is and will remain as long as lives, irredeemably incorrigible.”



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View more of the club's images with this story at www.chronicleonline.com. Upcoming trips are planned for the Lady of Lake Renaissance Fair, Fort Island Beach for bird photography and the Lakeland Air Museum.

Photo finishers



KATHY O'BRIEN/Special to the Chronicle

Members of the Art Center Camera Club traveled to Ocala for this year's Championship Barrel and Futurity Sweepstakes events, using a variety of cameras and lenses to capture the action and details of the day.

Camera club attends Ocala Barrel Race championships

Special to the Chronicle

The Art Center Camera Club traveled to Ocala for this year's Championship Barrel and Futurity Sweepstakes events.

Club photographers were given press passes and directed to the special area set up for news and video filming. It offered a great viewpoint to all the action in the arena.

Several members attended this special session set up by "outings" director Kathy O'Brien. Camera settings were checked and double-checked and long lens were attached for this fast action event. Cannon, Sony, Nikon and Fujifilm cameras were used, as well as a few smartphones.

Photographers were also allowed in paddock areas and allowed to photograph horses that came from across the U.S. for this annual event.

The Camera Club is the Art Center's largest group, with more than 130 active members. Their four most active groups are the outings group, challenge group, competition group and classes and workshop groups.

Kathy O'Brien heads the workshop group and the outings group with trips to some of Florida's more interesting places. Recent trips were taken to the Harry P Leu Botanical Gardens, Bok Towers, Garlits Car Museum and Sholom Park.



CHARLIE HATTON/Special to the Chronicle

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CATHY HICKMAN/Special to the Chronicle

Some photographers chose to capture details in monochrome.

Upcoming trips are planned for the Lady of Lake Renaissance Fair, Fort Island Beach for bird photography and the Lakeland Air Museum.

All Art Center members are welcome on these trips. For a list of upcoming events, visit artcenterofcitruscounty.org.

Our next large group is Dick's Challenges. Each month, Dick Coffman challenges photographers to improve their camera

skills by following his rules of photography.

This month's challenge is to photograph subjects with back lighting. The major rule is that the photographer must submit their shots without

adjusting the picture outside the camera.

That is to say there is no post processing. The challenge is to capture a quality picture using only the controls in the camera.

They are also planning on continuing classes in Photoshop, Lightroom and specific types of photography such as the upcoming workshop on macro photography.

To attend a meeting, email club chairman Jim Houle at ArtCenterVP@gmail.com. The Art Center is located at 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando.

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Obituaries

Verland Barmore, 91 INVERNESS

Verland L. Barmore, 91, of Inverness, FL passed away November 14, 2021 at Ocala Regional Medical Center in Ocala, FL. A Celebration of Life service for Verland was held at New Testament Baptist Church in Floral City on Sunday, November 21, 11:00 A.M. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory is in charge of arrangements.



John Edmonds, 81 PANAMA CITY

John Lloyd Edmonds, 81 of Panama City, FL passed away Sunday November 21, 2021.

He was born May 22, 1940 in Chapel Hill, NC and had lived in Homosassa, FL before recently moving to Panama City, FL. Mr. Edmonds was retired from the US Navy and was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty T. Edmonds. He is survived by his son John Patrick

Edmonds, daughters Wendy Sexton, Carol Queen and Patricia Bertram, brothers Charlie Edmonds and Sherman "Billy" Edmonds, sisters Hazel King, Gertrude Freeman, Addi Lamb, Ruth Haith, Betty Jean Ray, Linda Taylor and Mary Briles, 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Military honors will be conducted by the US Navy at 2 PM on Wednesday November 24th at the Fountains Memorial Park Cemetery of Homosassa Springs, FL. Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, FL.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at T2T.org.

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Deaths ELSEWHERE

Fernando González

AP HEAD OF CARIBBEAN NEWS

MEXICO CITY — Fernando González, who spent decades covering and directing major stories for The Associated Press across Latin America, from papal visits to border skirmishes, hurricanes and hostage stand-offs, has died in Havana.

González, 60, died at his home early Monday after suffering a heart attack, Cuba's forensic medicine director said.

Gregarious and seemingly inexhaustible, González was especially strong and compassionate in crisis situations, both covering the news and tirelessly organizing help when colleagues were ill or injured.

"Fernando represented the best of AP. He was a terrific journalist and loved the big stories," said AP Executive Editor Julie Pace. "He was also a warm and caring colleague, someone whose impact was felt across all corners of the organization. He will be dearly missed."

Born in Uruguay, González graduated from high school in Santiago, Chile, and then attended the University of Miami. He worked for a local radio station before eventually moving into news production, often freelancing for The Associated Press in Latin America.

González joined the AP full time in 2002 as senior producer for television news in Havana. He

moved to Washington, D.C., in 2014 as regional video editor for Latin America and the Caribbean and then to Mexico City as the AP's deputy news director for the region in 2016. González returned to Cuba in 2020 as news director for the Caribbean and Andes.

Among the major stories he covered were the 1996 hostage siege at the Japanese ambassador's residence in Peru, Hurricane Mitch's devastating impact on Central America in 1998, and the 2004 coup that overthrew Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

González also covered three papal trips to Cuba by St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, as well as President Barack Obama's historic visit in 2016 and the death of former Cuban President Fidel Castro later that year.

—From wire reports

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

■ Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, obituary deadlines for Thursday and Friday editions are 1 p.m. Wednesday. Deadlines for Saturday, Sunday and Monday editions are 3 p.m. Friday.

■ Barring holidays, obituary deadlines for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday editions are 3 p.m. the day before. Deadlines for Saturday, Sunday and Monday editions are 3 p.m. Friday.

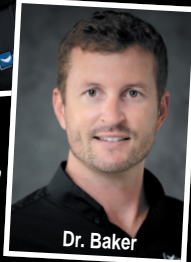
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BEST OF THE BEST
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JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle file
Citrus County Sheriff's Office personnel set up a command center Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at McFarlin's Feed & Supply, 1703 N. Florida Ave., Hernando, as authorities were involved in a standoff with a gunman for over three hours in a nearby neighborhood.

40 YEARS

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SWAT team personnel rescued the people seeking shelter from the gunfire, while sheriff's office negotiators talked Poole into surrendering, after he set fire to the house.

Deputies did not exchange gunfire with Poole.

In his Mirandized statements to deputies, Poole said he killed White out of self-defense, claiming White had a gun concealed under his shirt. White was found to be unarmed.

Poole admitted to shooting at deputies but wasn't aiming for them, adding he was shooting over his head. He said he reloaded his weapon three times and fired around 15 rounds.

Poole also said the fire inside White's house ignited by accident from a lit cigar.

Prosecutors charged Poole with second-degree murder with a firearm, arson, and two counts each of shooting at an occupied vehicle or dwelling, aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer, and attempted murder of a law enforcement officer.

Before Poole changed his not-guilty plea on Monday, his lawyer, Assistant Public Defender Ed Spaight, told Howard his client was ready to take his case to jurors.

Spaight said Poole originally declined the 40-year plea deal from the State At-

torney's Office.

"This is a fair and reasonable resolution," he told Howard.

Assistant State Attorney Blake Shore told Howard if a jury convicted Poole as charged, the judge would have no choice but to order Poole to mandatory life sentences for each of his attempted-murder charges.

Poole's murder charge, Shore said, is also punishable by up to life with a minimum-mandatory prison term of 25 years because the crime involved a discharged firearm.

In order to comply with by Poole's negotiated punishment, prosecutors amended his two attempted-murder charges to aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer.

Shore told Howard he discussed Poole's plea offer with White's family, the sheriff's office and his supervisors.

"Everybody was in agreement this was acceptable resolution to this case," the prosecutor said.

A handful of White's relatives appeared at Poole's court hearing on Monday. They told Howard they didn't understand why Poole wasn't facing either first-degree murder or the death penalty.

Howard said prosecutors have the "unfettered discretion" to file charges how they see fit.

Shore told the Chronicle after Monday's hearing Poole was charged with second-degree murder because there wasn't premeditation, noting Poole shot White during the heat of an argument.

SO YOU KNOW

- For information about adding events to the Chronicle's online Community Calendar, go to www.chronicleonline.com, Events, Event Calendar, and follow the directions to add an event.
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Parenting Parents, Bad Idea

It is well known that many grand and great grandparents do not share intimate details of their health with their children; they do not want to burden or have their children worry. Doing in-home consultations has taught me some very important lessons. One of the biggest lessons that I learned was that parents do not want to be parented by their children. When the children demand that their parents get some help around the house, most parents revolt. On the other hand, it is quite entertaining to watch the 50+ year old kids trying to reason with their teen age acting 80-year-old parents. Just for the record, the parents almost always win. In most of these scenarios, the parents do need some support, it's just that the children took the wrong approach.

Generally no one gets emotionally involved when parents slow down and help is needed to maintain the exterior of the home. It's hot and the work is hard therefore hiring a pool service or lawn maintenance company resolves the issue without much discussion. However, when the needs involve getting some help for inside the home, this might provoke a very emotional response. Often when children discuss the issue of parents having help to remaining independent inside of their homes, it sounds suspiciously to the parents like they are going to lose or give up some part of their independence. This is true even though laundry, vacuuming, changing bed linens, meal preparation and sometimes personal care, can be very demanding tasks equal to those worked outside. I believe the difference is "privacy." Letting someone into your home to touch your personal belongings creates anxiety whereas someone cutting the grass not so much. For this reason, discussing the quality of the anticipated care provider in terms of reputation, insurance, bonding, and background checks is important.

Too often the subject of preparing for the senior years is not discussed; instead, it is thrown at the parents during "The Conversation." To avoid a confrontational situation, make sure the rest of the family is on board before meeting with your parents. Chose a time and place so you can have a relaxed conversation about quality of life and safety and your parents can share their wishes. This is best accomplished in a series of meetings rather than presenting an ultimatum at the end of a meeting. Avoid any part of "The Conversation" at holiday or special family occasions. It may be convenient because the family is together and the parents are in a good mood but, it could turn ugly.

Make the experience non-threatening by letting your parents know you're concerned for their well-being and want to know how you or someone else can help make their life easier. Sharing the experiences of friends or relatives encountering medical emergencies could serve as an opening for dialogue. Speak with respect. Respect their desire and need to maintain control over their lives. Avoid reversing roles during the discussions. It's best to think of it as partnering with them to develop a plan. Ask open-ended questions that encourage your parents to share their feelings. Offer options, that is, more than one acceptable solution; not advice. Involving parents in the decision-making process enables them to exercise control and maintain their independence. Children can learn what is important to them by sitting back and listening and then, listening some more. Then, once parents have expressed their wishes, help them write down their plans to ensure they are carried out. The discussions become clearer as the plans are written. If your parents resist your efforts, try to involve a trusted third party such as a friend, doctor or clergy. They may be more open to the discussion with a neutral individual.

