



Two arrested in fatal Floral City shooting

Robbery was reportedly behind deadly gunfire

By **BUSTER THOMPSON**
 Chronicle Reporter

Citrus County Sheriff's Office authorities say robbery was the motive behind a shooting in Floral City that left one person dead and another seriously injured. In connection to the deadly

gunfire from Monday night, Dec. 27, near the intersection of South Great Oaks Drive and East Tower Trail, deputies took 20-year-olds David Julian Murrell and Jevaris Nathan Dortch into custody by Tuesday evening. Murrell and Dortch



MURRELL



DORTCH

were arrested on warrants charging them each with premeditated murder, attempted premeditated murder and shooting a deadly missile into a dwelling or conveyance. Dortch was additionally charged with possessing a firearm as a convicted felon.

No bonds were set for either defendant. Court records show Jan. 19 was scheduled for their respective arraignments. According to the sheriff's office on Wednesday, the shooting was reported at around 9:30 p.m. Monday off of South Great Oaks Drive. Deputies arrived to find a 27-year-old white man suffering from numerous gunshot wounds. He was able to

give deputies a description of the vehicle the shooting suspects possibly fled in. Deputies found the vehicle roughly 50 yards away, along with a 21-year-old white man who had also been shot multiple times. He was pronounced dead after first responders tried to save his life at the scene, according to the sheriff's office. During his investigation, according to the sheriff's

office, Major Crimes Detective Dan Slingerland identified Dortch and Murrell as suspects in the shooting, which Slingerland believes was the result of a robbery. Sheriff's office investigations continue. Those with knowledge of the incident are being asked to call the agency's Major Crimes Unit at 352-249-2790. Tipsters can also remain

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State: No charges in deadly shooting

Prosecutors deemed the homicide justifiable

By **BUSTER THOMPSON**
 Chronicle Reporter

Prosecutors won't be filing charges against the gunman who fatally shot Dorrian Jackson outside of a Crystal River-area bar.

"Given the facts, evidence and the law," Assistant State Attorney Pete Magrino told the Chronicle Wednesday, Dec. 29, Cleon Fraser's Sept. 18 shooting of 25-year-old Jackson in the parking lot of The Loft Bar & Grill was "a justifiable and excusable homicide."

"The investigation took a while to sort through the various statements and evidence recovered at the scene," the prosecutor said. "The loss of someone at the hands of another is always a disturbing situation."

Magrino said he and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office detective investigating the case met with Jackson's family Wednesday morning to share and explain his decision.

Jackson's mother, Cathleen Grippe, said afterward she and other relatives were shocked by the news.

"I just can't believe it myself ... I was just appalled," she said. "We're just appalled."

Melisa Militello, Fraser's attorney, said investigations into the evidence along with the statements of her client and their witnesses confirmed Fraser was defending himself.

"Mr. Fraser cooperated fully with law enforcement, and did everything he was asked to do," she said. "The outcome is what the outcome should of been based on the law, and we're relieved the investigation's over."

Grippe said she's planning to file a lawsuit against Fraser.

"It's ridiculous; he took my son's life," she said. "No matter how it panned out, he took my son's life and he's free."

According to Magrino, Jackson and "an acquaintance" were arguing with Fraser in The Loft parking lot while Fraser was walking to his vehicle.

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Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Heidi Reynolds stands on North Perseus Terrace on Sept. 13 where her home is located in the northwestern portion of Citrus County. Standing water stretches as far as the eye can see throughout her neighborhood. She has been forced from her home due to the conditions that she says are hazardous. She and her granddaughter, who is disabled, are temporarily living in a hotel thanks to the assistance from the American Red Cross and their church.

Officials faced hot-button issues in 2021

Citrus County commission ends a hectic year

By **MICHAEL D. BATES**
 Chronicle Reporter

First-time Commissioners Holly Davis and Ruthie Davis Schlabach got their baptism of fire in 2021 as the board dealt with such hot-button issues as impact fees, taxes, road woes and record flooding.

Each quickly embraced projects near and dear to them. For Schlabach, it was her efforts to move forward efforts to build a new animal shelter. Davis took charge of the new Prosperity Citrus initiative, dedicated to alleviating and wiping out childhood poverty.

County Commissioner Scott Carnahan finished his stint as 2021 chairman and was praised for moving meetings along at a good pace and for keeping order. Commissioner Jeff Kinnard fought tenaciously for the county's purchase of Pirate's Cove in Ozello for a public park — a battle he will continue into 2022.

And after seven years, Commis-



Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Commissioners since 2014 have discussed building a new animal shelter to replace the outdated facility at the Inverness Airport. But the stumbling block has always been cost. Thanks to a huge outpouring of public and private donations in 2021 — plus a detailed spending plan — the project is set to be built in 2022.

sioner Ron Kitchen Jr.'s tenure as chairman of the Citrus County Tourist Development Council came to an end. He guided that board through the pandemic crisis and was recognized for his budget-savvy prowess over the TDC's budget. The board in 2021 had its challenges for sure. Here were some of them:

Universal garbage

County commissioners on Nov. 30 put the lid on universal garbage. They voted unanimously to reject the idea and opted to stay with the current system, which allows residents to deal with multiple providers or take garbage to the landfill themselves. "I'm for free enterprise," Com-

missioner Scott Carnahan said. "I believe you should be able to do what you want."

The issue has come up several times in the past 25 years, but no board has ever taken the plunge.

A packed house showed up for the special meeting. All opposed universal pickup and they applauded the board's final vote.

"We need to put this to bed today," Bill Harris of Citrus Springs said. "We've got other things to talk about."

County Commissioner Holly Davis said the timing "is just hideous" because residents are already saddled with a stormwater assessment tax and dealing with a pandemic. The county has not ironed out all the details on the plan, she said.

Animal shelter

County commissioners in May directed staff to work within a budget of \$8 million to \$9 million for a new animal shelter, with maximum borrowing of \$7.5 million.

Conditions at the existing shelter are cramped and getting worse due to an increasing number of

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Floridians warned of COVID-19-related text message fraud

By **BETHANY BLANKLEY**
 The Center Square

After the federal government began doling out trillions of dollars in coronavirus stimulus money, criminals saw the windfall as an opportunity ripe for theft. Since early last year, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody's office began issuing consumer alerts to warn Floridians about a range of scams.

The latest consumer alert

issued Monday warns Floridians about fraudulent robotexts being used to trick consumers into sharing their personal or financial information. Robotexts are sent to users' phones from unknown numbers that often contain malware or lead to malicious websites.

With Americans on track to receive 86 billion automated texts this year, according to Robokiller.com, robotexts have become more prevalent than rob-

ocalls, and Floridians are expected to receive nearly 5 billion this year, making Florida one of the most spam-texted states in the nation.

"These automated text messages are now more prevalent, and potentially more dangerous, than robocalls since malicious links can be clicked on directly in a text," Moody said. "These links often contain malware

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COUNTY

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animals taken in from animal cruelty cases. Staffers and volunteers are forced to work in pitiful conditions as they struggle to care for and adopt out dogs and cats.

Commissioners since 2014 have discussed building a new animal shelter to replace the outdated facility at the Inverness Airport.

Nobody denies a new shelter is needed but the stumbling block has always been cost.

But thanks to a huge outpouring of public and private donations – plus a detailed spending plan – the project is set to be built in 2022.

Flooding

Record rainfall this summer caused widespread flooding throughout Citrus County.

It was so bad that commissioners invited Dr. Mark Fulkerson, chief professional engineer with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), to a commission meeting to explain why there was not much to be done in certain low-lying areas until the rains stopped and floodwaters evaporated.

Fulkerson said Citrus County was on a pace to receive more than 60 inches of rain.

Sales tax hike axed

As it has so many times before when county commissioners brought it up, a plan to put a 1-cent sales tax hike on the 2022 referendum to help pay for road resurfacing died a quick death in November.

It would “fail miserably” and be a waste of time,” Carnahan said.

Commissioners agreed now is not the time for a sales tax referendum, especially since the board already instituted a stormwater assessment fee recently.

If the county is going to push for a referendum, it makes more sense to have an issue that affects the entire county, Kinnard said.

Road resurfacing was in the news all year. Scores of



Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Boaters make their way toward the Hernando boat ramp on the Tsalapopka Chain of Lakes on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Starting Jan. 1, boaters will have to pay to launch their vessels at several popular boat ramps around Citrus County.

Boat ramp fees OK'd

Citrus Countians throughout 2021 pleaded with county commissioners to resurface their pot-holed road.

Commissioners sympathized but said they can only do so many roads given the lack of funding sources.

County takes over fire services

The county ended its contract with Nature Coast EMS and took over fire services Oct. 1.

Nature Coast’s future had been uncertain for years. Despite more subsidies from the county commission, Nature Coast was asking in September for at least an additional \$1 million to pay for staff raises and to make operational ends meet.

The county commission had enough and in a 3-2 vote decided to operate the service under its own fire rescue department.

“We need to do it,” Kitchen said. “We need to make it simple.”

Said Schlabach: “I’m tired of giving our county away for free.”

County tweaks impact fees

After almost two hours of brisk debate, county commissioners in March voted 4-1 to raise impact fees for a single-family home from the current \$4,809 to \$6,017.

The \$1,208 increase took effect this past summer.

The fee for multi-family homes will decrease: from \$3,644 to \$3,322.

Stormwater fee

During a contentious county commission meeting in September, county commissioners voted 4-1 to overhaul how money for the stormwater runoff program will be collected.

Many Citrus County property owners will see their taxes rise because of it and were vocal in their opposition to the move.

The vote creates a mostly flat stormwater assessment fee for each county residents’ property and does away with having the funding source embedded in the county’s annual property taxes.

Under the new system, about 67 percent of residential property owners would pay a flat rate of \$58.84 annually for stormwater services. Homeowners with homes less than 1,200 square feet would pay \$29.42 a year. Those owning properties 3,101 square feet but less than 6,000 square feet would pay \$100.03 per year.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Retired trooper
Tod Cloud files
for State House

Tod Cloud, a retired Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, filed papers Wednesday to run for the Florida House of Representatives' District 34. That race is becoming crowded since current state representative Ralph Massullo, R-Lecanto, announced he was vacating the seat to run for State Senate in District 10.

Cloud, a Republican from Homosassa, retired in April after 21 years with the FHP. Others vying in the 2022 general election race for Florida House of Representatives are Republicans Rebecca Bays (former county commissioner), Dale Merrill (local attorney) and Paul Reinhardt (former College of Central Florida teacher).

Nancy Pierson, a retired sheriff's deputy, is the sole Democrat so far to file.

Chronicle office
closed Friday

In observance of the New Year holiday, the Chronicle office will be closed New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31. The paper will resume normal hours Monday, Jan. 3.

Clerk's office will
close for holiday

The Clerk of Courts office will be closed Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Day to coincide with the Fifth Judicial Circuit's holiday calendar. They will reopen on Jan. 3.

All other local government offices will be open Dec. 31 and closed on Jan. 3. This includes Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Citrus County Property Appraiser, Citrus County Tax Collector and Citrus County Supervisor of Elections offices.

As an alternative, visit their website at citrus-clerk.org to make online payments, search court case information and initiate a marriage license application. Online services provide the public an avenue to record documents, enroll in a payment plan, search official records and court records, request public records and more.

Government
offices close for
New Year's

Citrus County Government offices will be closed Jan. 3 in observance of the New Year's holiday. Normal hours of operation and services will resume Jan. 4 with the following exceptions:

■ The Citrus County Library System will be closed Jan. 1 and 3. Normal hours of operation will resume Jan. 4. For more information, call 352-746-9077.

■ The Citrus County Central Landfill will be closed Jan. 1 and will close at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 3. The administrative office will be closed. Normal hours will resume Jan. 4. For more information, call 352-527-7670.

Traffic stop results in drug charges

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

After being pulled over for speeding, a 37-year-old Citrus County man is now facing drug charges, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

Travis Harscher was arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Bond was set

at \$6,000.

On Dec. 27 at around 2:15 a.m., deputies responded to the Advanced Auto Parts parking lot in Inverness for a backup regarding a traffic stop.