Parents can initiate the conversation. They do not have to wait for the children to start the conversation. Many children don't like thinking about their parents aging and are reluctant to start the discussion. So, if you are having difficulty with maintaining your home, driving, preparing meals, or maintaining personal care, start the conversation with your children, your doctor or other health care professional. Share your preferences with family. Do you want to continue living at home with the help of a caregiver who can assist with certain tasks around the house? Are you looking to downsize and move in with family or move to an independent or assisted living arrangement?

No matter if you are the parent or children expressing concern about health, homecare and safety, these conversations must be respectful and loving, and remember always that communication is key. Remember your parents are your parents from your birth until they die and they want respect from their children regardless of their age. The goal is to ensure that your parents will have their needs met and live a safe, happy life.

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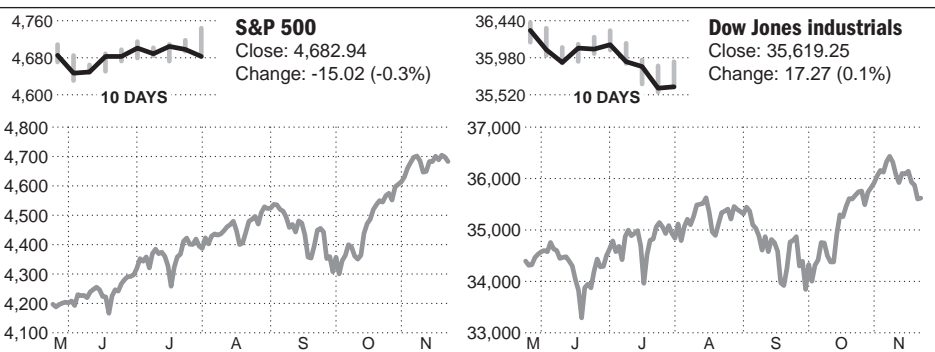
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StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD		HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,031	4,784	DOW	35,929.66	35,615.55	35,619.25	+17.27	+0.05%	+16.38%
Pvs. Volume	3,904	4,411	DOW Trans.	16,946.11	16,534.46	16,739.03	+221.57	+1.34%	+33.84%
Advanced	1199	1264	DOW Util.	926.19	912.25	921.50	+7.11	+0.78%	+6.58%
Declined	1276	2298	NYSE Comp.	17,082.70	16,945.67	16,945.78	-28.19	-0.17%	+16.67%
New Highs	115	181	NASDAQ	16,212.23	15,851.04	15,854.76	-202.68	-1.26%	+23.02%
New Lows	92	474	S&P 500	4,743.83	4,682.17	4,682.94	-15.02	-0.32%	+24.68%
			S&P 400	2,903.69	2,870.72	2,875.24	-8.15	-0.28%	+24.65%
			Wilshire 5000	48,984.68	48,301.61	48,302.44	-415.01	-0.85%	+22.42%
			Russell 2000	2,369.63	2,331.35	2,331.35	-11.81	-0.50%	+18.05%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	52-WK RANGE		CLOSE		CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
			HI	LO	CLOSE	CHG									
AT&T Inc	T	23.96	33.88	24.70	+5.7	+2.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-14.1	-7.3	cc	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	143.22	141.98	-5.0	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	+17.4	+21.2	36	0.80
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	79.67	58.50	-0.4	-0.1	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	-16.3	-10.4	21	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	27.06	48.69	46.28	+8.8	+1.9	▲	▼	▲	▲	▲	+52.7	+71.1	14	0.84
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	28.98	28.37	+6.7	+2.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+15.4	+23.6	13	0.64f
Citigroup	C	52.29	80.29	67.04	+7.0	+1.1	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼	+8.7	+31.2	6	2.04
Disney	DIS	141.70	203.02	154.16	+1.6	+0.1	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼	-14.9	+8.7
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	108.38	100.25	+1.83	+1.9	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼	+9.5	+11.6	57	3.94f
EPR Properties	EPR	29.79	56.07	49.56	+3.5	+0.7	▲	▼	▲	▲	▲	+52.5	+57.7	...	3.00
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.40	29.29	25.69	-3.7	-1.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-5.8	-1.8	...	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	37.28	66.38	61.51	+8.4	+1.4	▲	▼	▲	▲	▲	+49.2	+71.6	...	3.52f
Ford Motor	F	8.43	20.51	20.48	+1.09	+5.6	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+133.0	+121.0	24	0.40
Gen Electric	GE	78.88	116.17	101.04	+1.08	+1.1	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼	+17.2	+29.8	...	0.32
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	148.24	263.92	240.43	+1.37	+0.6	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼	+46.2	+59.4	22	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59	410.10	408.79	+1.0	...	—	▲	▲	▲	▲	+53.9	+53.2	29	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	68.49	49.83	+3.1	+0.6	▲	▲	▼	+13.3	...	10	1.39
IBM	IBM	115.27	152.84	116.47	+4.2	+0.4	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼	-7.5	+9.5	20	6.56
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	60.05	58.83	+6.0	+1.0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+66.9	+66.4	19	...a
Lumen Cos	LOW	149.31	255.22	252.35	+2.83	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+57.2	+68.7	26	3.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66	16.60	13.62	+2.8	+2.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+39.7	+46.0	...	1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	257.53	253.48	+1.53	+0.6	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+18.1	+19.5	28	5.16
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	208.16	345.10	339.83	-3.28	-1.0	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	+52.8	+62.8	46	2.48f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	163.16	258.78	255.62	+2.51	+1.0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+50.3	+51.3	45	2.84
NextEra Energy	NEE	68.33	88.83	87.36	-9.5	-1.1	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	+13.2	+19.6	55	1.54
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	20.35	18.78	+0.3	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+15.7	+25.0	46	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	15.07	24.78	24.05	+3.6	+1.5	▲	▼	▲	▲	▲	+49.2	+57.3	9	0.68
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	140.65	126.44	+2.13	+1.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+9.4	+9.4	16	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	155.14	202.26	192.50	-2.66	-1.4	▼	▼	▲	▲	▲	+17.3	+28.7	25	4.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	181.20	258.86	196.61	-0.4	...	—	▼	▼	▼	▼	-7.1	+1.1	25	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	50.67	61.95	51.54	+6.8	+1.3	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼	-12.3	-11.3	10	2.56f
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.67	20.36	15.84	+3.6	+2.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	-3.9	+2.8	cc	1.06e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	153.66	144.78	+2.39	+1.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+0.4	-5.0	41	2.20
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	37.22	57.05	47.32	+3.4	+0.7	▲	▼	▲	▲	▲	+18.7	+30.0	18	1.91

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

Interesterates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.63% Monday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

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

Commodities

The price of U.S. crude oil rose 0.9% while heating oil climbed a bit more than 2% and wholesale gasoline rose 1.4%. Natural gas slumped 5.4%. Gold and silver prices fell.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.05	.0507
6-month T-bill	.07	.06	+0.01	.10
52-wk T-bill	.18	.16	+0.02	.11
2-year T-note	.63	.52	+0.11	.16
5-year T-note	1.33	1.22	+0.11	.38
7-year T-note	1.55	1.45	+0.10	.62
10-year T-note	1.63	1.54	+0.09	.81
30-year T-bond	1.97	1.91	+0.06	1.53

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG AGO	WK	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	3.58	3.58	3.59	4.01
Money market account	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.16	3.18	3.27	3.09
15 year fixed mortgage	2.50	2.50	2.52	2.37

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	76.75	75.94	+1.07	+58.2
Ethanol (gal)	2.21	2.21	...	+54.0
Heating Oil (gal)	2.33	2.29	+1.40	+56.8
Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.79	5.07	-5.45	+88.6
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.26	2.21	+2.18	+58.7
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1806.00	1851.20	-2.44	-4.6
Silver (oz)	24.30	24.78	-1.95	-7.7
Platinum (oz)	1015.10	1036.00	-2.02	-5.6
Copper (lb)	4.40	4.41	-0.29	+25.1
Palladium (oz)	1947.50	2070.10	-5.92	-20.5
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.34	1.34	+0.67	+19.0
Coffee (lb)	2.31	2.33	-0.90	+80.4
Corn (bu)	5.77	5.71	+1.05	+19.2
Cotton (lb)	1.18	1.19	-1.27	+50.7
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	772.60	801.90	-3.65	-11.7
Orange Juice (lb)	1.30	1.27	+2.40	+5.8
Soybeans (bu)	12.74	12.63	+0.87	-3.1
Wheat (bu)	8.46	8.23	+2.76	+32.1

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	TOTAL RETURN			
				YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.80	-12	+13.6	+17.5	+13.6	+11.2
	CptWldGrInca m	66.31	-60	+13.0	+19.8	+16.6	+13.3
	CptInclBldrA m	68.83	-05	+11.2	+15.3	+9.7	+7.9
	FdmTlnInvA m	80.11	-63	+19.9	+27.5	+19.0	+15.5
	GrfAmrcA m	82.20	-129	+21.7	+32.5	+27.4	+21.5
	IncAmrcA m	26.27	+04	+13.7	+17.5	+11.3	+9.2
	InvCAmrcA m	53.40	-29	+22.4	+28.2	+18.6	+14.7
	NwPrspctvA m	71.71	-79	+18.5	+29.2	+26.0	+20.2
	WAMtlnInvA m	59.56	+05	+23.7	+29.6	+17.0	+14.8
	Inc	14.17	-05	-1.3	-0.4	+6.3	+4.4
	Stk	246.49	+84	+30.0	+39.2	+17.1	+14.4
	500ldxInsPrm	162.78	-51	+26.3	+33.5	+23.1	+18.4
Dodge & Cox	BCGrowth	192.72	-3.42	+27.0	+38.8	+40.0	+30.3
	Contrafund	20.61	-29	+25.7	+32.1	+28.2	+22.8
	GroCo	42.35	-84	+28.8	+39.2	+42.3	+31.3
	TtlMktldxInsPrm	134.03	-67	+24.6	+32.9	+23.0	+18.1
Fidelity	USBldxInsPrm	11.95	-06	-2.2	-2.1	+5.3	+3.4
	SP500ldx	72.71	...	+26.6	+33.0	+22.6	+18.7
	BCGr	199.60	-4.44	+23.3	+28.2	+28.1	+24.6
	500ldxAdmrl	433.12	-1.35	+26.2	+33.5	+23.0	+18.4
Schwab	DivGrInv	39.33	-02	+19.8	+24.3	+18.7	+16.3
	GrldxAdmrl	165.32	-2.31	+27.2	+36.1	+32.9	+24.8
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.70	...	+0.8	+1.5	+4.9	+3.8
	IntlGrAdmrl	165.67	-2.53	+3.4	+13.1	+27.8	+22.1
	MdCpldxAdmrl	315.66	-2.32	+24.1	+32.1	+21.4	+15.9
	PmCpAdmrl	187.59	-1.02	+21.9	+31.2	+20.1	+18.5
	STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.80	-03	-0.6	-0.1	+3.7	+2.7
	SmCpldxAdmrl	111.03	-0.29	+20.0	+31.1	+18.7	+14.3
	TtBMLdxAdmrl	11.18	-06	-2.1	-1.9	+5.3	+3.5
	TtlnSlldxAdmrl	34.66	-26	+8.4	+15.2	+12.3	+10.3
	TtlnSlldxInv	20.72	-16	+8.4	+15.1	+12.2	+10.2
	TtISMLdxAdmrl	116.94	-60	+24.6	+32.9	+23.0	+18.2
T. Rowe Price	TtISMLdxInv	116.90	-59	+24.5	+32.8	+22.9	+18.1
	WlngtnAdmrl	87.91	-31	+16.5	+20.0	+15.3	+12.4
	WislyIncAdmrl	72.08	...	+7.0	+8.9	+10.2	+8.1

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

Slump leaves major US indexes mostly lower

DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA
AP business writers

A choppy day of trading on Wall Street ended with stocks mostly lower Monday, as a late-afternoon burst of selling derailed the market from another all-time high.

The S&P 500 fell 0.3% after having been up as much as 1% earlier in the day and on pace to eclipse the record high it set last Thursday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average eked out a 0.1% gain, while the Nasdaq shed an early gain and slid 1.3% below the all-time high it set on Friday.

Bond yields moved solidly higher. Gold prices fell and energy futures mostly rose.

The market was higher for much of the day as traders were relieved to learn that President Joe Biden would nominate Jerome Powell for a second four-year term at the helm of the Federal Reserve, a vote of confidence in Powell's handling of central bank policies during the brutal disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

While stocks initially rallied on the news, bonds sold off, pushing yields broadly higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.63% from 1.54% late Friday.

Higher Treasury yields make the more expensive areas of the market, like technology stocks, less attractive, which may explain why there was more selling in stocks toward the end of the day as the bond market shifted.

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SENSE OF FINALITY

Is widening on U.S. 19 nearing an end?

Widening U.S. 19 from south of Homosassa to Crystal River has been underway for five years and it is still not complete, having suffered various delays over the years, including additional underground utility work, drainage issues and the bankruptcy of the prime contractor.

When the project began in November 2016, the project was expected to be completed by the spring 2019. But there are still drainage issues, there are construction barrels along the unfinished roadway, and there are unresolved nuisances including the lack of coordination between traffic signals.

In Homosassa, everyone going through can observe firsthand two lights that are not properly coordinated. One is at the intersection of Grover Cleveland Boulevard and the other at Homosassa Trail. The lack of coordination between these two manage to back up traffic on U.S. 19 during both rush hours and in mid-day.

In addition, poor drainage in that area leads to what local residents call "Lake Homosassa," where even a modest rain leads to road flooding along sections of U.S. 19.

And then in September the prime contractor, DAB, declared bankruptcy and shut down any work on the job. Since then, the state has

engaged two new contractors to complete the work. One contractor will complete the section from West Green Acres through Homosassa to West Jump Court while another contractor will complete the work from West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail.

State officials have optimistically said work could resume within a week after agreements with the contractors are signed. Residents who have lived with delays and promises for the past five years can be excused if they are skeptical of the timeline, but we are pleased that after all of these delays, at least the project appears to be moving toward completion.

We also trust that the completion work will deal with drainage issues and that the state will stay on top of the work so that the scheduled completion dates will be met.

This road widening has been a long, painful experience for those traveling through Homosassa, for those residents who have to live with the construction, and for those businesses along the route who have been forced to operate with blocked or changed entrances and construction underway at their doorsteps.

It is time for this to end and for this project to be completed.

THE ISSUE:

Contractors identified for completing stalled construction.

OUR OPINION:

It's time to end the project.

Bring back civility to our nation

I must be getting old. In my younger days, I was much more forgiving to folks who dropped the "F-word." But even in my younger days, we swore and were vulgar in relatively private groups. Unfortunately, that's not the new normal for Citrus County.

I was heading to the grocery store this evening and stopped at a red light.

The truck in front of me had a sticker "F**k Biden and his Ho." Really! What do you tell your kid if they ask what it means?

We were going down Ella Avenue, and on a flag pole was a flag that said "F**k Biden," and that is not the only such flag I have seen. I am hoping the children in that neighborhood can't yet read.

I have seen political signs laden with profanity on chain link fences. I am embarrassed for the people who live there.

People who volunteer to serve on local school boards (not Citrus County) are threatened when they tell their fellow citizens that they don't teach critical race theory in their high schools. The reward for these people volunteering their time and talent are threats, voicemail insults, and worrying their children may be hurt by these nuts. Just so you know, very few colleges, and some law schools, teach critical race theory.

Senior executive officers like secretaries of state are

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threatened with violence for doing their job protecting all of our voting rights. Malicious emails, venomous web postings, and death threats are the new norm if you don't like how an elected official acts.

We now have an ex-president calling members of Congress names more suited to the playground. We aren't even talking about citizens storming the Capitol at the direction of a sitting president.

What happened to civility?

Republicans can't even vote their conscience anymore. The ex-president wants to punish members of Congress who voted for the

Infrastructure bill even though the bill is similar to the one he couldn't get passed.

Revenge is the norm now in Washington (or Palm Beach). We can do better than this.

Ilse Miles
Beverly Hills

Try shopping at thrift stores

Recently, the Chronicle published my letter on saving money in inflationary times.

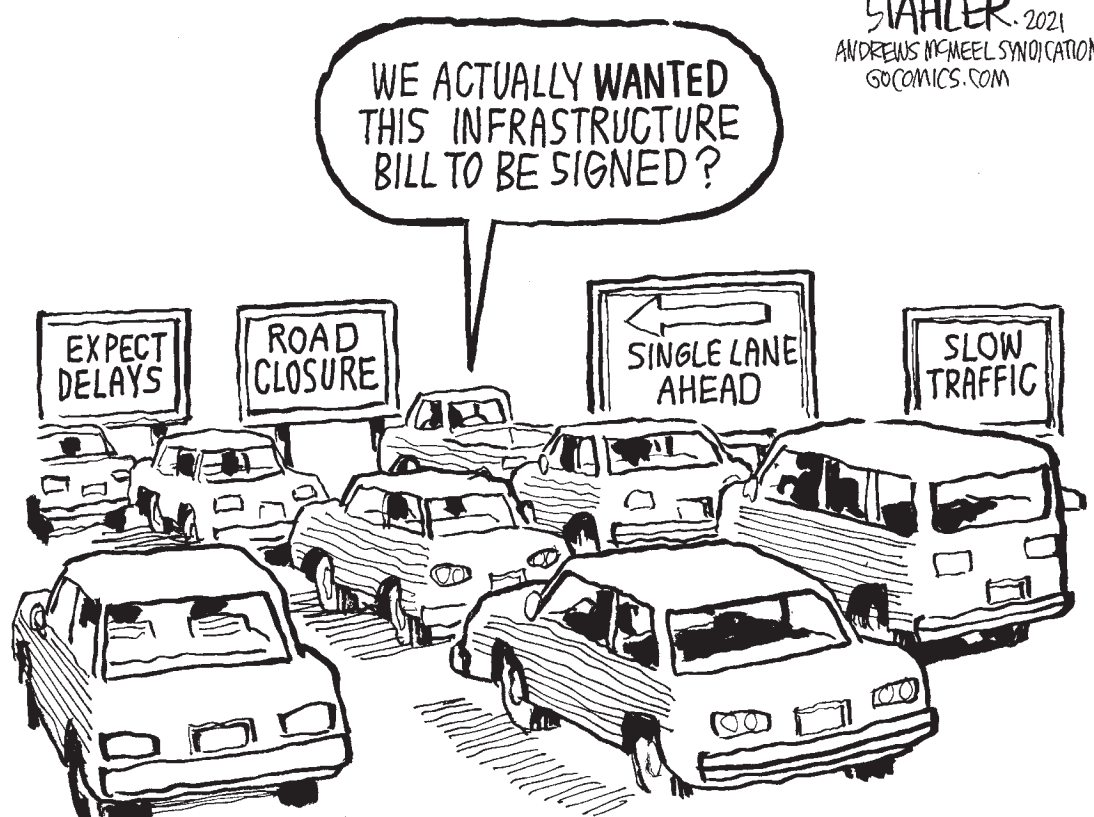
Well, I forgot a few things: yard sales and thrift shops. I have saved at both.

Recently my microwave went totally out, although I had never bought one at a thrift store before, I thought to give it a try, since I would not have to struggle with a box from a store. So I called the Sanctuary Thrift store on Grover Cleveland and they had one for \$30. They held it for me. When I got there it was an LG brand and like new, larger than the previous one and digital; it even has a button for hot water. There were some like it on the internet for over \$400. I love it!

There must be other bargains to be had at the thrift stores and what is extra nice, the proceeds all go to help the community. Don't forget to make donations too, they need them, and tax donation receipts are available.

Happy savings!

Renee Christopher-McPheeters
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Animal Control saved my dog

I would like to give praise to the Citrus County Animal Control. On Tuesday, Nov. 2, my small dog was in a fight with two bigger dogs. I thought he was going to die. The next morning, I called a vet and then the Animal Control. In all the excitement, I failed to get the names of the animal controllers. One was a long-haired girl and the other was a big young man. They came right out and asked me if I had called a vet, which I had. We couldn't pick my dog up because he was in too much pain. So they give him a shot, put him to sleep and loaded him in my truck for me after carrying him down 13 steps. Long story short, my dog, Patrick, is getting well. I have good feelings for the Citrus County Animal Control. They saved my best buddy. I would like to thank the Citrus County Animal Control for saving my dog, Patrick, from dying. Thanks a whole lot, Steamboat Fulton. Thanks again.

I want more Sound Offs

I'm responding to Sound Off to Monday's paper (Nov. 8), no Sound Off to read at all, and Tuesday, you have, what, three Sound Offs to read? I like to read Sound

Offs more than read letters to the editor because people want to write a book. Cut me a break.