According to the report, the driver, Harscher, was pulled over for excessive speeding. During the traffic

stop, a K-9 deputy arrived on scene and the K-9 conducted an air sniff of the vehicle.

The K-9 partner reportedly alerted to the presence of a controlled substance. Harscher, who was sitting in the driver's side rear passenger seat at that time, was asked to step out of the vehicle so deputies could conduct an interior search.

When questioned if he had any illegal items on his person, Harscher reportedly said, "I have a weed

pipe." He said the pipe was in his backpack where he was seated and asked to retrieve it.

When questioned, Harscher told deputies he did not have a medical marijuana card. Deputies then told Harscher they would retrieve the pipe.

Inside Harscher's backpack, deputies reportedly found the pipe, along with a digital scale with white residue inside, several syringes, a blue cut straw, 550

cord and baggies of a crystal substance.

The crystal substances were field tested and reportedly yielded positive for the presence of methamphetamine. The scale and separate baggies of meth, according to the report, were recognized by deputies as commonly used items in narcotic sales.

Harscher was placed under arrest and transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility.



HARSCHER

CCAS VOLUNTEERS SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER TO SHELTER PETS



Shelter volunteers / CCFAP elves Wanda Moak and Betsy Sovereign deliver toys to shelter animals on Christmas morning.

Special to the Chronicle

Judge postpones penalty trial for Parkland school gunman

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — A judge on Wednesday postponed the penalty trial for Florida school shooter Nikolas Cruz until February.

Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer stated in a court order that both parties requested more time to prepare experts for trial, saying they would not be ready to start on the scheduled date, Jan. 4. Scherer postponed the trial to Feb. 21.

Cruz pleaded guilty in October to 17 counts of murder and 17 counts of attempted murder the February 2018 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. Once jurors are selected, they will decide whether he is sentenced to death or to life without parole.

For Cruz to be sentenced to death, the 12-member jury must agree unanimously. Scherer decided earlier this month to allow the victims' families to testify, rejecting an attempt by Cruz's attorneys to bar parents and others to speak directly to the jury. The attorneys argued that could result in "overly emotional displays" that would violate Cruz's right to a fair trial.

The trial has been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic and arguments over what evidence and testimony will be permitted.

Homosassa man faces battery, burglary charges

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies apprehended a Homosassa man after he broke into a woman's home and damaged her property, according to an arrest affidavit.

Luke Wall, 33, was arrested Dec. 27 and charged with criminal mischief (\$200 or more but less than \$1,000), criminal mischief (\$200 or less), domestic battery and burglary — residence — occupied. Wall's bond was set at none, due to the domestic nature of the charges.

Deputies responded to a woman's Hernando res-

idence at approximately 9 p.m. the evening of the arrest regarding a physical altercation.

According to the report, the woman was listening to music when Wall unexpectedly walked inside. Wall

removed cigarettes from her purse, tore them up and threw them on the ground while calling her names.

The woman asked Wall to leave. He then reportedly got into her face and said, "I put my hands on (you) in the past, however

I'm not going to put my hands on you."

As Wall left the woman's home, he reportedly kicked the side panel of the front door, causing approximately \$500 in damage. The woman followed Wall as he exited and he allegedly pushed her to the ground in the front yard.

On scene, deputies observed broken cigarettes, damage to the door panel and dirt and grass on the woman's legs and clothing. A witness also observed and gave a recorded statement on the altercation.

When deputies arrived at Wall's residence, he re-



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ENTERTAINMENT

Amanda Gorman writes end-of-year poem, 'New Day's Lyric'

NEW YORK (AP) — Amanda Gorman is ending her extraordinary year on a hopeful note. The 23-year-old poet, whose reading of her own “The Hill We Climb” at President Joe Biden’s inauguration made her an international sensation, released a new work Wednesday to mark the end of 2021. “New Day’s Lyric” is a five-stanza, 48-line resolution with themes of struggle and healing known to admirers of “The Hill We Climb” and of her best-selling collection “Call Us What We Carry,” which came out in early December: “What was cursed, we will cure. What was plagued, we will prove pure. Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree, Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee, Where we weren’t aware, we’re now awake; Those moments we missed Are now these moments we make, The moments we meet, And our hearts, once all together beaten, Now all together beat.” Poets rarely enjoy the kind of attention Gorman received in 2021, but in an email to The Associated Press she reflected less on her own success than on the state of the country. Gorman wrote that the “chaos and instability” of the past year had made her reject the idea of going “back to normal” and instead fight to “move beyond it.” She mentioned Maya Angelou’s poem “Human Family” and added, “To be a family, a country, doesn’t necessitate that we be the same or agree on everything, only that we continue to try to see the best in each other and move forward into a shared future. Whether we



Patrick Semansky / AP

American poet Amanda Gorman reads her commissioned poem “The Hill We Climb,” on Jan. 20 during the 59th Presidential Inauguration at the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

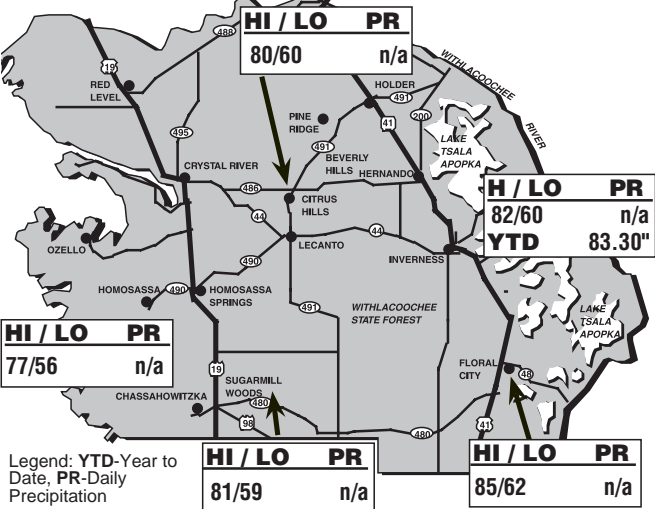
like it or not, we are in this together.” Gorman offered an alliterative response when asked what inspired “New Day’s Lyric,” telling the AP that she “wanted to write a lyric to honor the hardships, hurt, hope and healing of 2021 while also harkening the potential of 2022.” “This is such a unique New Year’s Day, because even as we toast our glasses to the future, we still have our heads bowed for what has been lost,” she wrote. “I think one of the most important things the new year reminds us is of that old adage: This too shall pass. You can’t relive the same day twice – meaning every dawn is a new one, and every year an opportunity to step into the light.”

Greece bans New Year's music at venues amid COVID surge

Greece’s health minister said Wednesday that music will be banned at all commercial venues for New Year’s celebrations as part of new restrictions announced in response to a surge in COVID-19 infections fueled by the omicron variant. The restrictions, originally planned to take effect on Jan. 3, will start early Thursday after the daily number of infections rocketed to nearly 22,000 Tuesday, more than double the record number reported the previous day. Wednesday also saw a new record number of infections, with health authorities announcing 28,828 new coronavirus cases.

The country of around 11 million people is recording dozens of daily deaths due to COVID-19, with 72 announced Wednesday. “Omicron is now the dominant variant in terms of new infections,” Health Minister Thanos Plevris said during a livestreamed briefing. Much about omicron remains unknown, including whether it causes more or less severe illness. Included in Greece’s measures are the mandatory use of high-protection masks at supermarkets and on public transport, schedule changes and additional work-from-home orders for government employees, and strict capacity limits at sporting venues. Entertainment venues will close at midnight starting Thursday, but they will be allowed to stay open until 2 a.m. for New Year’s Eve.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 78° Low: 61°
Mostly sunny and warm.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 77° Low: 62°
Mostly sunny.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING
High: 79° Low: 61°
Partly cloudy and warm.

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TEMPERATURE: Yesterday 82/59, Record* 87/17, Normal 71/43, Mean temp. 57, Departure from mean 14

PRECIPITATION: Yesterday 0.01", Total for the month 0.86", Total for the year 62.52", Normal for the year 51.63"

UV INDEX: 4 (0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high)

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE: 30.03

DEW POINT: Yesterday at 3 p.m. 64°

HUMIDITY: Yesterday at 3 p.m. 83%

POLLEN COUNT**: Predominant: Trees

AIR QUALITY: Yesterday observed Good PM2.5

SOLUNAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
12/30	THURSDAY	7:22	9:21	5:42	9:51
12/31	FRIDAY	7:22	10:21	5:42	10:53

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT: 5:42 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW: 7:22 am

MOONRISE TODAY: 3:49 am

MOONSET TODAY: 2:48 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

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

WATERING RULES

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

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2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 - or -	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday	Common Areas	

TIDES

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THURSDAY

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka	2:41 a.m. 0.6 ft 3:51 p.m. 0.2 ft	10:55 a.m. 0.0 ft 7:52 p.m. 0.2 ft
Crystal River**	12:34 a.m. 2.2 ft 2:10 p.m. 1.5 ft	8:08 a.m. 0.0 ft 7:45 p.m. 0.9 ft
Withlacoochee*	11:47 a.m. 2.4 ft 1:41 p.m. 3.3 ft	5:55 a.m. -0.5 ft 5:43 p.m. 1.1 ft
Homosassa***	1:01 a.m. 1.4 ft 3:00 p.m. 0.6 ft	10:16 a.m. 0.0 ft 7:28 p.m. 0.3 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	79	62	s	Miami	81	72	pc
Fort Lauderdale	83	69	pc	Ocala	79	63	pc
Fort Myers	82	67	s	Orlando	83	63	s
Gainesville	80	65	pc	Pensacola	78	69	sh
Homestead	83	67	pc	Sarasota	81	66	s
Jacksonville	81	65	pc	Tallahassee	78	67	sh
Key West	82	74	pc	Tampa	81	66	s
Lakeland	82	64	s	Vero Beach	83	62	s
Melbourne	83	65	s	W. Palm Bch.	81	71	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: South winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: South winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

Gulf water temperature 70°

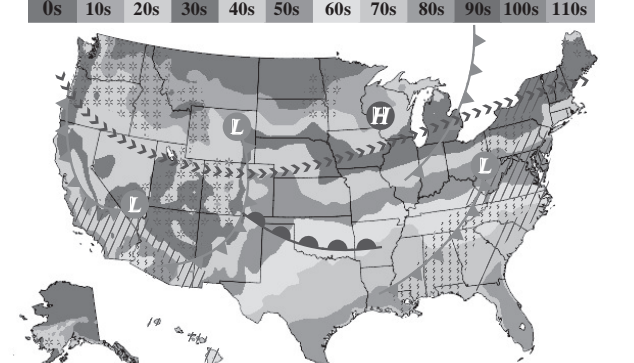
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	WED	TUE	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	29.42	29.44	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.79	37.80	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.12	39.12	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.27	40.28	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Thursday

City	WED	THU	City	WED	THU
Albany	38 33 0.07 43 35	ra	New Orleans	82 72 0.28 81 68	t
Albuquerque	47 30 0.01 48 28	mc	New York City	44 41 0.13 49 44	ra
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Atlanta	74 64 0.41 72 59	sh	Oklahoma City	62 37 Trace 65 49	s
Atlantic City	51 45 Trace 52 45	fg	Omaha	25 10 0.00 38 23	pc
Austin	81 60 0.00 79 63	pc	Palm Springs	59 39 0.00 59 47	sh
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Billings	16 -2 0.02 23 -2	cl	Phoenix	61 46 0.12 60 50	sh
Birmingham	77 64 0.00 74 62	sh	Pittsburgh	51 42 0.79 51 43	sh
Boise	27 24 0.20 31 20	sn	Portland, ME	36 28 0.00 40 34	cl
Boston	43 36 0.00 45 39	ra	Portland, OR	36 28 0.02 41 30	rs
Buffalo	40 34 0.09 39 35	cl	Providence, RI	45 37 0.04 46 39	cl
Burlington, VT	34 28 0.00 39 29	sh	Raleigh	73 61 0.01 71 58	sh
Charleston, SC	75 63 0.00 76 64	mc	Rapid City	15 5 Trace 31 4	s
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Charlotte	70 64 0.07 72 57	t	Rochester, NY	38 32 0.11 40 36	cl
Chicago	39 34 Trace 39 33	cl	Sacramento	45 41 0.55 49 36	pc
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Bermuda	72/70/ra	Paris 14/4/sn
Cairo	67/56/mc	Rio 58/56/cl
Calgary	3/-7/sn	Rome 60/49/s
Havana	82/72/s	Sydney 76/58/s
Hong Kong	66/61/s	Tokyo 55/37/pc
Jerusalem	53/43/ra	Toronto 34/32/cl
		Warsaw 36/31/cl

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 2021. There is one day left in the year.

Highlight in history: On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in December 1991.

On this date: In 1860, 10 days after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the state militia seized the United States Arsenal in Charleston. In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

Ten years ago: North Korea warned the world there would be no softening of its position toward South Korea's government following Kim Jong Il's death as Pyongyang strengthened his son and heir's authority with a new title: "Great Leader."

Five years ago: Two luxury retreats in New York and Maryland where Russian diplomats had gone for decades to play tennis, sail and swim were shut down by the Obama administration in retaliation for Moscow's cyber-meddling in the presidential election.

One year ago: Jonathan Pollard, who spent 30 years in U.S. prison for spying for Israel, arrived in Israel with his wife, kissing the ground as he disembarked from the aircraft.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Russ Tamblyn is 87. Baseball Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax is 86. Actor Fred Ward is 79. Singer Patti Smith is 75. Rock singer-musician Jeff Lynne is 74. TV personality Meredith Vieira is 68. Actor Sheryl Lee Ralph is 66. Actor Patricia Kalember is 65. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 65. Actor-comedian Tracey Ullman is 62. Radio-TV commentator Sean Hannity is 60. Golfer Tiger Woods is 46. TV personality-boxer Laila Ali is 44. Actor Lucy Punch is 44.

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OBITUARIES

Victoria Regina Fleckenstein

Victoria Regina Fleckenstein, nee Sanchez, 33, of Citrus Springs, born in Naples, Florida passed away suddenly on Dec. 24, 2021.



Edgar Orellana, Edwin Orellana, Josue David Sanchez, Rosemary Feal, Brandon Sanchez and Adriana Sanchez.

Victoria is lovingly remembered by her husband, Justin Fleckenstein, mother Kathleen Stayton, father Miguel Sanchez; Step mother Lori Sanchez, mother-in-law Pamela Sparks, brother Staff Sargent Michael Sanchez, half-sister Marisa Sanchez, step brother Justin Church, sisters in law Kristen Sanchez, Lacey Bourne, Amanda Seminario, grandmothers Grace Stayton and Carmen Lopez, nieces and nephews including Matthew and Ellaina Sanchez, uncles Paul Stayton, David Sanchez, Gil Sanchez, aunt Maria Sanchez, and cousins Adam Stayton, Faeryn Stayton, Jorge Chicas,

Victoria was preceded in death by her devoted grandfathers Paul Stayton and Manual Sanchez. Victoria will be missed by her many friends and anyone who knew her. Her serene spirit and calm personality was admired and loved by many. She had a light inside that shone through and made everyone around her feel warm and happy. A memorial service will be held at North Oak Baptist Church, Citrus Springs on Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM. We will miss her giggle forever, but are comforted in the sure knowledge that today she walks with Jesus and her grandpas in Paradise.

Edward Frank Barron

Dec. 17, 1939 - Dec. 23, 2021

Edward Frank Barron, 82, died December 23, 2021 following an accidental fall three weeks prior. He was born December 17, 1939,



Michael Patterson; seven grandchildren; Chris, John, Bryce, Alex, Eddie James, Zach and Brittany. He enjoyed playing tennis, bridge, traveling, spending time with his family and his beloved dachshunds, Heidi and Precious.

Ed graduated from Boca Ciega High School, St. Petersburg, FL, and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was a stockbroker in the St. Pete area until his retirement about 20 years ago. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Theresa. Survivors include his wife, Jackie Barron, three children; Kathy Valdes (Jorge), Ed Barron (Teresa) and Tammy Barron (Dickie); stepson,

Ed was also a loyal Gator and Tampa Bay Bucan as well as an avid blood donor. He was always the life of the party which earned him some nicknames including Fast Eddie, Peacock and Big Ed. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather who will be greatly missed. There will be a private family memorial service to be held at a later date. Baldwin Brothers Cremation Society Is in charge of arrangement.

By LAURIE KELLMAN and KEN RITTER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Harry Reid, the former U.S. Senate majority leader and Nevada's longest-serving member of Congress, has died. He was 82.

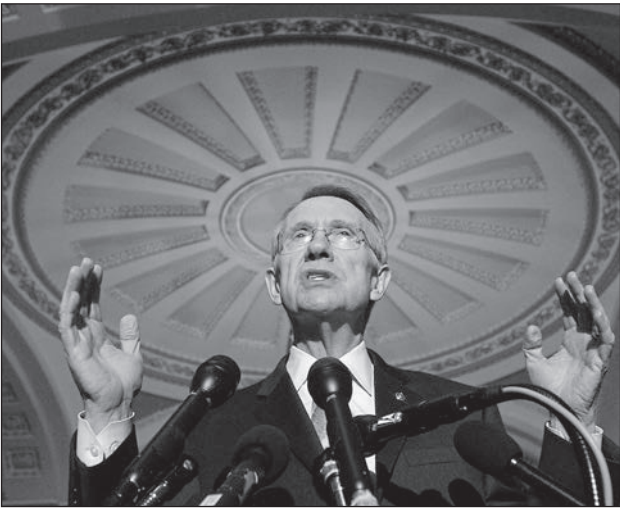
Reid died Tuesday, "peacefully" and surrounded by friends at home in suburban Henderson, "following a courageous, four-year battle with pancreatic cancer," according to family members and a statement from Landra Reid, his wife of 62 years.

"Harry was a devout family man and deeply loyal friend," she said. "We greatly appreciate the outpouring of support from so many over these past few years. We are especially grateful for the doctors and nurses that cared for him. Please know that meant the world to him," Landra Reid said.

Funeral arrangements will be announced in coming days, she said.

Harry Mason Reid, a combative former boxer-turned-lawyer, was widely acknowledged as one of toughest dealmakers in Congress, a conservative Democrat in an increasingly polarized chamber who vexed lawmakers of both parties with a brusque manner and this motto: "I would rather dance than fight, but I know how to fight."

Over a 34-year career in Washington, Reid thrived on behind-the-scenes wrangling and kept the Senate controlled by his party through two presidents — Republican George W.



Dennis Cook / AP

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada gestures during a news conference June 26, 2007, on Capitol Hill in Washington. Reid, the former Senate majority leader and Nevada's longest-serving member of Congress, has died. He was 82.

Bush and Democrat Barack Obama — a crippling recession and the Republican takeover of the House after the 2010 elections.

"If Harry said he would do something, he did it," President Joe Biden said in a statement after the death of his longtime Senate colleague. "If he gave you his word, you could bank on it. That's how he got things done for the good of the country for decades."

Reid retired in 2016 after an accident left him blind in one eye, and revealed in May 2018 that he'd been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was undergoing treatment.

Less than two weeks ago, officials and one of his sons, Rory Reid, marked the renaming of the busy Las Vegas airport as Harry Reid International Airport. Rory Reid is a former Clark

County Commission chairman and Democratic Nevada gubernatorial candidate.

Reid was known in Washington for his abrupt style, typified by his habit of unceremoniously hanging up the phone without saying goodbye.

"Even when I was president, he would hang up on me," Obama said in a 2019 tribute video to Reid.

Reid was frequently underestimated, most recently in the 2010 elections when he looked like the underdog to tea party favorite Sharron Angle. Ambitious Democrats, assuming his defeat, began angling for his leadership post. But Reid defeated Angle, 50 percent to 45 percent, and returned to the pinnacle of his power. For Reid, it was legacy time.

"I don't have people saying 'he's the greatest speaker,' 'he's handsome,' 'he's

a man about town,'" Reid told The New York Times in December that year. "But I don't really care. I feel very comfortable with my place in history."

Born in Searchlight, Nevada, to an alcoholic father who killed himself at 58 and a mother who served as a laundress in a bordello, Reid grew up in a small cabin without indoor plumbing and swam with other children at a pool at a local brothel. He hitchhiked to Basic High School in Henderson, Nevada, 40 miles from home, where he met the wife he would marry in 1959, Landra Gould. At Utah State University, the couple became members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The future senator put himself through George Washington University law school by working nights as a U.S. Capitol police officer.

At age 28, Reid was elected to the Nevada Assembly and at age 30 became the youngest lieutenant governor in Nevada history as Gov. Mike O'Callaghan's running mate in 1970.

Elected to the U.S. House in 1982, Reid served in Congress longer than anyone else in Nevada history. He narrowly avoided defeat in a 1998 Senate race when he held off Republican John Ensign, then a House member, by 428 votes.

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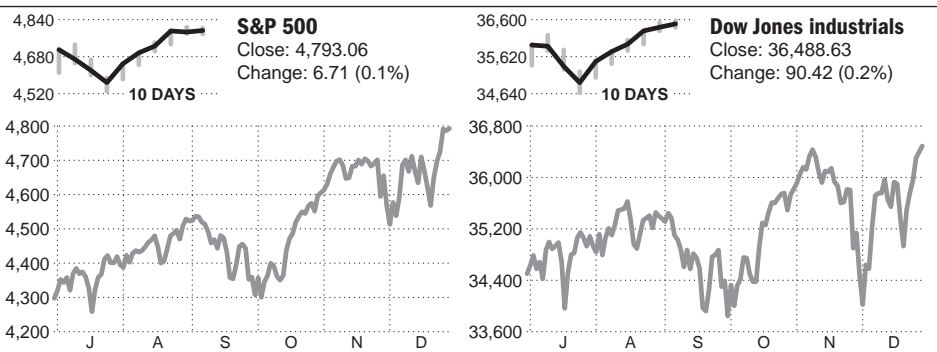
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Declined	1030	2047
New Highs	145	106
New Lows	45	348

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AT&T Inc	T	22.02	18.50-24.50	33.88	24.64	-18	-0.7	▼▲	▲	▼
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	100.00-114.00	146.64	147.41	+1.05	+0.7	▲▲▲	▲	▲
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	50.00-58.00	79.67	60.26	▼▲▲	▲	▲
Bank of America	BAC	29.57	27.00-32.00	48.69	44.63	-0.7	-0.2	▲▲▲	▲	▲
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Citigroup	C	57.40	53.00-61.00	80.29	60.54	-0.8	-0.1	▲▼▼	▲	▼
Disney	DIS	142.04	130.00-154.00	203.02	154.87	-33	-0.2	▲▲▼	▲	▼
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Regions Fncl	RF	15.70	14.00-17.00	24.89	21.85	▲▼▲	▲	▲
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	90.00-130.00	140.65	135.10	-10	-0.1	▲▲▲	▲	▲
Texas Instru	TXN	160.57	140.00-180.00	202.26	190.81	-29	-0.2	▲▼▼	▲	▼
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	160.00-210.00	258.86	208.47	+86	+0.4	▲▲▼	▲	▼
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.69	45.00-54.00	59.85	52.36	-36	-0.7	▼▲▼	▲	▼
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	12.00-17.00	20.36	15.29	+03	+0.2	▲▲▼	▲	▼
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	110.00-142.00	152.57	142.71	-07	...	▲▲▲	▲	▲
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.03	35.00-43.00	57.05	52.25	+82	+1.6	▲▲▲	▲	▲

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

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.54% on Wednesday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

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

Commodities

Energy prices mostly were little changed on Wednesday, with crude oil up 58 cents a barrel. Gold, silver and platinum prices all fell. Corn and wheat prices both rose.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.05	.06	-0.01	.10
6-month T-bill	.19	.20	-0.01	.11
52-wk T-bill	.39	.3911
2-year T-note	.75	.74	+0.01	.12
5-year T-note	1.29	1.27	+0.02	.37
7-year T-note	1.47	1.41	+0.06	.66
10-year T-note	1.54	1.48	+0.06	.94
30-year T-bond	1.96	1.90	+0.06	1.67