Nice story on VFW post

Just called to say I enjoyed the article in the Chronicle about the "Vets in spotlight today," with Mr. Montag and the veterans organization in Floral City (Thursday, Nov. 11's front-page story, "Last surviving founding member of Floral City VFW post looks back"). The dedication to start that organization in 1993 is Joe Nick Barco, that's their founding name, and I was really impressed with that because my grandmother was a Barco. She was Harriet Virginia Barco, born up in Cotton Plant in Marion County. I'm sure that all the Barcos in this area of Citrus and Marion counties are probably somehow related in the past, but I really enjoyed the article. Thank you very much for writing it.

Roundabouts aren't problem

I was driving into Ocala today and I saw they're starting to put the traffic light in at (State Road) 200 and (County Road) 491. Now when they put the roundabout in

another county, people complained and they had to have a mock driving course for these people. So are we going to have to put a mock driving course with a traffic light in it so these people can learn how to stop at this traffic light? It's ridiculous that people complained about it and it's not even in our county. People, if you don't want to drive it, don't go down there — simple as that. I've driven all through lots of different countries and I know the roundabouts are used in a lot of places in the world with no problems whatsoever.

Please call back

Why do businesses advertise in the paper and phonebook? When you call, they either have an answering machine and never get back to you or tell you someone will call and make an appointment, but no one ever calls. Meanwhile, you stay home and wait for calls that never come.

I wish commissioners would respond

Why does the Chronicle keep publishing the board of county commissioners' emails? If you send them an email, they

never respond anyway.

Editor's note: You can try calling them at 352-341-6560.

Friday great at Cooter fest

The Cooter Festival ... I didn't go Saturday or Sunday. A couple friends of mine, a few different groups went then and said there weren't a whole lot of vendors, but there was still 20 or more. And as far as entertainment, they said there was a country band that sounded good, but they just listened a little bit. I'm into rock 'n' roll and that's why I didn't go then, but I went Friday night and it was great. Santana and Joe-Joe Jones (were) at the Cooter Festival and that was great and well attended.

Thanks for sharing

Thank you to David Peck for writing his article in the Nov. 4 Chronicle. It was a well-written letter titled, "Color me crazy — but I talk to dead people" (Page A9). It was a very well-written article and I liked it very much, so I sent it on to a number of other people who I knew were grieving and their response was incredible. They enjoyed the article as much as I did. Thank you, David, for taking the time and making the effort to share your personal experience.

Nation & World

BRIEFS

Market



Associated Press

A girl rides on a merry-go-round Monday on the first day of the Christmas market in Frankfurt, Germany.

Probe finds ‘overwhelming evidence’ of misconduct by Cuomo

ALBANY, N.Y. — A legislative investigation released Monday found “overwhelming evidence” that former Gov. Andrew Cuomo sexually harassed women and that he ordered state workers to help produce his book on pandemic leadership during work hours. The report also found that Cuomo’s staff “substantially revised” a state health department report on COVID-19 deaths in nursing homes to exclude statistics that might have dimmed his reputation as a pandemic leader.

The findings, authored by a law firm hired by the Assembly’s Judiciary Committee, were widely expected, and the sections on sexual harassment largely echo allegations previously made in a report last summer by the state’s attorney general.

But it offered some new details, particularly around the \$5.2 million private deal Cuomo struck to write a book, “American Crisis: Leadership Lessons on the Pandemic.”

Cuomo had promised state ethics officials that no state resources would be used on the book, but the Assembly’s investigators at the law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell said they found evidence the governor had his staff spend copious amounts of time on the project.

Official: More than 90% of fed workers got shots by deadline

WASHINGTON — More than 90% of federal workers received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by Monday’s deadline set by President Joe Biden.

Biden announced in September that more than 3.5 million federal workers were required to undergo vaccination, with no option to get regularly tested instead, unless they secured an approved medical or religious exemption. A U.S. official said the vast majority of federal workers are fully vaccinated, and that a smaller number have pending or approved exceptions to the mandate.

Reinstated premier says gov’t to be independent

CAIRO — Sudan’s reinstated prime minister said in an interview that aired Monday that he will have the authority to form his own independent government, according to the agreement he signed a day earlier with the country’s top generals who overthrew him in a coup last month.

In comments made during an interview with the Al-Jazeera English satellite channel, Hamdok said he foresaw the next government as focusing on rewriting the country’s constitution and holding elections on time.

— From wire reports

Florida clears Groveland Four

Of 1949 rape of white woman

TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — A judge on Monday officially exonerated four young African American men of the false accusation that they raped a white woman seven decades ago, making partial and belated amends for one of the greatest miscarriages of justice of Florida’s Jim Crow era.

At the request of the local prosecutor, Administrative Judge Heidi Davis dismissed the indictments of Ernest Thomas and Samuel Shepherd, who were fatally shot by law enforcement, and set aside the convictions and sentences of Charles Greenlee and Walter Irvin. The men known as the Groveland Four, who ranged from 16 to 26 at the time, were accused of raping a woman in the central Florida town of Groveland in 1949.

“We followed the evidence to see where it led us and it led us to this moment,” said Bill Gladson, the local state attorney, following the hearing in the same Lake County courthouse where the original trials were held. Gladson, a Republican, moved last month to have the men officially exonerated.

The men’s families said maybe



Associated Press

Relatives of the Groveland Four, from left, Vivian Shepherd, niece of Sam Shepherd, Gerald Threat, nephew of Walter Irvin; Carol Greenlee, daughter of Charles Greenlee, gather at the just-unveiled monument in front of the Old Lake County courthouse in Tavares, Feb. 21, 2020. Florida has formally cleared four Black men who were falsely accused of raping a white woman more than seven decades ago.

this case will spark a reexamination of other convictions of Black men and women from the Jim Crow era so those falsely convicted can have their names cleared.

“We are blessed. I hope that this is a start because lot of people didn’t get this opportunity. A lot of families didn’t get this opportunity. Maybe they will,” said Aaron Newson, Thomas’ nephew. He broke into tears as he spoke. “This country needs to come together.”

Thomas was killed by a posse that shot him more than 400 times shortly after the rape accusation. The local sheriff, Willis McCall, fatally shot Shepherd and wounded Irvin in 1951 as he drove them to a second trial after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned their original convictions, saying no evidence had been presented. The sheriff claimed the men tried to escape, but Irvin said McCall and his deputy shot them in cold blood. Gilbert King, who won the

No motivation for bloodshed



JOHN HART/Wisconsin State Journal

Toppled chairs line W. Main St. in downtown Waukesha, Wis., after an SUV drove into a parade of Christmas marchers Sunday, Nov. 21.

Police: Parade-crash suspect had been involved in a domestic disturbance

Associated Press

WAUKESHA, Wis. — The SUV driver who plowed into a Christmas parade in suburban Milwaukee, killing at least five people and injuring 48, was leaving the scene of a domestic dispute that had taken place just minutes earlier, Waukesha’s police chief said Monday.

Police Chief Dan Thompson said that there was no evidence the bloodshed Sunday was a terrorist attack or that the suspect, Darrell Brooks Jr., knew anyone in the parade. Brooks acted alone, the chief said.

Brooks, 39, of Milwaukee, had left the site of the domestic disturbance before officers arrived, and was not being chased by police at the time of the crash, according to the chief, who gave no further details on the dispute.

Police said they were drawing up five charges of intentional homicide against Brooks.

He has been charged with crimes 16 times since 1999 and had two outstanding cases against him at the time of the parade disaster — including one in which he was accused of deliberately running down a woman with his vehicle.

A joyous scene of marching bands and children dancing in Santa hats and waving pompoms gave way in an instant Sunday to screams and the sight of crumpled bodies as the SUV sped through barricades and struck dancers, musicians and others in the community of 72,000.

Members of a Dancing Grannies club were among those killed, as was a bank employee. The dead were identified as four women ages 52 to 79 and an 81-year-old

man.

Mayor Shawn Reilly described the event as a “Norman Rockwell-type of Christmas parade” that “became a nightmare.”

“It looked like dummies being thrown in the air,” said Nicole Schneider, who was there with her children and grandchildren. “It took a second to register, like, ‘Is that what we really just saw?’ And then you looked in the road and there were just people laying in road.”

At least nine patients — most of them children — were listed in critical condition two hospitals, and seven others were reported in serious condition.

The chief said that while police were not pursuing Brooks before he entered the parade route, an officer did fire a shot to try to stop him but ceased shooting because of the danger to others. Brooks was not injured.

Attorneys make final case in Arbery’s death

RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Attorneys on Monday offered their final words to the jury in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, with the prosecution saying that three white men chased him solely “because he was a Black man running down their street” and the defense repeatedly blaming Arbery for his own death.

In closing arguments, a defense attorney for the man who fired the fatal gunshots said the 25-year-old was killed as he violently resisted a legal effort

to detain him to answer questions about burglaries in the neighborhood.

“It is absolutely, horrifically tragic that this has happened,” attorney Jason Sheffield said. “This is where the law is intertwined with heartache and tragedy. You are allowed to defend yourself.”

The arguments unfolded before a disproportionately white jury after 10 days of testimony that concluded last week, not long after the man who shot Arbery testified that he pulled the trigger in self-defense.

Arbery’s killing became

part of a larger national reckoning on racial injustice after a graphic video of his death leaked online two months later. Though prosecutors did not argue that racism motivated the killing, federal authorities have charged all three men with hate crimes, alleging that they chased and killed Arbery because he was Black.

Father and son Greg and Travis McMichael grabbed guns and pursued Arbery in a pickup truck after spotting him running in their neighborhood on Feb. 23, 2020. A neighbor, William “Roddie” Bryan,

joined the chase and recorded the video of Travis McMichael opening fire as Arbery threw punches and grabbed for his shotgun.

No one was charged in the killing until Bryan’s video leaked and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation took over the case from local police. All three men face counts of murder and other charges.

Prosecutor Linda Dunikoski told the jury the defendants had no evidence Arbery had committed crimes in their neighborhood, but instead acted on assumptions based on neighborhood gossip and

speculative social media posts.

“They made the decision to attack Ahmaud Arbery in their driveways because he was a Black man running down their street,” Dunikoski said. She added: “They shot and killed him. Not because he was a threat to them. But because he wouldn’t stop and talk to them.”

Defense attorneys say the men suspected Arbery had burglarized a house under construction and intended to hold him until police arrived. None of the videos showed him stealing or damaging anything.

Research links COVID in pregnancy with stillbirths

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

Pregnant women with COVID-19 face increased chances for stillbirths compared with uninfected women, and that risk spiked to four times higher after the delta variant emerged, new government data show.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a report Friday that examined 1.2 million deliveries in 736 hospitals nationwide from March 2020 through September 2021.

Stillbirths were rare overall, totaling 8,154 among all deliveries. But the researchers found that for women with COVID-19, about 1 in 80 deliveries resulted in stillbirth. Among the uninfected, it was 1 in 155.

Among those with COVID-19, stillbirths were more common in people with chronic high blood pressure and other complications, including those in intensive care or on breathing machines.