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	3.41 ▼	3.42	3.61	4.11
Money market account	0.07 =	0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28 =	0.28	0.28	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46 =	6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.24 ▲	3.19	3.22	3.13
15 year fixed mortgage	2.53 ▲	2.50	2.54	2.43

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	76.56	75.98	+0.76	+57.8
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14	...	+49.1
Heating Oil (gal)	2.38	2.37	+0.27	+60.3
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.99	4.06	-1.50	+57.3
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.27	2.25	+1.09	+59.6
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1805.10	1810.20	-0.28	-4.7
Silver (oz)	22.85	23.11	-1.14	-13.2
Platinum (oz)	968.50	979.40	-1.11	-9.9
Copper (lb)	4.40	4.42	-0.41	+25.3
Palladium (oz)	1982.70	1998.40	-0.68	-19.0
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.39	1.38	+0.67	+23.4
Coffee (lb)	2.29	2.26	+1.46	+78.5
Corn (bu)	6.06	6.05	+0.12	+25.1
Cotton (lb)	1.13	1.10	+2.67	+44.6
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1170.00	1142.40	+2.42	+33.7
Orange Juice (lb)	1.37	1.40	-2.57	+10.9
Soybeans (bu)	13.57	13.59	-0.20	+3.1
Wheat (bu)	7.88	7.84	+0.54	+23.0

MutualFunds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.49	+01	+15.8	+16.5	+15.4	+11.4
	CptWldGrInC m	63.62	-02	+14.7	+15.4	+18.6	+13.1
	CptInclBldrA m	70.09	+13	+14.9	+15.6	+11.9	+8.1
	FdmIntInvsA m	76.14	+04	+22.8	+23.6	+21.9	+15.6
	GrfAmrcA m	74.81	-05	+20.2	+21.2	+28.8	+20.9
	IncAmrcA m	25.81	+04	+17.2	+17.9	+13.7	+9.4
	InvCAMrcA m	52.00	+07	+25.5	+26.4	+21.6	+14.8
	NwPrspctvA m	66.66	+03	+18.2	+19.0	+27.3	+19.9
	WAMtInvsA m	60.64	+13	+28.8	+30.3	+20.6	+15.2
	WAMtInvsA m	60.64	+13	+28.8	+30.3	+20.6	+15.2
Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.04	-03	-1.1	-0.9	+6.0	+4.4
	Stk	246.81	+10	+32.6	+34.2	+21.3	+14.2
Fidelity	500IdxInvsP	166.23	+24	+29.4	+30.4	+26.6	+18.5
	BCGrowth	184.81	-19	+23.5	+23.5	+39.2	+29.5
	Contrafund	18.91	-01	+25.3	+25.6	+29.7	+22.6
	GroCo	36.73	-10	+23.5	+23.5	+42.4	+29.9
	TI1MktIdxInvsP	134.41	+16	+26.2	+27.2	+26.3	+17.9
	USBdldIdxInvsP	119.95	-03	-2.1	-1.9	+4.7	+3.5
	SP500Idx	73.24	...	+29.2	+29.9	+26.6	+18.4
	BCGr	179.46	-51	+18.8	+19.1	+28.0	+23.5
	500IdxAdmrl	442.25	+62	+29.4	+30.4	+26.6	+18.5
	DivGrInx	39.31	-156	+24.9	+26.0	+22.8	+16.9
Schwab	GrIdxAdmrl	166.60	+05	+29.4	+28.7	+35.6	+24.8
	InTrfEAdmrl	14.70	-02	+1.2	+1.2	+4.4	+3.8
	IntlGrAdmrl	138.33	-23	-1.4	-0.6	+27.6	+21.0
	MdCpldxAdmrl	315.75	+75	+24.6	+26.0	+24.9	+15.8
	PrmCpAdmrl	170.66	+67	+22.8	+24.2	+23.0	+18.4
	STInvMGrdAdmrl	x10.76	-04	-0.4	-0.3	+3.5	+2.7
	SmCpldxAdmrl	108.40	+22	+17.8	+19.0	+21.7	+13.4
	TiBMidxAdmrl	11.16	-03	-1.9	-1.8	+4.8	+3.6
	TiInSlIdxAdmrl	34.12	-02	+8.4	+8.8	+13.7	+9.9
	TiInSlIdxInx	20.40	-01	+8.3	+8.7	+13.7	+9.8
T. Rowe Price	TiSMIdxAdmrl	118.10	+14	+26.3	+27.2	+26.3	+18.0
	TiSMIdxInx	118.07	+13	+26.2	+27.1	+26.2	+17.9
	WIngInAdmrl	x 83.92	-6.19	+19.3	+19.8	+17.6	+12.4
	WlslyInAdmrl	69.97	-10	+8.3	+9.0	+11.2	+8.0
Vanguard	500IdxAdmrl	442.25	+62	+29.4	+30.4	+26.6	+18.5
	DivGrInx	39.31	-156	+24.9	+26.0	+22.8	+16.9
	GrIdxAdmrl	166.60	+05	+29.4	+28.7	+35.6	+24.8
	InTrfEAdmrl	14.70	-02	+1.2	+1.2	+4.4	+3.8
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* - 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.

Stocks meander higher, scoring record highs for S&P 500, Dow

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

A wobbly day of trading on Wall Street ended with most stock indexes managing slight gains, enough for the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average to score all-time highs. The S&P 500 rose 0.1 percent after having been down 0.2 percent in the early going. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.2 percent and the Nasdaq slipped 0.1 percent. All three indexes started the day slightly in the green. The benchmark S&P 500 index, which also set a record highs Monday and last Thursday, has now posted 70 record highs for the year. In the post-World War II era, that's the most new highs for the index since the 77 it set in 1954. The Dow last set a record high in early November. The major U.S. stock indexes are on pace to close out this year with strong gains. With two trading days left this year, the S&P 500 is headed for a gain of more than 27 percent for 2021. That would be its best performance since 2019, another banner year for the market.

Better-than-expected corporate earnings growth helped fuel the market's rise this year and kept the indexes climbing to new highs, said Rob Haworth, senior investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. The S&P 500 rose 6.71 points to 4,793.06. The Dow added 90.42 points to 36,488.63. The Nasdaq slipped 15.51 points to 15,766.22. Smaller company stocks also rose. The Russell 2000 index gained 2.74 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,249.24. Gains in health care and technology stocks helped lift the S&P 500 Wednesday. Biogen jumped 9.5 percent for the biggest gain in the index, while Micron Technology rose 3.5 percent. Retailers and companies reliant on consumer spending were among the better performers coming off the Christmas holiday shopping season. Target, Nike, Kroger and AutoZone all rose 1.3 percent or more. Losses in communication, energy and financial stocks kept the market's gains in check. Facebook parent Meta Platforms slipped 0.9 percent, Exxon Mobil dropped 0.9 percent and Morgan Stanley fell 1.2 percent. Investors have become more comfortable with the omicron variant of the coronavirus in the last couple of weeks. The quickly spreading virus appears to be less severe and cause less death and hospitalization than other versions of the virus. However, much is still uncertain about omicron, which is spreading extremely quickly and leading to a return to pandemic restrictions in some places. The variant is quickly becoming the dominant strain throughout the world. While virus-related lockdowns and travel restrictions remain a big concern, most big investors have closed out their positions for 2021 and are likely to hold their ground until next week. Trading this week has been slow, with less than 3 billions shares exchanging hands on the New York Stock Exchange the last two days, compared to the 4.5 billion shares typically bought and sold on an average day. Bond yields have moved higher in the final days of 2021. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.55 percent compared with 1.48 percent late Tuesday.

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EDITORIAL

Florida could be next to eliminate concealed weapon licensing

For the third year in a row, a bill has been filed in the Florida legislature to eliminate the state’s requirement to obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm. In 2020 and 2021, it died in committee. This year, though, proponents hope for success, with Gov. Ron DeSantis apparently signaling his support by saying he would sign such a bill if it reaches his desk.

The bill (HB 103), sponsored in the House by Anthony Sabatini (R, Howey-in-the-Hills), would both remove the concealed license requirement and allow Floridians or non-residents to carry weapons openly or concealed. It also would reduce the penalty for taking a gun into such prohibited places as schools, courthouses and the like. That’s currently a third-degree felony punishable by five years in prison and up to a \$5,000 fine; under HB 103, it would change to being a second-degree misdemeanor punishable by 60 days in jail and up to a \$500 fine.

What’s the current law? In Florida, there are no handgun purchase permits, but a criminal record check is required. Open carry is generally prohibited except in circumstances such as hunting, fishing or trapping. For concealed-carry, Florida’s current licensing process requires proof of safety/competency training, a photograph, fingerprinting and a background check. It can cost the applicant more than \$150 to qualify and apply. Processing by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services generally takes more than a month.

Under HB 103, proponents say, people could save that time and money. However, opponents maintain that the current competency/safety training and background checks are critically important.

THE ISSUE:

Bill filed (again) to do away with concealed weapon permits.

OUR OPINION:

Bad idea.

If the bill passes into law, anyone who can legally own a firearm would be allowed to carry it openly or concealed, without having to get a license. There are 21 states in which permitless carry is the law.

Is it a good idea to eliminate concealed-carry licensing, and allow concealed and open carry? Opposing sides marshal various studies, each supporting that side’s argument. It does or doesn’t drive down incidence of violent crime. It is or isn’t favored by law enforcement. States with weaker gun laws do or don’t suffer from more gun violence. And so on. There’s no hard and fast answer at this point.

Several things nearly everyone can agree on: There’s entirely too much gun violence, and too many people are hurt or killed when it happens. Criminals typically don’t pay attention to laws, but it’s not always those with criminal records doing the shooting. Sometimes people get hurt by accident.

Perhaps it wouldn’t bother everyone, but how would you like seeing people routinely sporting handguns in the street? Or wondering whether the person approaching has a gun in their pocket? Plus, making access to firearms easier could spell disaster, for example if everyday squabbles escalate into shots-fired situations, or such unintended consequences as children or incompetent individuals getting hold of guns.

A firearm may protect life, but can be a deadly threat. We hope that HB 103 dies in committee again. It’s a bad idea.

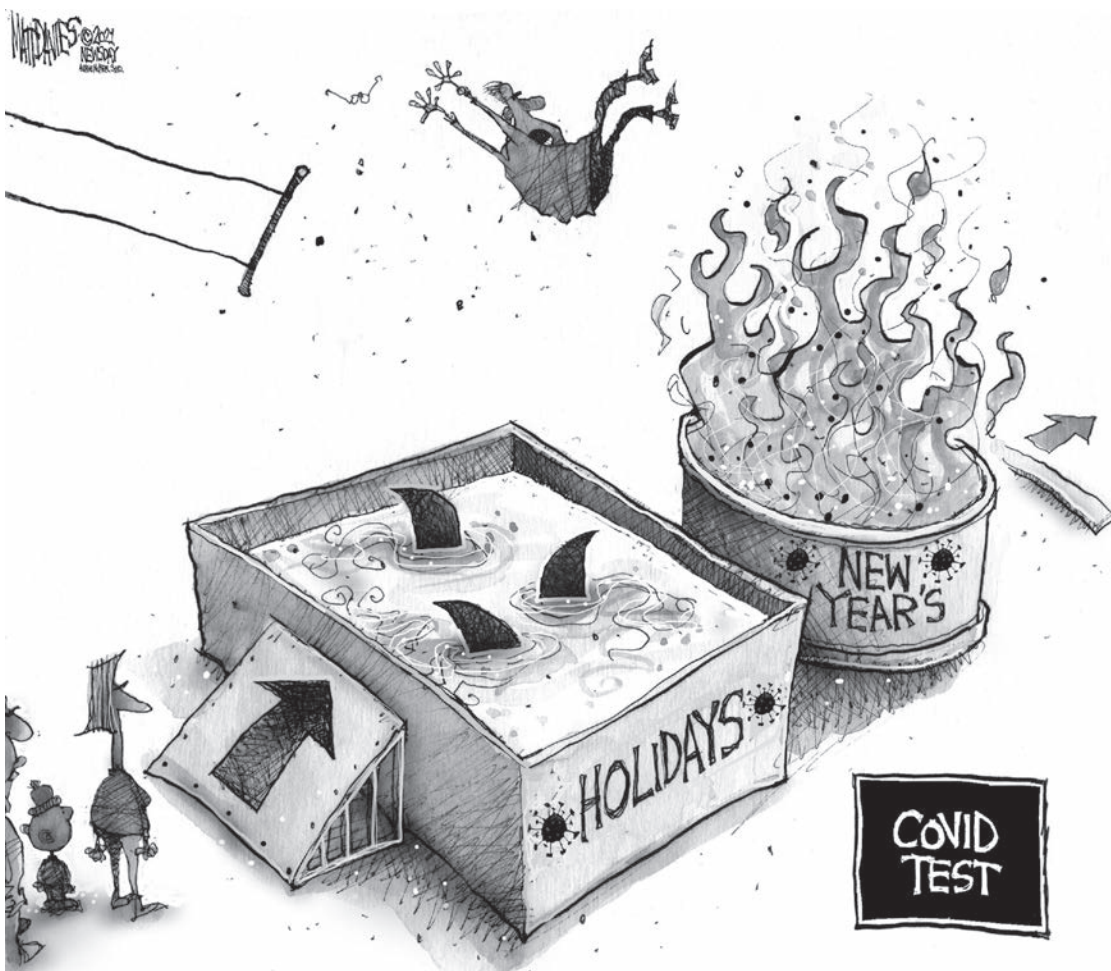
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SOUND OFF

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to patients as we move forward

As 2021 draws to a close, I would like to say thank you to the people who keep healthcare moving forward in Citrus County.

First, and foremost, for me is a sincere thank you to the outstanding members of our employee team at Bravera Health Seven Rivers. They are the foundation of our ability to deliver safe, quality healthcare and they have sacrificed so much this year by going above and beyond in this second year of the pandemic. They have persevered this year by attending to the ebb and flow of patient surges and adjust to ever-changing guidelines. They deliver care with compassion and do what needs to be done for their patients. They are heroes ... each and every day.

Thank you to our medical staff. We are blessed to have a breadth of talented primary care and specialty physicians practicing locally. They work tirelessly to be available for their patients, and they are committed to serve our community here in Citrus County. We are so fortunate to work alongside you ... your strength and commitment is an inspiration.

Emergency medical personnel, nursing homes and assisted living centers, hospice, home health and other local health care organizations play a critical role in the continuum of medical services. We say thank you for all that you do in caring for our citizens.

Most importantly, thank you to our patients for the trust you place in us. Our team works hard every day for you and your loved ones. You are our focus and you continue to motivate us. It is a privilege to help you get well and live healthier. Thank you for choosing us to be part of your health care team.

Linda Stockton
Chief Executive Officer
Bravera Health Seven Rivers

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Chronicle needs to stop pushing tax increases

The Chronicle “lately” seems to have a love affair on raising taxes in the county and appears to chastise those who are against it.

I personally don’t mind taxes increased for “specific” ideas that are plainly described as a necessity. However, there’s many people in Citrus who just can’t afford it.

I have a friend I help out who is older. He came here from NYC in 1998 and paid cash for his home with the sale of his in the city. He lives on SS and he is struggling, he worked 50 years before retiring and I can tell you he can’t afford the tax increases the Chronicle editorial has stated is needed in a recent editorial. We need to select carefully and

prioritize and not have Citrus trying to pass an absurd build back better bill.

There’s a lot of seniors here, who over the years, have gotten pummeled with increase in insurance costs and taxes and just look at the inflation were under.

We can’t throw all these citizens under the bus because we have more financially secure people coming here. This is not about me. I’ll be just fine but someone needs to make people aware there’s others who have been living here.

Lou Pastore
Inverness

Removal of comic a royal letdown

What have you done? No “Prince Valiant” in the Sunday comic section ... a staple of newspapers throughout the country for decades. So, why would you drop it?

It is, or possibly was, one of the only reasons that I continue my subscription to the Chronicle, even though we have moved away from Florida.

Robert Morris
Brighton, Michigan

New look Chronicle is unpleasant

With the new smaller type, longer pages, revamped comic strip – no Peanuts, no Sunday Sudoku – I find the new Chronicle very unpleasant to read.

Helen F. Koczur
Homosassa

Fix the timing on light into Sugarmill Woods

The southbound turn light into Sugarmill Woods stays green far too long. This means the northbound traffic backs up way too much!

I don’t understand why this situation hasn’t been rectified. Easy fix: shorten the amount of time the arrow stays green.

Judith Williams
Homosassa

Deep pockets get filled

(Re Thursday, Dec. 23’s Page A9, Sound Off, “There goes the quiet fishing.”) I’m calling on the Sound Off on Dec. 23. As far as the 1,000 new high-end RV park: I live in front of the one that’s being built now, and, believe me, it’s only how deep the pockets are that can be filled is why we’re getting another RV park. ...Have a good day and merry Christmas.

Seagulls hit by cars

There are at least 10 dead seagulls in the parking lot near Bealls and Arby’s off U.S. 19 that appear to be deliberately hit by a vehicle. I then went to Publix in Crystal River and there was one in their parking lot, freshly smashed dead. Hopefully, video security surveillance will reveal who did this, as it has now been reported

and will be investigated by the FWC. If you see anyone deliberately running over our wildlife in parking lots or anywhere, please report it. You can remain anonymous and report it online. To the person that drove their vehicle into the mob of innocent birds that are trying to survive in our world: What in God’s name is wrong with you?

Dixon column was misleading

I’m calling in response to an article by Dr. William Dixon (Friday, Dec. 24, Page A10, Other Voices, “Do not forgo family gatherings amid pandemic”). In that, he said, “Vaccine requirements are neither necessary nor helpful.” That is misleading and untrue. If it were not for vaccines, our problems would be many more and we would have millions of

people suffering from diseases and problems they shouldn’t have to – for instance, polio, measles, mumps – and now it’s been proven the vaccines protect us more than harm us with the viruses currently circulating that will never go away.

Column was very disappointing

This one probably won’t reach the paper, but here goes: I had concerns about what direction our paper was taking after Gerry left when I started seeing DeSantis’s face in every issue, but today’s Other Voices with William Dixon confirms you have moved far to the right and have joined the other un-erudite people of this state (Friday, Dec. 24, Page A10, “Do not forgo family gatherings amid pandemic”). How can you put such an opinion in our paper as the Omicron variant moves into Florida? Very disappointing.

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Pam Hetherly fills a syringe with COVID-19 vaccine at a clinic at the Augusta Armory in Augusta, Maine, on Dec. 21. More than a year after the vaccine was rolled out, new cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. have soared to the highest level on record at over 265,000 per day on average, a surge driven largely by the highly contagious omicron variant.

U.S. COVID cases hit record

By KATHLEEN FOODY
Associated Press

CHICAGO — More than a year after the vaccine was rolled out, new cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. have soared to their highest level on record at over 265,000 per day on average, a surge driven largely by the highly contagious omicron variant.

New cases per day have more than doubled over the past two weeks, eclipsing the old mark of 250,000, set in mid-January, according to data kept by Johns Hopkins University.

The fast-spreading mutant version of the virus has cast a pall over Christmas and New Year's, forcing communities to scale back or call off their festivities just weeks after it seemed as if Americans were about to enjoy an almost normal holiday season. Thousands of flights have been canceled amid staffing shortages blamed on the virus.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious-disease expert, said Wednesday that there is no need to cancel small home gatherings among vaccinated and boosted family and friends.

But "if your plans are to go to a 40- to 50-person New Year's Eve party with all the bells and whistles and everybody hugging and kissing and wishing each other a happy new year, I would strongly recommend that this year we not do that," he said.

The threat of omicron and the desire to spend the holidays with friends and loved ones have spurred many Americans to get tested for COVID-19.

Aravindh Shankar, 24, flew to San Jose, California, on Christmas from West Lafayette, Indiana, to be with family. Though he felt fine, he decided to get tested Wednesday just to play it safe, since he had been on an airplane.

He and his family spent

almost an entire day searching for a testing appointment for him before he went to a site in a parking lot next to the San Jose airport.

"It was actually surprisingly hard," Shankar said about trying to find a test. "Some people have it harder for sure."

The picture is grim elsewhere around the world, especially in Europe, with World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus saying he is worried about omicron combining with the delta variant to produce a "tsunami" of cases. That, he said, will put "immense pressure on exhausted health workers and health systems on the brink of collapse."

The number of Americans now in the hospital with COVID-19 is running at around 60,000, or about half the figure seen in January, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

While hospitalizations

sometimes lag behind cases, the hospital figures may reflect both the protection conferred by the vaccine and the possibility that omicron is not making people as sick as previous versions.

COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. have climbed over the past two weeks from an average of 1,200 per day to around 1,500.

Public health experts will be closely watching the numbers in the coming week for indications of the vaccines' effectiveness in preventing serious illness, keeping people out of the hospital and relieving strain on exhausted health care workers, said Bob Bednarczyk, a professor of global health and epidemiology at Emory University.

CDC data already suggests that the unvaccinated are hospitalized at much higher rates than those who have gotten inoculated, even if the effectiveness of the shots decreases over time, he said.

Maxwell convicted in Epstein abuse case

By TOM HAYS
and LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell was convicted Wednesday of luring teenage girls to be sexually abused by the American millionaire Jeffrey Epstein.

The verdict capped a monthlong trial featuring sordid accounts of the sexual exploitation of girls as young as 14, told by four women who described being abused as teens in the 1990s and early 2000s at Epstein's palatial homes in Florida, New York and New Mexico.

Jurors deliberated for five full days before finding Maxwell guilty of five of six counts. With the maximum prison terms for each charge ranging from five to 40 years in prison, Maxwell faces the likelihood of years behind bars — an outcome long



In this courtroom sketch, Ghislaine Maxwell, center, sits in the courtroom Wednesday during a discussion about a note from the jury, during her sex trafficking trial in New York.

sought by women who spent years fighting in civil courts to hold her accountable for her role in recruiting and grooming Epstein's teenage victims and sometimes joining in the sexual abuse.

As the verdict was read, Maxwell was largely stoic behind a black mask. Afterward, she could be seen pouring herself water as

one of her attorneys patted her back. She stood with her hands folded as the jury filed out, and glanced at her siblings — faithfully in attendance each day of the trial — as she herself was led from the courtroom. She did not hug her lawyers on the way out, a marked change from previous days during which Maxwell and her team were

often physically affectionate with one another.

No sentencing date was set.

The defense had insisted Maxwell was a victim of a vindictive prosecution devised to deliver justice to women deprived of their main villain when Epstein killed himself while awaiting trial in 2019.

During the trial, prosecutors called 24 witnesses to give jurors a picture of life inside Epstein's homes — a subject of public fascination and speculation ever since his 2006 arrest in Florida in a child sex case.

A housekeeper testified he was expected to be "blind, deaf and dumb" about the private lives of Epstein, a financier who cultivated friendships with influential politicians and business tycoons, and Maxwell, who had led a jet-setting lifestyle as the favorite child of a media mogul.

5 dead in Denver shootings at tattoo shops

By COLLEEN SLEVIN
Associated Press

DENVER — Four of the people shot in a deadly rampage in Denver were attacked at tattoo shops, raising questions about why they were targeted.

Police say Lyndon James McLeod, 47, knew most of the people he shot Monday in several locations around the metro area, through business or personal relationships. They were still investigating his motive. Five people were fatally shot in less than an hour and two others were wounded, including a police officer who shot and killed McLeod after being hit.

Denver Police Chief Paul Pazen said during a news conference that McLeod was on the radar of law enforcement and had been investigated in both 2020 and 2021. He declined to say what McLeod was investigated for but said charges were not filed against him.