"These findings underscore the importance of COVID-19 prevention strategies, including



Associated Press file

A pregnant and intubated COVID-19 patient sits in the Surgical Intensive care unit (SICU) at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center in Boise, Idaho, on Tuesday, Aug. 31. Pregnant women with COVID face increased chances for stillbirths and that risk spikes to four times higher with the delta variant compared with uninfected women, new CDC data show.

vaccination before or during pregnancy," CDC researcher Carla DeSisto and co-authors said.

There's no information on how many had received COVID-19 shots, although the authors noted that the U.S. vaccination

rate among pregnant people after delta emerged this past summer was 30%.

Pregnant people with COVID-19 are more likely than others to develop severe, even fatal, illness and they face increased

risks for preterm birth and other complications. Previous studies on stillbirths and COVID-19 had mixed findings, but the report bolsters concerns among obstetricians and anecdotal data.

While the absolute risk

for stillbirth is low, anyone who is pregnant shouldn't underestimate the dangers of COVID-19, said Dr. Mark Turrentine, a professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He helped write the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' recommendations for COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy.

"What's really sad is we have 10 months of a vaccine that's been highly effective and we just can't convince people to take advantage of this," Turrentine said.

Some experts have speculated that the virus may cause inflammation in the placenta or other abnormalities that could harm the fetus.

Dr. Joseph Biggio, a specialist in high-risk pregnancies at Ochsner Health in New Orleans, said the study doesn't prove that COVID-19 caused

stillbirths. He said it's possible some women were so critically ill that physicians trying to keep them alive "couldn't intervene on behalf of a fetus that they knew was in trouble."

The researchers relied on medical records, and they noted that they were unable to determine if the COVID-19 diagnoses listed at the time of delivery represented current or past infections.

Generally, stillbirths are more common among Black people, those who become pregnant over age 35 or those who smoke tobacco during pregnancy.

The study didn't include pregnancy outcomes by race, an area the authors said they plan to investigate in future research "because COVID-19 has disproportionately affected many racial and ethnic minority groups, putting them more at risk of getting sick and dying."

SUPPORT GROUPS

TOPS meet weekly

The following TOPS weight loss support groups meet weekly in Citrus County:

■ Chapter 692 at 9:30 a.m. Fridays at Grace Bible Church, 6382 W. Green Acres St. in Homosassa. Call 352-628-2024.

■ Chapter 826 at 8:10 a.m. Tuesdays at First Lutheran Church, 1900 State Road 44 in Inverness. Call 352-464-1349.

■ Chapter 743 at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the DAV building, 1039 N. Paul Drive in Inverness. Call 352-637-6553.

■ Chapter 9365 at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at the First Christian Church of Homosassa, 7030 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. Call 352-533-2607 or

352-212-8550.

■ Chapter 408 at 2 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church, 700 N. Citrus Ave. in Crystal River. Call 352-503-6099.

■ Chapter 443 at 3 p.m. Thursdays at the Dunnellon Women's Club, 11756 Cedar St. Call 352-566-0742. Visit tops.org.

Mental health support

The local National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Citrus) offers in-person and virtual support groups from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at the First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonade St.

Support groups are for persons living with a mental health condition and their families. For more information, call 844-687-6264 or visit namicitrus.org/calendar.

Support available for dementia caregivers

North Oak Church is offering group support for caregivers of dementia patients at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at the church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

Caregiving is a difficult job and often goes unrewarded. Dementia has a unique set of difficulties and circumstances that can be helped by meeting with other caregivers who may be experiencing the same problems.

The group will be led by Bernie Collins, retired psychiatric nurse.

No religious affiliation is needed to attend.

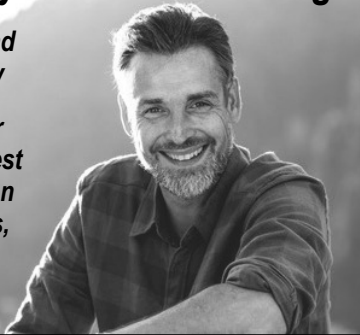
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Managing Cold and Flu Season



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As temperatures drop, the risk of illness – including cold and flu – rises. It can be easy to mistake the flu for a common cold since many of the symptoms are the same, but muscle aches, cough, fever, headaches and sore throat are some of the more common signs you may be suffering from the flu, which tends to come on quicker than a cold. In fact, a random, double-opt-in OnePoll survey of 2,005 Americans commissioned by Mucinex found sore throat pain to be one of the top three most debilitating symptoms along with fever and migraine. While there’s no way to ensure you and your family members won’t get sick, there are steps you can take to reduce the chances.

Get a Flu Shot

The flu spreads differently than colds and can be transmitted before symptoms even arise. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all people older than 6 months of age get the influenza vaccine, or flu shot, annually to help protect against the strains of flu expected to be the most common during the current flu season. The injection, which does not contain a live virus, goes into the arm muscle to generate antibodies that protect against future flu infection about two weeks after receiving the vaccine.

Practice Self-Care

While important year-round, maintaining regular self-care practices can go a long way toward maintaining your health during cold and flu season. Eating a well-balanced diet of fruits, vegetables and lean proteins can help strengthen your immune system, as can working out moderately each day. Regular exercise also helps reduce inflammation. In addition, proper hydration can help maintain many important body functions, and getting the National Sleep Foundation-recommended 7-9 hours of sleep can help keep antibodies strong and build a defense against illnesses.

Prepare for Symptoms

As one of the common symptoms of the flu, sore throat pain can flip your life upside down with the constant nagging, disruptive pain and irritation. However, 55% of those surveyed said they were likely to “power through” a sore throat and continue working, going to school and completing other tasks while dealing with sore throat pain. To make powering through easier, the Mucinex InstaSoothe line includes lozenges and sprays designed to numb, soothe and relieve sore throat pain. “What separates these lozenges from others is they’re clinically proven to numb sore throat pain fast,” said Dr. Omid Mehdizadeh, MD, otolaryngology, and head and neck (ENT) surgeon. “Both lozenge varieties contain Hexylresorcinol, a local anesthetic for topical use on the mucous membranes of the throat and mouth. As a lozenge dissolves in the mouth, it starts to deliver a local ‘numbing’ anesthetic effect directly to the throat within seconds, lasting up to two hours. For those needing relief from a sore throat and cough, the Mucinex InstaSoothe Sore Throat + Cough Relief Lozenges also contain the active ingredient Dextromethorphan HBr to provide cough suppression.”

Stock Your Medicine Cabinet

Be ready before cold and flu hit your household. Take inventory of your medicine cabinet, get rid of any expired medicines and make note of any you need to replace and replenish. Make sure you have pain relievers, fever reducers, decongestants, antihistamines and cough syrups that can be used to help fight cold and flu symptoms. In addition, think about other supplies you may need to have on hand such as tissues, cough drops, hand sanitizer, anti-bacterial soap, a thermometer and a humidifier.

Disinfect Household Surfaces

Cold and flu viruses can live outside the human body on hard, non-porous surfaces such as metal, plastic and wood for hours, and sometimes even days. Regularly cleaning often-touched household surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, remote controls, faucet handles and countertops with a disinfectant spray or wipe can help kill germs that cause the viruses. Look for Environmental Protection Agency-approved



disinfectants containing bleach, alcohol, pine oil, sodium hypochlorite, citric acid, hydrogen peroxide or quaternary ammonium compounds for best results.

Remember Healthy Habits

One of the easiest ways to help avoid getting sick is to practice proper hygiene. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible, as these are areas where cold and flu germs can most easily gain entry into your system. Remember to cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow if a tissue is not readily available. Frequently wash your hands with warm water and anti-bacterial soap for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom, before eating and after touching surfaces in public places. A good rule of thumb is to sing “Happy Birthday” twice to judge the time. Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer can also suffice when a sink isn’t within close proximity. Also avoid sharing items like utensils and cups, even with family members, to help avoid spreading germs.

Have a Plan for Sick Days

During cold and flu season, you or one of your family members may become ill and need to miss work or school. If you typically work in an office space, check to see if working remotely is possible and verify your office’s policies about sick time. Saving sick time or a couple vacation days for the season can help avoid having to take unpaid time off if you need to stay home for any reason. Also consider enlisting the help of friends or relatives to help with sick children in the event you’re unable to take time off from work, and coordinate with your children’s teachers to ensure your little ones receive any schoolwork they may have missed while home sick.

Find more self-care remedies and tips for managing cold and flu season at [Mucinex.com](#).

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Point lead at halftime for Milwaukee over Orlando on Monday. It was the biggest halftime lead and deficit ever for both teams.



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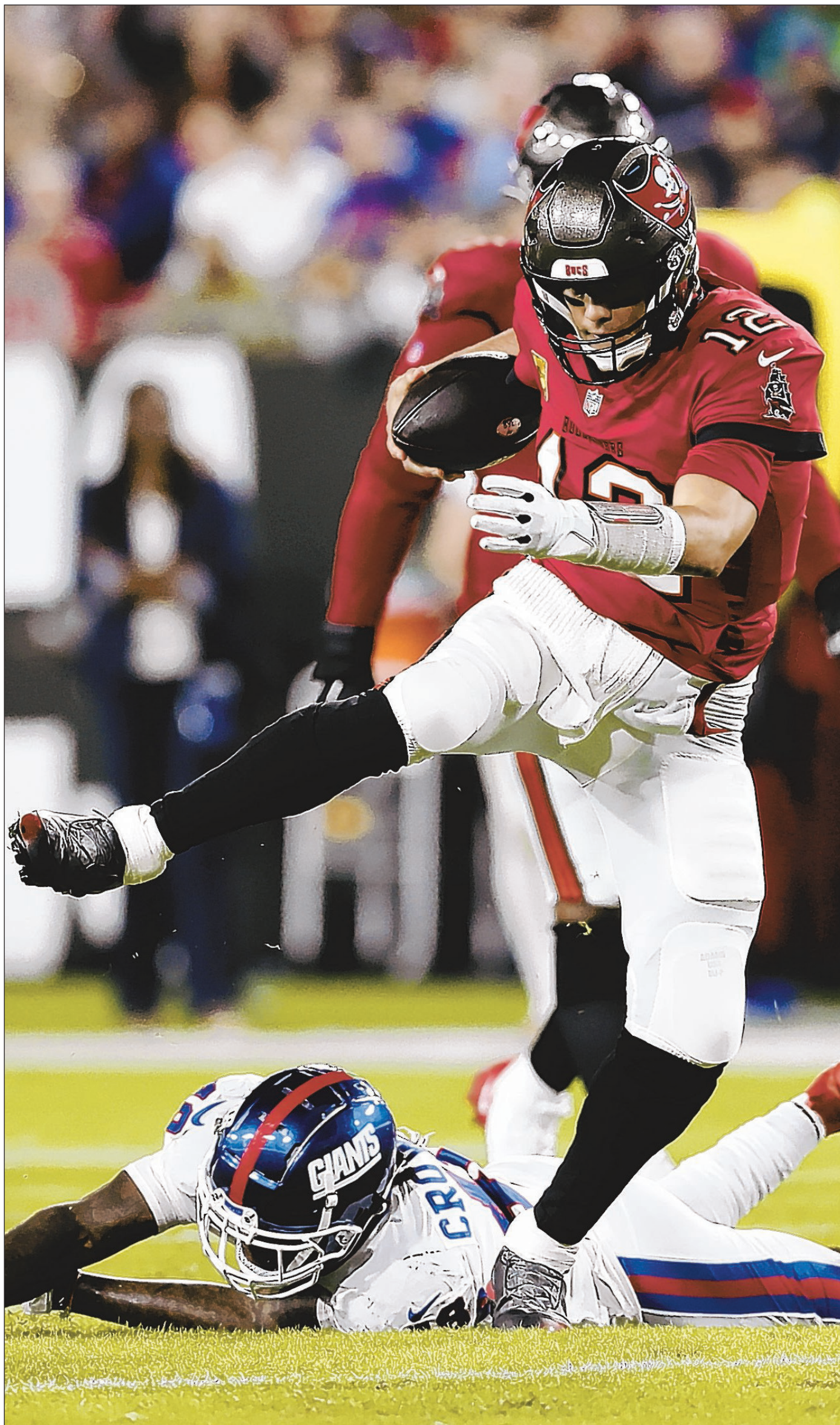
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Bucs bounce back



Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady eludes a tackle by New York Giants inside linebacker Tae Crowder on a run during the first half Monday in Tampa. The Buccaneers snapped a two-game losing streak with a 30-10 victory.

Associated Press

Tom Brady tosses 2 TDs, Buccaneers beat Giants 30-10 to end skid

ROB MAADDI
AP pro football writer

TAMPA — Tom Brady threw for 307 yards and two touchdowns and the

Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the New York Giants 30-10 on Monday night.

The Super Bowl champion Buccaneers (7-3) snapped a two-game losing streak as Brady avoided dropping three

in a row for the first time since 2002.

Daniel Jones threw a TD pass to left tackle Andrew Thomas and the Giants

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Gonzaga, UCLA hold top poll spots

Ahead of showdown

DAVE SKRETTA
AP basketball writer

Gonzaga and UCLA continued their hold on the top two spots in The Associated Press Top 25 college basketball poll on Monday, setting the stage for their highly anticipated showdown this week, while Purdue and Duke barged their way into the top five.

The Bulldogs (4-0) had an easy week with wins over Alcorn State and Bellarmine and received 55 first-place votes from the 61-person media panel that regularly covers college basketball. The Bruins (4-0) received five first-place votes after blowing out Long Beach State and North Florida last week to head to Las Vegas with some momentum.

Gonzaga played Central Michigan and UCLA faced Bellarmine on Monday night in the Good Sam Empire Classic. Then, the nation's top two teams will square off Tuesday night in a Final Four rematch of a game won by the Bulldogs in overtime.

"It's important for everybody if you want to make the NCAA Tournament," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "If you want to accrue a high seed, you have to play really, really good teams. I think it's important for college basketball."

Purdue received the only other first-place vote and leapfrogged Kansas into third in the Top 25 following the Boiler-makers' win over then-No. 5 Villanova in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off tournament. The Jayhawks were fourth and the Blue Devils were fifth.

Defending national champion Baylor jumped to sixth after running roughshod over Central Arkansas and Stanford, while the Wildcats dropped only to seventh thanks to beating then-No. 12 Tennessee before losing to Purdue. Texas and Memphis were next, with Kentucky and Alabama in a tie for 10th in the second regular-season poll of the season.

The Wildcats and Crimson Tide were followed by Houston, Arkansas, Illinois and Tennessee at No. 15.

St. Bonaventure solidified its status as this season's early mid-major darling by jumping six spots to No. 16 following wins over Clemson and Marquette. Arizona made the biggest leap into the poll at No. 17 after beating Wichita State and romping past then-No. 4 Michigan in the Roman Main Event, followed by another newcomer

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No. 23 Gators whip Cal

Associated Press

FORT MYERS — Colin Castleton scored 16 points, Tyree Appleby added 15 and No. 23 Florida handled California 80-60 in an opening game of the Fort Myers Tip-Off on Monday night.

Myreon Jones added 13 points and Phlandrous Fleming Jr. 11 for the Gators (5-0), who will meet Ohio State for the title on Wednesday after the Buckeyes knocked off No. 21 Seton Hall in the first game.

Jordan Shepherd scored 15 points for Cal (2-3).

Appleby made three free throws midway through the first half that started a 17-6 surge that put the Gators on top for good, 30-21 at 4:12 mark. A dozen points came from the foul line, five by Appleby, who had seven in the run. Florida made 14 of 15 from the line in the first 20 minutes.

After that, Florida's next three baskets were 3-pointers, two by Jones, for a 39-25

lead and the Golden Bears trailed by double figures the rest of the way. Jones also had a 3 in a 7-0 burst to close the first half, giving Florida a 46-27 lead.

Jones had three 3s, the Gators were 6 of 11 behind the arc and shot 50% overall.

Castleton, who scored 10 points in the second half, scored on consecutive possessions midway through to put the lead at 26 points before the Gators cooled off.

Florida spent most of the second half shooting better than 60%, before finishing at 54%, although the Gators cooled off from the 3-point arc and ended up 8 of 19 for the game.

Cal finished 2 of 10 behind the arc and shot 44% overall.

California guard Joel Brown, left, and Florida guard Phlandrous Fleming Jr. reach for a loose ball Monday during the first half in Fort Myers. The Gators won 80-60.

Associated Press



Bucks dominate Orlando 123-92

*Fourth win in a row
for defending champs*

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jrue Holiday scored 18 points and the Milwaukee Bucks opened the biggest halftime lead in franchise history on their way to a 123-92 blowout of the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

The Bucks' 77-36 lead at the break also was Orlando's biggest halftime deficit ever.

Before Monday, Milwaukee's largest halftime lead was a 78-40 advantage over Detroit on Dec. 26, 1978. The Bucks won that game 143-84.

Milwaukee eventually built the margin to 51, becoming the first team to lead a game by at least 50 points this season. The biggest lead this season entering Monday was 45, by Minnesota in a 138-95 victory over Memphis on Saturday.

Grayson Allen and Jordan Nwora each added 14 points for the Bucks. Khris Middleton had 12.

Moritz Wagner led Orlando with 18 points. The Magic also got 14 from R.J. Hampton, 13 each from Robin Lopez and Mychal Mulder and 12 from Chuma Okeke.

Celtics 108, Rockets 90

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum scored 30 points, Jaylen Brown had 19 in his return from missing eight games with an injury and the Boston Celtics coasted by Houston 108-90, sending the Rockets to their 15th straight loss.

Armoni Brooks had 17 points for Houston.

Hornets 109 Wizards103

WASHINGTON — Terry Rozier scored a season-high 32 points and hit his eighth three-pointer of the game with 12.9 seconds left as the Charlotte Hornets beat the Washington Wizards 109-103.

Montrezl Harrell scored 24 points and had a season-high 18 rebounds for the Wizards, while Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 17 points, Bradley Beal scored 18 and Kyle Kuzma had 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Nets 117, Cavs 112

CLEVELAND — Kevin Durant returned to Brooklyn's lineup and scored 27 points, James Harden added 14 points and a season-high 14 assists, and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 117-112.

Darius Garland scored 24 and Jared Allen had 20 points and 15 rebounds for Cleveland.

Hawks 113, Thunder 101

ATLANTA — Trae Young scored 21 of his



Milwaukee forward Khris Middleton (22) drives against Orlando guard R.J. Hampton (13) during the first half Monday in Milwaukee. The Bucks won 123-92.

30 points in the second half, Clint Capela finished with 10 points and 15 rebounds, and the Atlanta Hawks closed a perfect five-game homestand with a 113-101 win over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Thunder rookie Josh Giddey, a 19-year old guard from Australia, had with 15 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, and Luguentz Dort added 15 points.

Pacers 109, Bulls 77

CHICAGO — Domantas Sabonis scored

21 points, Malcolm Brogdon added 16 more, and the Indiana Pacers routed the Chicago Bulls 109-77.

DeMar DeRozan led the Bulls with 18 points.

Timberwolves 110, Pelicans 96

NEW ORLEANS — Karl-Anthony Towns had 28 points and 10 rebounds, and the Minnesota Timberwolves extended their winning streak to four with a 110-96 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans.

Associated Press

COLLEGE BASKETBALL BRIEFS

No. 2 UCLA 75, Bellarmine 62

LAS VEGAS — Peyton Watson had 19 points, Johnny Juzang added 13 and No. 2 UCLA beat Bellarmine 75-62 on Monday night in the Empire Classic.

David Singleton added 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting for the Bruins (5-0), who will face No. 1 Gonzaga in a rematch of last season's Final Four on Tuesday night.

No. 10 Kentucky 86, Albany 61

LEXINGTON, Ky. — TyTy Washington Jr. scored 20 points for the second straight game, Keion Brooks Jr. added 17 points and No. 10 Kentucky beat Albany 86-61 for its fourth consecutive victory.

No. 12 Houston 70, Butler 52

LAS VEGAS — Fabian White Jr. scored 21 points and No. 12 Houston rode a dominating first half to a 70-52 win over Butler in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

The Cougars (4-0) overwhelmed Butler early, scoring the game's first 17 points while building a 21-point halftime lead.

Cincinnati 71, No. 14 Illinois 51

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Saunders Jr. scored 20 points, Jeremiah Davenport added 19 and Cincinnati (5-0) overcame an early 15-point deficit to blow out No. 14 Illinois 71-51 in the semifinals of the Hall of Fame Classic.

Kofi Cockburn had 18 points and seven rebounds for the Fighting Illini (2-2).

Ohio St. 79, No. 21 Seton Hall 76

FORT MYERS — Meechie Johnson Jr. made a game-winning 3-pointer with 2.3 seconds left and Ohio State beat No. 21 Seton Hall 79-76 in the Fort Myers Tip-Off.

Seton Hall guard Jamir Harris stole it and raced for a fast-break layup to tie it at 76 with 15.9 seconds left. Ohio State elected not to call a timeout and Johnson made his team's 11th 3-pointer — from NBA range.

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Correa, Freeman, Scherzer on the market

Trio are among baseball's free agents

NOAH TRISTER
AP baseball writer

With a possible lockout on the horizon, it's been mostly business as usual on the free agent market — so far.