The shootings started around 5:30 p.m. in central Denver along Broadway, a busy street lined with shops, bars and restaurants, where two people were killed at Sol Tribe Tattoo & Piercing. Authorities identified them Wednesday as the tattoo shop's owner, Alicia Cardenas, 44, and another woman, Alyssa Gunn, 35. A man was

also wounded but expected to survive, police said.

Soon after, McLeod forced his way into a nearby home that also housed a business. He pursued the occupants through the building and fired shots, but no one was injured, Clark said. Then a man was shot and killed in a home near Denver's Cheesman Park, Clark said. He was identified Wednesday as Michael Swinyard, 67.

Later, Denver police chased the vehicle believed to have been involved in the shootings, and an officer exchanged gunfire with McLeod.

Just before 6 p.m., the Lakewood Police Department received a report of

shots fired at the Lucky 13 tattoo shop. Danny Scofield, 38, was killed there, Lakewood police said.

When officers spotted the car suspected of being involved in the shooting at the Belmar shopping area, McLeod opened fire and officers shot back. He ran away and allegedly threatened some people in a restaurant with a gun before going to the Hyatt House hotel, where he spoke briefly with the clerk before shooting her.

About a minute later, a Lakewood police officer saw McLeod and ordered him to drop his weapon. She was shot in the abdomen but fired back at him.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS



A snowman is seen Tuesday along Highway 175 on Cobb Mountain, Calif., as another in a long line of rain and snow storms hammers the West Coast.

Another round of snow before thaw comes to Northwest

SEATTLE (AP) — A thaw-out is coming for frozen Seattle and Portland, Oregon, but not before another round of snow that could compound problems for a region more accustomed to winter rain than arctic blasts.

More snow and rain fell on California on Wednesday, causing travel disruptions on mountain routes and raising the risk of debris flows from wildfire burn scars.

And in Nevada the governor plans to declare a state of emergency due to snow and storm conditions affecting travel in the Lake Tahoe area of northern Nevada.

Forecasters say parts of western Washington could see up to 3 inches of snow Thursday and northwestern Oregon could see a similar amount.

The normally temperate part of the Pacific Northwest has shivered with temperatures hitting the single digits in some areas this week after extreme cold air from Canada's Fraser River Valley blew in on Sunday.

Snow and ice has made travel treacherous in some parts, forced closures and travel delays and prompted people to take shelter in emergency warming centers.

Temperatures could rise above freezing in Seattle Thursday and be even warmer in Portland, before airflow from the Pacific blows in on the weekend and causes the mercury to rise to more seasonable highs in the 40s Fahrenheit.

Biden, Putin to hold call over security demands

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. (AP) — President Joe Biden and Vladimir Putin will speak Thursday as the Russian leader has stepped up his demands for security guarantees in Eastern Europe while maintaining an unsettling buildup of troops near Russia's border with Ukraine.

The two leaders will discuss "a range of topics, including upcoming diplomatic engagements," National Security Council spokeswoman Emily Horne said in a statement announcing the call.

The talks come as the U.S. and Western allies have watched the massing of Russian forces along the border, growing to an estimated 100,000 and fueling fears that Moscow is preparing to further invade Ukraine.

Hong Kong pro-democracy news site closes

HONG KONG (AP) — A vocal pro-democracy website in Hong Kong shut down Wednesday after police raided its office and arrested seven current and former editors, board members and a journalist in a continuing crackdown on dissent in the semi-autonomous Chinese city.

Stand News said in a statement that its website and social media are no longer being updated and will be taken down. It said all employees have been dismissed.

The outlet was one of the last remaining openly critical voices in Hong Kong following the shuttering of the Apple Daily newspaper, which closed after its publisher, Jimmy Lai, and top editors were arrested and its assets frozen.

Police raided Stand News' office earlier in the day after arresting the six, including popular singer and activist Denise Ho, a former board member, on charges of conspiracy to publish a seditious publication.

Asia keeps omicron at bay, but a surge may be inevitable

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Much of Asia has largely managed to keep omicron at bay even as the variant rages in other parts of the world, but the region that is home to most of the globe's population is bracing for what may be an inevitable surge.

Strict quarantine rules for arrivals and widespread mask wearing have helped slow the spread of the highly contagious variant in Asia. Countries such as Japan, South Korea and Thailand quickly reinstated entry and quarantine restrictions in recent weeks after relaxing them in the fall.

But cases are mounting, and experts say the next few months will be critical. Those fears have been amplified by doubts about the effectiveness of the Chinese-made vaccines used in China and much of the developing world.

"Once the pace picks up, its upsurge would be extremely fast," said Dr. Shigeru Omi, a top medical adviser to Japan's government.

In India, which has been getting back to normal after a devastating COVID-19 outbreak earlier this year, omicron is once again raising fears, with more than 700 cases reported in the country of nearly 1.4 billion people.

The capital, New Delhi, banned large gatherings for Christmas and New Year's, and many other states have announced new restrictions, including curfews and vaccination requirements at stores and restaurants.

Sudan: 31 bodies retrieved from collapsed mine

CAIRO (AP) — Sudanese authorities said Wednesday rescue workers retrieved at least 31 bodies from a collapsed gold mine in West Kordofan province.

The country's state-run mining company said workers and villagers were still searching the Darsaya mine for more bodies or possible survivors. The mine is located in the Fuja village, around 435 miles south of the capital of Khartoum.

The defunct mine collapsed earlier this week, killing at least 38 people, the company said Tuesday. It posted images on Facebook showing villagers gathering at the site as at least two dredgers worked to find possible survivors and bodies.

The Sudanese Mineral Resources Limited Company said the mine was not functional but local miners returned to work there after security forces guarding the site left the area.

CHARGES

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Magrino said witnesses, except for Jackson’s acquaintance, stated Jackson brandished a semi-automatic pistol during the dispute, and cycled a live round from the firearm’s magazine into its chamber, which expelled a loaded cartridge onto the ground.

Jackson’s actions, Magrino said, put Fraser in fear of his life, prompting him to unholster a handgun and fire multiple rounds at Jackson, who was later pronounced dead at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center.

No arrests were made.

Fraser was permitted to carry a concealed firearm, Magrino said, adding Jackson was not allowed to have a firearm because he was a convicted felon.

Magrino said authorities recovered two live rounds close to Jackson’s body.

After consulting with his lawyer, Fraser agreed to provide statements to prosecutors and the sheriff’s office, Magrino said.

Magrino said Fraser also surrendered his gun to be test fired by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which verified the firearm discharged the spent shell casings found in the parking lot.

Grippe said her son’s criminal history shouldn’t have mattered in the investigation, and she also questions the method and timing of Fraser’s cooperation.

“My kid is dead,” she said, “and this kid is walking around, living life.”

Grippe expressed dismay over why Fraser wasn’t arrested for carrying a concealed gun at a bar.

Florida law states it’s a misdemeanor offense for someone with a concealed weapons permit to carry or conceal a firearm in “any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.”

“Citrus County is not doing anything ... it’s crazy,” Grippe said. “They’re not charging him with anything at all.”

Magrino said no witnesses came forth to say Fraser was being served alcohol while he was concealing a firearm.

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anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward by contact Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477.

Dortch’s criminal history stems back to when he agreed Dec. 12, 2018, at 17 years old to serve two years of probation as a youthful offender for separate felony charges from April 2018 of principal to armed robbery and burglarizing a conveyance, according to court records.

Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Richard “Ric”

Howard withheld Dortch’s convictions on the charges until Dortch violated his probation in January 2019 for stealing an apple pie from an Inverness store.

Dortch’s pleaded guilty in his misdemeanor theft case in exchange for 13 days in the county jail, court records show.

Dortch’s probation violations also led Howard to adjudicate him guilty of his robbery and burglary charges.

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that can be instantly downloaded to a phone. Any interaction with this type of text will show the scammer that the phone number is active, making the targeted user vulnerable to further messages. Consumers should be wary of opening or clicking links in unrecognized texts.”

In April 2020, the AG’s office issued an alert warning Floridians of COVID-19 robocall scams, published examples of fraudulent recordings, and issued a “scams at a glance” brochure.

Over the past two years, Florida has seen its fair share of bad actors committing a range of COVID-19-related fraud. From March 2020 to January 2021, the AG’s office issued more than 30 consumer alerts related to COVID-19 emergency scams as well as tips to avoid them.

“As we have seen throughout the pandemic, bad actors are looking for ways to exploit the crisis to steal money, government benefits and people’s identities,” Moody warned.

COVID-19-related scams have included robocalls, robotexts, phishing emails, and websites that claim to offer fraudulent services. Fraudsters have impersonated government officials, health care workers or others, attempting to steal funds or commit identity theft.

One example involved scammers posing as county health department officials attempting to take payments for booking COVID-19 vaccine appointments, or asking for personal information, attempting to commit identity theft. Anyone asking for money or personal information in exchange for an appointment is a scam, Moody warned.

Another scam involved fraudsters claiming to be Medicare officials offering seniors in-home vaccination appointments and request-

ing a copy of their Medicare card in an attempt to steal their information and commit fraud.

The AG’s office also warned Floridians about posting their vaccine cards online and called on Twitter, Shopify and eBay to prevent scammers from fraudulently posting COVID-19 vaccination cards on their platforms.

“Those who buy fake cards can fraudulently add personal information to the cards to falsely claim proof of vaccination,” Moody warned. “These deceptive cards threaten the health of our communities, slow progress in getting people protected from the virus and violate many state laws.”

The AG’s office also issued an alert this summer about a COVID-19 vaccine survey scam that involved contacting people by email or phone offering them compensation in exchange for completing the survey designed to capture their personal information.

Another scam this summer involved fraudsters impersonating FTC Chairwoman Lina Khan in phishing emails, claiming recipients were eligible to receive non-existent COVID-19 relief funds after they provided personal and financial information.

Another COVID-related scam recently thwarted involved Floridians fraudulently filing unemployment claims in multiple states in order to receive pandemic relief payments and unemployment benefits, as well as recruiting others to do the same on social media. A multi-agency investigation found that none of the alleged perpetrators were unemployed in Florida because of COVID-19 or had been employed in the states where they also filed claims. They allegedly fraudulently obtained more than \$550,000 in pandemic-related, unemployment-assistance funds from multiple states as a result of the scheme.




Sheriff’s Office investigators Tuesday at the scene of a fatal shooting in Floral City near the intersection of East Tower Trail and South Great Oaks Drive.

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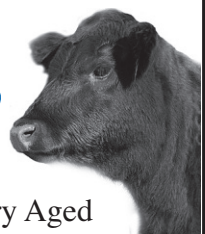
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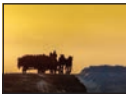
I have a crush on cabins, and it’s been there for as long as I can remember. We’ll be traveling down the road, and I’ll turn my head for a final glimpse at a cozy cabin tucked in at the edge of the woods.

It indeed felt like a dream too far-fetched to ever have within reach. It all came together during my teen years when Dad agreed to build a cabin in our woods behind the house.

Dad and I would sit down evening after evening with a pencil and paper, making sketches of how it was to be built. After many evenings and Saturdays of Dad and my three brothers laboring over it, we had our dream materialize.

Since that day, the cabin has hosted more guests, birthday parties, prayer meetings and family times than we could ever count. Now, years later, Daniel and I moved to where I grew up, yet we did not buy the cabin.

The Amish Cook



Now, though I never expected we’d have another cabin, it’s happening! A series of events transpired, bringing Daniel to conclude that he’ll need to build his own.

As Daniel toils faithfully, along with his brother John and a young boy who generally works in the shop, I am amazed at the swift progress.

And yes, I am thrilled beyond words. It will be my little haven to spend time with God. We plan to set it in behind the shop, overlooking a gorgeous ravine of maple trees at the edge of the woods.

I hope to have a set time of the day to go for a bit of a walk and spend moments alone with my Lord. And by the way, God is found wherever one seeks Him, it doesn’t take a special nook, yet as a mother, there is nothing like being alone with God sometimes!

The small 16-foot by 32-foot cabin has a small bathroom, a bedroom, kitchen and living room. The children are most excited about the loft, where they have all sorts of big plans to play and sleep in. It brings back so many memories of when I was that girl, proud of Daddy to do it for us as his family.

Daniel has been super blessed with finding discount windows, flooring and interior walls, which helps a lot. I keep telling Daniel it doesn’t all have to be grade-A products for God to be present when using it! We will also be using it for a guest cabin, and Owen will be staying in it for the first few months until his plans for a permanent home have materialized.

On sunny days I have taken the children, school books and all, outside to watch the progress on the cabin while the men worked.

And this is something that we value as Amish folks, that the children get all kinds of opportunities to learn as they watch Daddy pound nails, put on a metal roof or hang windows and doors, or even teach them the value of insulation. The teaching opportunities are endless.

We know that comments are made of how Amish do good-quality work. We do want to give God all glory; all strength and capabilities come from him. One thing that makes a difference is the children being with Daddy and seeing him do so many things, giving him this opportunity to teach them. Thus, it gets passed to the next generation.

OK, why not celebrate with ice cream cookies? If you make this simple recipe, and you have the opportunity to have children help you, do not turn it down.

It is worth the extra effort and mess as you listen to their squeals of delight!

Ice Cream Cookies

1 cup butter
2 cups flour
1 cup vanilla ice cream

Mix softened butter and flour, then add ice cream. (If you have little ones helping you, you’ll be sure to get giggles from this part!)

Chill until dough is slightly firm. Form into balls and place on cookie sheet. Flatten slightly and press a thumbprint on top.

Fill center with you choice of pre-serves. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Yields 20 cookies.

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Fusion of flavors for big game snacking

By METROCREATIVE

Each year, football fans gather to watch their favorite teams battle it out on the gridiron. Those battles can get pretty fierce, and football fans know they’re best watched with some delicious food on hand.

This recipe for Philly Cheesesteak Dumplings from “Judy Joo’s Korean Soul Food” (White Lion Publishing) makes for a great addition to any game-watch party table. These crispy appetizers meld Korean and American flavors together for a truly unique offering.

Philly Cheesesteak Dumplings

Makes about 45
50 thin, square, eggless wonton wrappers (around 4 inches in size)
Vegetable oil, for frying

Filling:
5 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and finely chopped
1 tablespoon roasted sesame oil
1 pound, 2 ounces cooked, shredded beef short ribs
11 ounces cabbage kimchi, drained and finely chopped
3 1/2 ounces spring onions, finely chopped
3 ounces pickled jalapenos, finely chopped
1 pound, 2 ounces mature cheddar cheese grated
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

To serve:
Silgochu (dried chili threads)
1 spring onion, julienned and soaked in ice water until curled, then drained
Sriracha

For the filling, first saute the mushrooms in the sesame oil in a large nonstick frying pan over medium-low heat until just softened. Remove from the heat and set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the rest of the filling ingredients with the mushrooms. Mix together using your hands, really breaking up the short rib meat to make a uniform texture.

For the dumplings, line a couple of baking sheets with parchment and set aside. Fill a small bowl with water. Unwrap the wonton wrappers and cover lightly with a piece of clingfilm to keep them moist.

Place a wrapper on a clean work surface and put 1 ounce of the meat filling in the center.



MetroCreative

This recipe for Philly Cheesesteak Dumplings from “Judy Joo’s Korean Soul Food” (White Lion Publishing) makes for a great addition to any game watch party table.

Dip a forefinger into the water and run it along the edges of the wrapper to moisten the surface. Now bring the open edges to the center, and pinch where the edges meet each other, creating four seams in a cross shape.

Set aside and cover with clingfilm or a damp tea towel while you shape the rest. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling, making sure the dumplings are not touching on the baking sheets.

To a medium saucepan, add the vegetable oil and heat to 340 degrees. Working in batches, place the dumplings on their

sides in the pan in a single layer without crowding. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes until golden brown. Transfer the fried dumplings to a wire rack or kitchen paper-lined plate to drain. Repeat with the remaining dumplings.

If you don’t plan on cooking them straight away, you can freeze them on the baking sheets, then bag them up and store in the freezer.

Top with some of the silgochu and curly spring onion and serve immediately with the sriracha.

Party apps get a healthy makeover

By TASTE OF HOME KITCHENS

Healthy eating is on the minds of many people at the start of a new year. One road block to healthy eating each January is the start of the National Football League playoffs, which culminate with the big game each February.

Appetizers, sandwiches and other game day offerings often prioritize taste over nutrition. However, by rethinking some game day staples, it’s easy to put a twist on popular favorites

to make them lower in calories and fat and more nutritious.

This year skip the calorie-laden potato skins for Sausage-Stuffed Red Potatoes, which are just as delicious. Try this recipe, courtesy of “Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook” (RDA Enthusiast Brands, LLC) from Taste of Home Kitchens.

Sausage-Stuffed Red Potatoes

Makes 16 appetizers
18 small red potatoes

1 pound Italian turkey sausage links, casings removed
1/2 cup chopped sweet red pepper
4 green onions, chopped
9 teaspoons minced fresh parsley, divided
1/3 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

Scrub and pierce potatoes; place on a microwave-safe plate. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 8 to 9 minutes or until tender, turning once.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook sausage and pepper

over medium heat until sausage is no longer pink. Add onions and 4 1/2 teaspoons parsley; cook 1 to 2 minutes longer. Remove from the heat; stir in cheese.

Cut each potato in half lengthwise. Scoop out 1 tablespoon pulp (save for another use).

Spoon about 2 tablespoons sausage mixture into each half. Place on a microwave-safe plate. Microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with remaining parsley.

Durable foods to stock for emergencies

By METROCREATIVE

It may be past our storm season, but we can’t forget public health emergencies or inclement weather can spiral out of control rather quickly. Emergency situations have the potential to derail shipping or delivery schedules or impede shoppers’ ability to get to the store for necessary supplies.

Individuals should keep a stock of emergency provisions just in case weather or another adverse situation compromises their ability to get the items they need to survive.

Different types of foods spoil at different rates depending on how they are stored. While there is no such thing as an entirely nonperishable food, packaging foods in air-tight containers can increase their life expectancy.

Here’s a look at which non-

perishable foods to keep on hand for emergencies.

Protein sources

Protein can provide sustained nutrition and energy, but many protein sources in raw forms require refrigeration to prevent spoilage. However, canned and freeze-dried meats, seafood and poultry have extended shelf life.

Freeze-drying, also known as lyophilization, is a water-removal process typically used to preserve perishable materials, according to Millrock Technology, a company that produces freeze dryers. Canned or freeze-dried chicken, tuna, salmon and beans are durable protein sources.

Vegetarians will find that navy beans are high in protein. Freeze-dried items are more common in pre-packaged, bulk emergency food supply kits sold at popular retailers,

including Costco. However, they also can be purchased at camping retailers or Army/Navy stores.

Fruits and vegetables

Fruits and vegetables are necessary to ensure your body gets essential vitamins and minerals. Fresh items will spoil in a matter of days, so canned varieties are better for stocking up.

Canned vegetables and fruits come in many varieties. The healthiest canned fruit options are those packed in their own juices rather than heavy syrups. Root vegetables like potatoes, turnips and parsnips can endure in cool areas of a home, but canned equivalents may be more practical.

Whole grains and other carbohydrates

A balanced diet consists of a healthy mix of proteins, fruits and vegetables, and carbohydrates. According to regis-

tered dietician Kelly Jones, a board-certified sports dietitian, whole grains are vital sources of carbohydrates and fiber, and most come in dried, non-perishable forms. Oats, rice, quinoa, barley, and whole-grain dried pastas can be used in emergency food kits. Packaged granola or trail mix bars also are good to have on hand.

FEMA and the American Red Cross advise keeping food in a dry, cool, dark spot. Carefully open resealable containers so they can be closed tightly after each use. Nuts, dried fruits and sugar packets can be put into air-tight canisters for protection from pests. Inspect cans for bulging, denting or corrosion before use.

During a disaster, it is wise to eat at least one well-balanced meal every day. Remember to also stock bottled water with emergency foods supplies.

Bringing home the title

Florida's Stricklin gets new extension

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Florida athletic director Scott Stricklin received a three-year contract extension that nearly doubled his salary and made him one of the highest-paid administrators in the powerhouse Southeastern Conference.

Stricklin agreed to the new deal in April and signed it in July, according to a public records request the school returned on Monday.

Stricklin is now under contract through October 2027. His total compensation jumped from \$1.151 million to \$1.725 million annually. His base salary increased from \$545,900 to \$1 million. He also received a \$120,000 annual bump for media obligations.

Stricklin's compensation package also includes a \$250,000 retention bonus paid annually, a \$110,000 longevity incentive paid annually and an annual expense account totaling \$95,000. He gets another \$62,000 every year in fringe benefits.

The contract puts Stricklin near the top of the AD pay scale in the SEC. Tennessee's Danny White heads the list at \$1.8 million annually.

Stricklin has been Florida's AD since November 2016 and spearheaded sweeping changes. Most notably, he lured longtime SEC play caller Dan Mullen from Mississippi State to rejuvenate a stale football program and then moved quickly to replace Mullen when it clearly plateaued. Stricklin hired Billy Napier last month in hopes of taking the Gators to new heights.



Rick Scuteri/AP

Chicago Sky center Candace Parker (3) moves the ball during the first half of Game 2 of the WNBA Finals against the Phoenix Mercury, Oct. 13 in Phoenix. Parker staved off Father Time and helped the Chicago Sky win the franchise's first WNBA championship and for the second time in her career was honored as The Associated Press' Female Athlete of the Year.

WNBA champ Candace Parker voted AP Female Athlete of Year for 2nd time in her basketball career

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

Candace Parker wrestled with the decision to make a huge change in her life and leave Los Angeles — where she had played her entire

WNBA career — and head home to Chicago.

In the end, the appeal of a homecoming was too much for Parker to ignore, and it couldn't have worked out better.

The 35-year-old Parker staved

off Father Time to help the Chicago Sky win the franchise's first WNBA championship and capped off 2021 by being named The Associated Press' Female Athlete of the Year for a second time.

"There was something about

going to where you started playing the game," Parker said in a phone interview. "It's exciting to play in front of the people who first saw me pick up a basketball. To win at

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2021 ALL-CHRONICLE GOLF TEAMS

The best in the county from tee to green

By MATT PFIFFNER
Sports editor

Boys

John Boatwright, senior, Lecanto
Matthew Conner Brown, junior, Crystal River
AJ Burns, sophomore, Lecanto
Hunter Williams, junior, Lecanto
Luke Wood, sophomore, Citrus

Boys Golfer of the Year Finalists

AJ Burns, So., Lecanto

The Panther sophomore's nine-hole average score was 42.9. He finished tied for 11th in the Gulf Coast 8 Conference with a 91, took 10th at districts with an 89 and finished 29th at regionals.

Hunter Williams, Jr., Lecanto

The Panther followed up a strong sophomore campaign with another stellar season. Williams tied for third in the GC8 with a 78, won the district championship with a 78 and tied for seventh at regionals with a 79. He led the county with a 38.6 nine-hole average score.

Luke Wood, So., Citrus

There was no sophomore slump for Wood, who was second in the county with a 38.8 nine-hole average score. He placed eighth in the GC8 with an 80, took sixth at districts with an 84 and tied for seventh at regionals with a 79.

Girls

Megan Allen, senior, Crystal River
Anniston Leach, sophomore, Crystal River
Maegan Pungsuwan, sophomore, Lecanto
Angelica Smith, sophomore, Lecanto
Lexis Smith, junior, Lecanto

Girls Golfer of the Year Finalists

Megan Allen, Sr., Crystal River

The Pirate closed out an outstanding career with a 40.5 nine-hole average score. She took third at districts with an 81 and finished off the season with a 96 at regionals to tie for 27th.

Maegan Pungsuwan, So., Lecanto

The leader of another Panther state-qualifying team averaged a score of 36.8 this season. She was the district runner-up with a 76, tied for seventh at regionals with an 82 and led Lecanto at the Class 2A state championships with a 168 to tie for 30th.

Angelica Smith, So., Lecanto

The Panther sophomore placed sixth at districts with an 88, took 23rd at regionals with a 94 and tied for 54th at 2A state with a 181. She averaged a score of 40.2 over nine holes this fall.