Detroit signed left-hander Eduardo Rodríguez. Houston retained star righty Justin Verlander. Noah Syndergaard went from the Mets to the Angels on an expensive one-year deal.

The deadline to accept qualifying offers came and went last week, further clarifying who was heading to the open market.

It remains to be seen whether the uncertainty about the next labor agreement will affect offseason moves for the top players available, but it's clear there are plenty of good options for teams looking to upgrade.

Here's a look at baseball's top free agents by position. Players' current ages are in parentheses:

LEFT-HANDED STARTER

Carlos Rodón, White Sox (28)

It's a toss-up between Rodón and Robbie Ray. Rodón didn't really threaten Ray in the Cy Young vote, but his ERA was about a half a run lower and he's also younger. And Ray received a qualifying offer while Rodón did not, so that may make Rodón a more enticing target.

Other options: Ray rebounded impressively from a poor 2020, but he isn't some one-year wonder. He was very good in 2017 as well. Clayton Kershaw has never pitched for anyone but the Dodgers, but he's available now and at age 33 can still be effective if healthy.

LEFT-HANDED RELIEVER

Aaron Loup, Mets (33)

Loup went 6-0 with a 0.95 ERA in 65 appearances. Opponents hit .192 off him.

Other options: Andrew Chafin was impressive last season for both the Cubs and Athletics. Tony Watson cut down on the walks after being traded from the Angels to the Giants.

RIGHT-HANDED STARTER

Max Scherzer, Dodgers (37)

No signs yet of any major decline for Scherzer despite his age. He's had an ERA at 3.15 or lower in eight of the last nine seasons — the only time it was higher was in the shortened 2020 campaign.

Other options: Kevin Gausman was good in 2020 and looked like a Cy Young contender this year until a second-half stumble. Marcus Stroman gave the Mets a 3.02 ERA over 33 starts in 2021.

RIGHT-HANDED RELIEVER

Raisel Iglesias, Angels (31)

Iglesias saved 34 games for Los Angeles, and things did not go smoothly for the Cincinnati bullpen after he left. He's had at least 30 saves in each of the past three non-shortened seasons.

Other options: Kenley Jansen seemed



Atlanta's Freddie Freeman speaks during a World Series celebration at Truist Park, Friday, Nov. 5, in Atlanta. Freeman is one of the top free agents available this offseason.

to be slipping after three straight years with an ERA over 3.00. Then he lowered it to 2.22 this year and held opponents to a .153 average. Tampa Bay signed Collin McHugh before last season, and that alone is a good endorsement of a reliever's potential. He went 6-1 with a 1.55 ERA.

CATCHER

Yan Gomes, Athletics (34)

There aren't any star catchers available this year, but Gomes can provide a bit of pop.

Other options: Roberto Pérez hit 24 homers in 2019 and then batted under .200 in 2020 and 2021. Robinson Chirinos hit double-digit homers three straight seasons from 2017-19 but has played only 71 games since.

FIRST BASE

Freddie Freeman, Braves (32)

Losing Freeman would be a major downer for the World Series champions, but the five-time All-Star and 2020 MVP will obviously command a big price. Even at first base it's hard to find this kind of consistent production.

Other options: Anthony Rizzo's OPS has been under .800 the past two seasons, but he's the only other big name available at first. Brad Miller is coming off a 20-homer season in Philadelphia but is unlikely to provide a high batting average.

SECOND BASE

Marcus Semien, Blue Jays (31)

Let's list Semien as a second baseman

— where he mostly played this season — and avoid a tough decision at shortstop. Semien hit 45 home runs this year while playing all 162 games, and he finished third in the MVP vote. He has the most WAR of any player in baseball since the start of the 2019 season, according to Baseball-Reference.com.

Other options: César Hernández hit 18 home runs for Cleveland this season before being traded to the White Sox. Donovan Solano's offensive numbers dipped slightly this year but he was a solid contributor for the 107-win Giants.

THIRD BASE

Eduardo Escobar, Brewers (32)

Escobar hit 28 home runs this year in the first full season since he slugged 35 in 2019. He played a bit at first, second and shortstop in addition to third.

Other options: Kyle Seager got a big ovation from Seattle fans at the last game of this season — they were apparently well aware that he might be moving on to another team. Jonathan Villar's stolen base numbers aren't what they used to be, but he can still provide double-digit homers.

SHORTSTOP

Carlos Correa, Astros (27)

Correa made his big league debut at age 20 and reaches free agency well shy of his 30th birthday. That makes him a good bit younger than some of the other top players on this list, and he may be the most sought-after name this offseason.

Other options: There are plenty of good shortstops available this year. Corey

Seager is also 27, and Trevor Story just turned 29. Javier Báez turns 29 on Dec. 1.

OUTFIELD

Starling Marte, Athletics (33)

Kris Bryant, Giants (29)

Nick Castellanos, Reds (29)

Marte did what he could to help the A's down the stretch, and he ended up with an .841 OPS this year for Oakland and Miami. Bryant doesn't turn 30 until January and can obviously play third base in addition to the outfield. Castellanos set career highs in homers (34), batting average (.309) and OPS (.939) this year.

Other options: Avisail García hit a career-high 29 homers for Milwaukee and is only 30 years old. Chris Taylor remained productive for the Dodgers while playing six positions. Japanese slugger Seiya Suzuki hit 38 homers this season with the Hiroshima Toyo Carp.

DESIGNATED HITTER

Nelson Cruz, Rays (41)

Cruz may finally be slowing down, but only a little. He hit 32 homers this year but posted an .832 OPS, his lowest since 2012.

Other options: Kyle Schwarber finally ended up with an American League team when he was traded from Washington to Boston. He can play the outfield, but he's known for his bat, and his role will likely depend on where he goes and what the rules are. Mitch Moreland spent a lot more time at DH than at first base this year, and his offensive numbers dipped significantly.

No. 1 tops No. 2

Associated Press

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas — Aliyah Boston had 22 points and 15 rebounds to help No. 1 South Carolina beat second-ranked UConn 73-57 on Monday to win the inaugural Battle 4 Atlantis tournament championship.

This was the 61st meeting between the top two teams in the women's AP Top 25 poll and the sixth time it has happened in November. The No. 1 team holds a 38-23 advantage.

The Gamecocks (6-0) wouldn't let the Huskies (3-1) beat them in the

Bahamas, outscoring them 16-3 in the final quarter.

**No. 23 USF 71,
No. 9 Oregon 62**

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas — Elisa Pinzan had a career-high 26 points to go with 10 assists while No. 23 South Florida scored 28 points off turnovers to beat No. 9 Oregon 71-62 in Monday's third-place game at the inaugural women's Battle 4 Atlantis.

Sydni Harvey added 22 points for the Bulls (4-2).

Sydney Parrish scored 15 points to lead Oregon (3-2).

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Friday,
December 3, 2020

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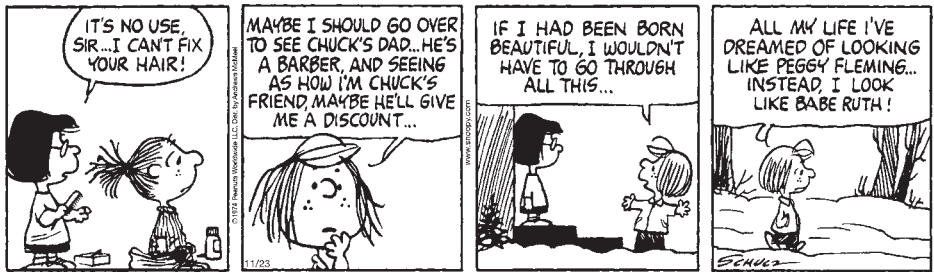
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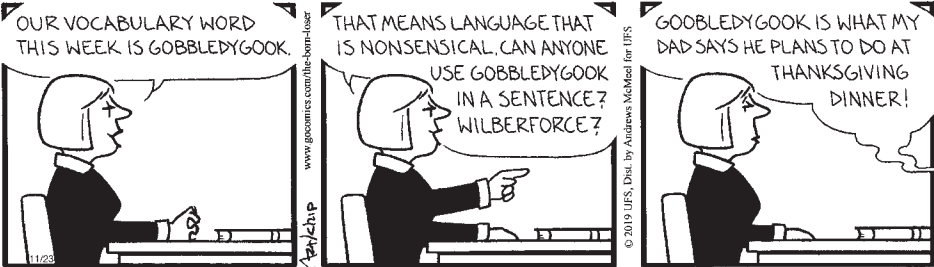
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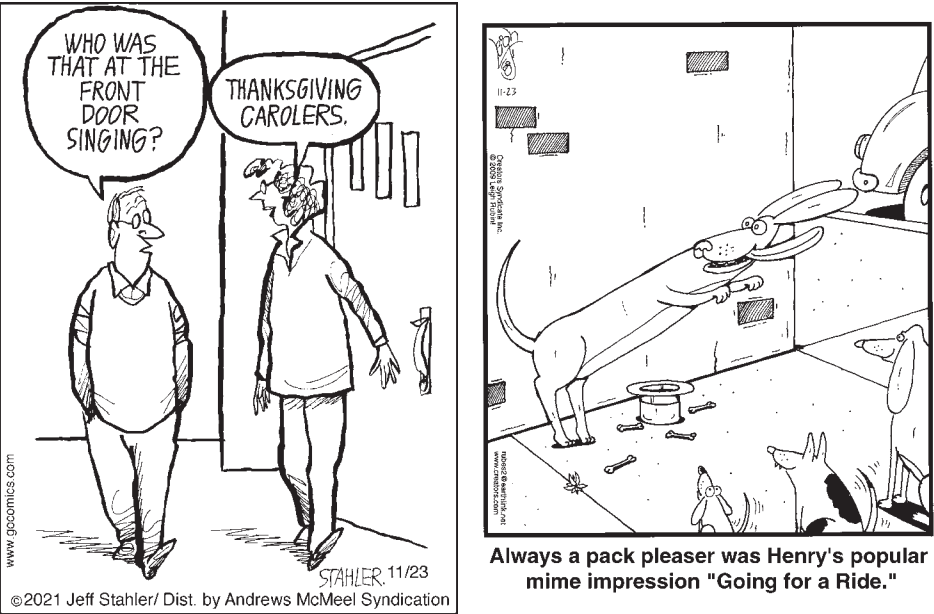


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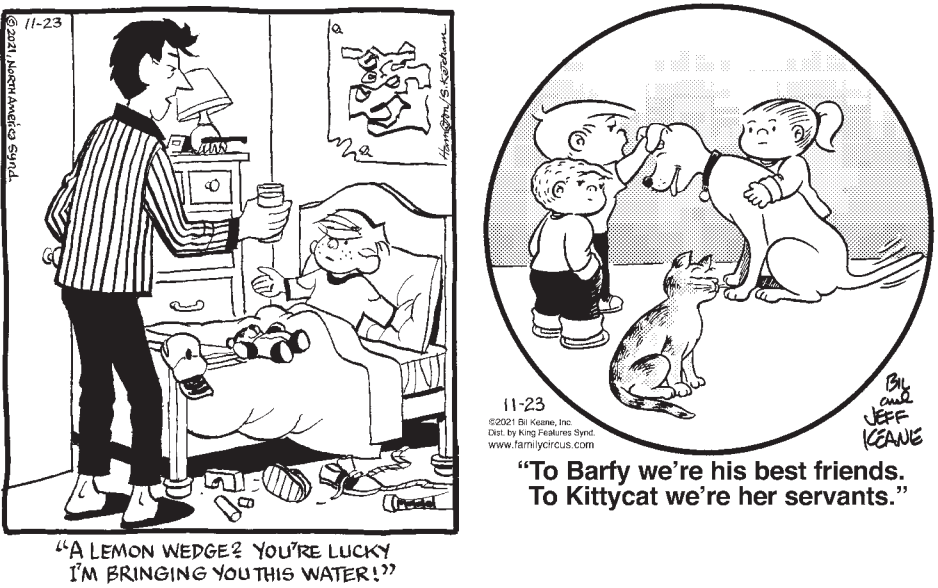
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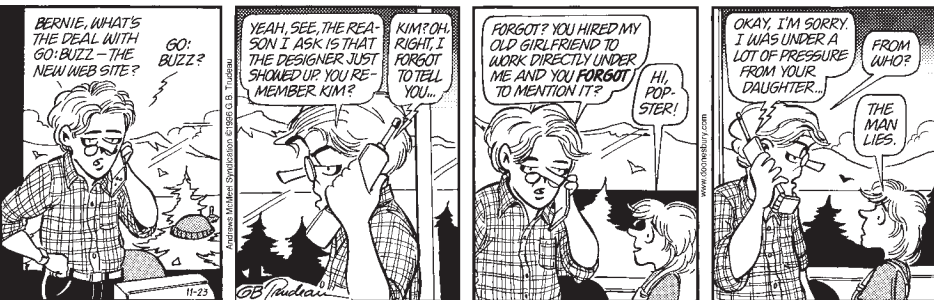


Dennis the Menace

The Family Circus



Doonesbury Flashbacks



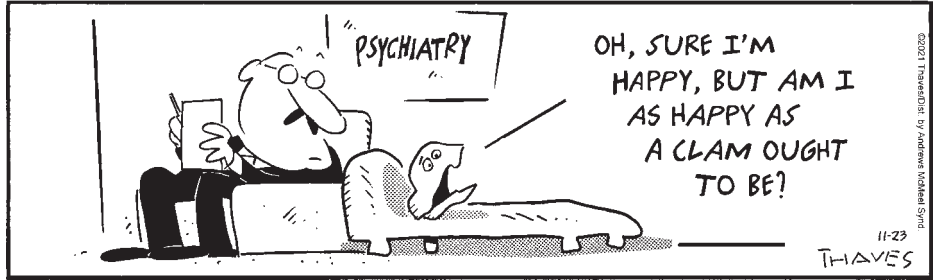
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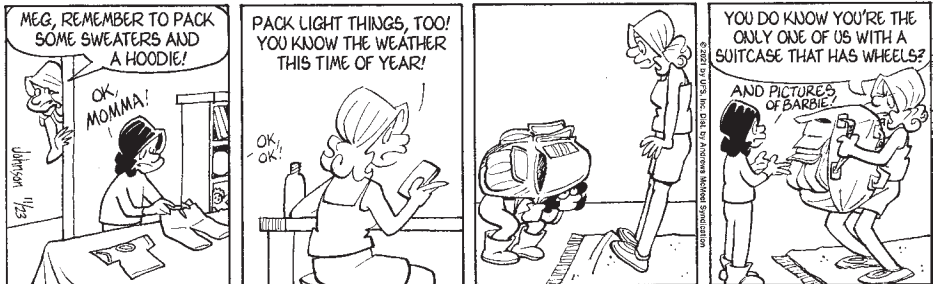
Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

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

Tuesday, Nov. 23 "Encanto" (2021) PG — 7:35, 10:20 p.m. "House of Gucci" (2021) R — 1, 9:50 p.m. "King Richard" (2021) PG13 — 11:30 a.m., 3:15, 7:15, 10:30 p.m. "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" (2021) PG13 — 11:45 a.m., 12:15, 2:45, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30 p.m. "Clifford The Big Red Dog" (2021) PG — 12, 3:45, 7:25, 10:35 p.m. "Eternals" (2021) PG-13 — 11 a.m., 2:30, 6:45, 10:10 p.m. "No Time to Die" (2021) PG-13 — 11:15 a.m., 3 p.m.	Wednesday, Nov. 24 "Encanto" (2021) PG — 12:30, 4, 7:45, 10:45 p.m.
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Saturday, Nov. 27 "The War with Grandpa" (2020) PG — 7 p.m.	Sunday, Nov. 28 "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" live performance — 7 p.m.

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by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: B equals K

"PM PDP WT UYNUMT EOYYWZI PO WE
EUBOT U YDZI EWPO ED IOE ED EAO
EDL, XJE U TADKE EWPO ED IOE ED
EAO XDEEDP." — PWYOM FMKJT

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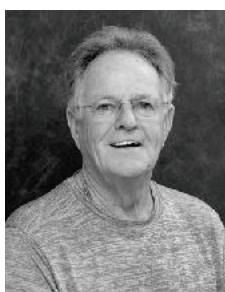
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3669-1123 TUCRN

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LEGALS

3679-1207 TUCRN 2021-DR-947
Jacqueline A. McCraner Amended Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
CASE NO. 2021-DR-947

IN THE MATTER OF:
E.R.H.,
a Minor Child;
JACQUELINE A. MCCRANER
Petitioner,
vs.
ASHLEY R.HILLIGOSS and UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATH-
ER,
Respondents
AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF E.R.H.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Verified Petition for Temporary Custody By Extended Family Member has been filed regarding the above-referenced minor child. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JACK A. MORING, Florida Bar # 499160, Moring & Moring, P.A., 7655 West Gulf to Lake Highway, Suite 12, Crystal River, Florida 34429, the attorney for the Petitioners, on or before thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this and file the original with the clerk of this Court before service on the Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents In this case, Including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

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This is an action for Temporary Custody of a minor child by her maternal grandmother. This case is being filed In the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Citrus County, located at 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida. The telephone number of the division of the Circuit Court where this petition is filed is 352-341-6700. The minor child subject to this petition is E.R.H, female, d/o/b/ 12.07.2015.

Dated: 11/10/2021

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

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

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Tuesday, November 23, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- COGNITION

(COGNITION: kog-NISH-en: The mental process or faculty of knowing.)

Average mark 17 words
Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 24 or more words in COGNITION?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- MITIGATE

magi	mitt	team	gate
mate	image	teat	emit
matte	imitate	time	
meat	item	gait	
mite	tame	game	

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 Early moralist
6 Ilsa in "Casablanca"
12 Trimmed back
14 Spanish dance
15 Absorbedly
16 Glove leathers
17 Had a meal
18 Helmsman's dir.
19 Gratuity
21 Ca++ or Na+
23 On behalf of
26 — Cruces, N.M.
27 Greenspan stat
28 Pack animals
30 Van Gogh medium
31 Census info
32 Upper-crust
33 Consternation
35 Discouraging words
37 Promise
38 Cash

DOWN

1 IRS month
2 Distinct period
3 Have dinner
4 Pub sign (2 wds.)
5 Noisy sleeper
6 "A Doll's House" playwright

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

7 Part of speech
8 Tickled pink
9 Lipstick color
10 Spleen
11 Windows predecessor
13 Tinting

19 Custom-make
20 Gas pump platform
22 Kitchen tool
24 Dull greens
25 Answer back
26 Sand, silt and clay
27 Strong, as venison
28 Monument Valley sight
29 Repairs a seam
34 Used car deals
36 Prized statuettes
42 Did something
43 Casaba
45 Make a tunnel
47 "I came," to Caesar
48 Scrooge's cry
49 "Who — — to say?"
50 DJ's platters
52 Comic strip bark
53 Kickoff stand
54 Bungle

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	
12					13		14					
15							16					
			17				18					
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57								58				

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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

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1. Glimpsed "cole" food (1)
2. Vex Keytruda-making pharma giant (1)
3. Jazz legend Fitzgerald's guys (2)
4. Scratch-off ticket game cavern (2)
5. Wooden roof support artisan (2)
6. Chain up an iridescent blackbird (2)
7. NFL split end's secret lairs (2)

ANSWERS
1. SAW SLAW 2. IRK MERCK 3. ELLAS FELLAS 4. LOTTO GROTTTO
5. RAFTER CRAFTER 6. SHACKLE GRACKLE 7. WIDEOUTS HIDEOUTS

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3682-1123 TUCRN
Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received Environmental Resource **Permit application number 834942** from Crystal Motor Car Company, 1035 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34448. Application received: October 18, 2021. Proposed activity: Commercial. Project name: Lamb Toy Barn. Project size: 6.94 acres. Location: Section 27 Township 18 South, Range 17 East, in Citrus County. Outstanding Florida Water: No. Aquatic preserve: No. The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at 7601 US 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637-6759. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of intended agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance Management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watermatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance Management Department at (352)796-7211 or 1(800)423-1476, TDD only 1(800)231-6103.

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9064-1223 MXDCRN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021 CP 000094

IN RE: ESTATE OF JACK BROWN NASH, Deceased.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 12, 2021, there was placed on deposit in this office, funds received from the Estate of Jack Brown Nash, deceased, in the amount of \$5,000.00. Said funds are all the assets due to the Estate of Patricia Ann Rothenburg and said assets remain unclaimed.

Unless said funds are claimed on or before six (6) months from the date of first publication of this notice, said funds will be forwarded to the State of Florida, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 733.816.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, on November 17 2021.

ANGELA VICK, Clerk of the Circuit Court
{{County Court Seal}}

By: /s/ Sonia Prylepa
Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to Dawn Ellis, Esq., dawn @myflorida-probate.com, via Electronic Mail, this 17 day of November, 2021.

By: /s/ Sonia Prylepa
Deputy Clerk

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MEETINGS

3667-1123 TUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners will meet in **Regular Session on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.**, in the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida, for the purpose of conducting the regular business of Citrus County.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación 352-527-5370

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0101, Florida Statutes).

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