Note: The athlete of the year finalists and winners in each sport will be honored this spring at the annual Student Athletic Recognitions banquet.



AJ Burns, sophomore, Lecanto



Hunter Williams, junior, Lecanto



Luke Wood, sophomore, Citrus



Megan Allen, senior, Crystal River



Maegan Pungsuwan, sophomore, Lecanto



Angelica Smith, sophomore, Lecanto

Clemson tops Iowa State in Cheez-It Bowl

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — D.J. Uiagalelei completed 21 of 32 passes for 187 yards, Mario Goodrich scored on an 18-yard interception return and No. 19 Clemson beat Iowa State 20-13 on Wednesday night in the Cheez-It Bowl for coach Dabo Swinney’s 150th victory.

Will Shipley had a 12-yard touchdown run and finished with 61 yards rushing and 53 yards receiving for Clemson (10-3). Dacari Collins caught six passes for 53 yards, and B.T. Potter made two field goals.

Clemson won its sixth straight game to reach 10 victories for an 11th consecutive season. Florida State (14 from 1987-00) and Alabama (14 from 2008-21) are the only programs with longer streaks.

The Tigers, who lost All-ACC linebacker James Skalski to a leg injury in the second quarter, held the Cyclones (7-6) to three field goals over the first three quarters. Iowa State, which was severely limited by playing star tailback Breece Hall, mustered just 270 yards and 14 first downs against a Clemson defense that came into the game second in the nation in scoring defense.

Goodrich sealed Clemson’s victory with 33 seconds to play when he stripped the ball away from Iowa State quarterback Brock Purdy on a fourth-and-2 play.

Iowa State dropped four of its final six games of the season and lost in a bowl game for a fourth consecutive year.



Clemson running back Kobe Pace (7) runs after catching a pass during the first half of the Cheez-It Bowl against Iowa State, Wednesday in Orlando.

Purdy, the winningest quarterback in school history, had a pass picked off by Goodrich in the third quarter when Clemson’s Justin

Mascoll swatted the ball at the line and Purdy accidentally batted it ahead into the waiting arms of the Tigers’ cornerback. Goodrich’s

18-yard scoring run gave Clemson two scores in a 53-second stretch of the third quarter to push the score to 20-3.

Iowa State cut it 20-13 with 9:42 to play on Andrew Mevis’ third field goal and Purdy’s 6-yard touchdown pass to Charlie Kolar.

Purdy completed 22 of 39 passes for 204 yards, but his two turnovers proved costly.

Maryland 54, Virginia Tech 10

NEW YORK — Taulia Tagovailoa raised the MVP trophy over his head as confetti fluttered around him and could only think, not of his near-flawless dominance in the Bronx, but of the words of his Maryland coach.

The best is ahead.

Tagovailoa threw touchdown passes of 70 and 32 yards to Darryl Jones, Tarheeb Still returned a punt 92 yards for a touchdown, and the sudden scores sparked Maryland to a 54-10 rout of Virginia Tech in the Pinstripe Bowl on Wednesday.

The game belonged to Tagovailoa, an Alabama transfer and younger brother of Miami Dolphins QB Tua Tagovailoa. He was 20 of 24 for 265 yards, and the two TD passes brought his season total to 26, which tied Maryland’s single-season record.

“I hope it quiets some of the critics and he gets some of the respect he deserves as a quarterback,” coach Mike Locksley said. “We wouldn’t be in this situation we’re in with a winning season without Taulia.”

Locksley preached patience in the form of his mantra, the best is ahead. Tagovailoa, who had already announced he would return to the Terps next season, showed enough flashes of greatness in New York to hint the future may be bright.

The game’s MVP, Tagovailoa helped the Terrapins (7-6) get the better of the Hokies at Yankee Stadium — and even on TV.

Brent Pry was hired last month as Virginia Tech’s coach — J.C. Price served as interim coach — and went on ESPN during the game to hype the 2022 season. Pry boasted, “We are gonna play a

great brand of defense.” Seconds later, Tagovailoa connected with Jones for the deep play and a 14-3 lead. Pry was good-naturedly roasted on social media, and Maryland even tweeted the clip with a grimacing face emoji.

Price compared trying to stop the Terps to “plowing snow uphill.”

“One game is not going to define who those guys are in the locker room,” he said.

Pry must have grimaced when Tagovailoa hit Jones again in the third quarter for a 34-10 lead that helped send the Terps to their first bowl win since 2010.

Jones, a senior wide receiver, had never caught a touchdown pass over his first 40 games. He had two and finished with 111 yards receiving against the Hokies (6-7).

“I’ll be telling this story for I don’t know how many years,” Jones said.

Antwain Littleton II added a 4-yard rushing TD for Maryland and Joseph Petrino answered the Hokies’ lone touchdown with a 44-yard field goal with 59 seconds left in the first half for a 24-10 lead. Roman Hemby scored on a 2-yard run in the third quarter.

The Hokies’ signature “Enter Sandman” song rang out before the game — the Metallica classic was usually played near the end of games at Yankee Stadium — and had fans and players jumping on another chilly Pinstripe Bowl game day.

Still silenced them moments later with the longest punt return in Maryland history, a sizzling run that finished down Virginia Tech’s sideline.

“I would have been a fool not to return it,” Still said.

The Terrapins never let up, playing nothing like a team that lost six of seven in one stretch. Virginia Tech QB Connor Blumrick fumbled in the fourth quarter and Greg Rose scooped the loose ball and ran 11 yards for a touchdown and a 47-10 lead.

Coby McDonald capped the scoring with a 20-yard run that made it 54-10 and wrapped Locksley’s first bowl win over seven seasons and two programs.

No. 11 Auburn starts fast, hands No. 16 LSU its 1st loss

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN, Ala. — Walker Kessler had 16 points, a career-high 11 blocked shots and 10 rebounds to lead No. 11 Auburn to a 70-55 victory over previously unbeaten No. 16 LSU on Wednesday night in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

Kessler got the second triple-double in Auburn’s program history, but it didn’t become official until well after the game ended. Auburn’s official scorer credited Kessler with a rebound that had initially gone down as a team board with 9:55 left in the first half.

Freshman Jabari Smith also scored 16 points for Auburn (12-1), which has won nine straight and didn’t give up a field goal in the opening 10 minutes.

LSU (12-1), which came as one of major college basketball’s five unbeaten teams, scored just one point in the first 10:45 but still managed to pull to within six a couple of times in the second half.

Wendell Green Jr. had 15 points for Auburn and pre-season All-SEC guard Allen Flanigan scored 10 in his first start.

Xavier Pinson had 13

points when he fouled out with 5:32 left for LSU.

No. 3 Purdue 104, Nicholls State 90

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Zach Edey scored 21 points, Jaden Ivey added 19 and Purdue beat Nicholls State.

Purdue (12-1) shot 57.4 percent and cracked 100 points for the first time this season.

The 7-foot-4 Edey made 7 of 8 shots and 7 of 9 free throws. Also scoring in double figures for the Boilermakers were Isaiah Thompson (15 points), Sasha Stefanovic (14) and Mason Gillis (10).

Ty Gordon led Nicholls State (8-6) with 29 points, hitting 9 of 15 3-pointers. Ryghe Lyons scored 20 points and Lattrell Jones had 18 for the Colonels.

No. 6 Kansas 88, Nevada 61

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Christian Braun scored 22 points, Ochai Agbaji added 16 and Kansas rolled past Nevada in a hastily scheduled game after both teams had opponents drop out with COVID-19 problems.

The Jayhawks (10-1) were supposed to play Harvard before an outbreak forced the Crimson to cancel the trip early this week. The Wolf Pack (6-5) stepped in when their Mountain West opener against San Jose State had to be postponed because of positive tests within the Spartans’ program.

Dajuan Harris had a career-high 14 points and David McCormack also scored 14 for the Jayhawks.

Desmond Cambridge Jr. and



Auburn forward Walker Kessler (13) blocks the shot of LSU forward Tari Eason (13) during the second half of Wednesday’s game, in Auburn, Ala.

Grant Sheffield scored 16 points apiece to lead the Wolf Pack.

No. 10 Michigan State 81, High Point 68

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Gabe Brown scored a career-high 24 points as short-handed Michigan State pulled away in the second half to beat High Point in a matchup of longtime coaching friends Tom Izzo and Tubby Smith.

The Spartans (11-2, 2-0 Big Ten)

were without four players, including starters Marcus Bingham Jr. and Max Christie, who tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this week.

Joey Hauser had a season-high 17 points and 11 rebounds for Michigan State. Jaden House had 11 of his 18 points in the first half for High Point (6-7).

No. 21 Providence 70, No. 15 Seton Hall 65

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Noah

Horchler scored 17 points with 13 rebounds, and Nate Watson added 14 points to carry Providence past short-handed Seton Hall.

Watson, a 6-foot-10 center, became the 18th player in Providence history to reach 1,500 points.

Playing its first game since a victory over Rutgers on Dec. 12, Seton Hall had only eight players in uniform. Five were in COVID-19 protocols, but only one starter, 7-foot-2 center Ike Obiagu, was out.

Jared Bynum also had 14 points for Providence (12-1, 2-0 Big East), which is off to its best start since opening 2015-16 by winning 14 of its first 15 games.

Alexis Yetna had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Pirates (9-2, 0-1).

No. 18 Kentucky 83, Missouri 56

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Keion Brooks Jr. scored 17 points, TyTy Washington Jr. added 14 points and Kentucky rolled past Missouri.

The Wildcats (10-2, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) trailed just once early on against the Tigers,

but Kentucky had some ragged stretches in the second half before pulling away.

Amari Davis and Dajuan Gordon had 10 points each for Missouri (6-7, 0-1), which dropped its fourth in six games.

No. 24 Wisconsin 89, Illinois State 85

MADISON, Wis. — Steven Crowl had 21 points and nine rebounds, and No. 24 Wisconsin struggled to put away Illinois State in its first game after a two-week break because of COVID-19.

Johnny Davis, the Badgers’ leading scorer, had 20 points on 6-of-23 shooting and 11 rebounds. Second-leading scorer Brad Davison was held to seven points on 1-of-9 shooting.

Tyler Wahl finished with 18 points while Chucky Hepburn had 13 for Wisconsin (10-2).

Illinois State (8-6) battled back from a 19-point deficit early in the second half and got within 81-80 on Antonio Reeves’ 3-pointer with 2 minutes left. But Reeves missed a floater and then fouled out. He led the Redbirds with 23 points, while Sy Chatman had 22.

Tide charts								
	Chassahowitzka*		Crystal River**		Homosassa***		Withlacoochee*	
	High/Low		High/Low		High/Low		High/Low	
THURS 12/30	2:41 a.m. 3:51 p.m.	10:55 a.m. 7:52 p.m.	12:34 a.m. 2:10 p.m.	8:08 a.m. 7:45 p.m.	1:01 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	10:16 a.m. 7:28 p.m.	11:47 a.m. 10:41 p.m.	5:55 a.m. 5:43 p.m.
FRI 12/31	3:34 a.m. 5:17 p.m.	11:55 a.m. 8:14 p.m.	1:30 a.m. 3:14 p.m.	9:02 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	1:51 a.m. 4:10 p.m.	11:28 a.m. 8:09 p.m.	12:52 p.m. 11:31 p.m.	6:54 a.m. 6:41 p.m.
SAT 1/1	4:25 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	12:52 p.m. 8:35 p.m.	2:22 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	9:57 a.m. 9:16 p.m.	2:40 a.m. 5:21 p.m.	12:34 p.m. 8:44 p.m.	1:51 p.m. ————	7:49 a.m. 7:33 p.m.
SUN 1/2	5:19 a.m. 6:50 p.m.	1:45 p.m. 9:37 p.m.	3:13 a.m. 4:54 p.m.	10:51 a.m. 10:09 p.m.	3:37 a.m. 6:17 p.m.	1:27 p.m. 9:49 p.m.	12:18 a.m. 2:39 p.m.	8:38 a.m. 8:22 p.m.
MON 1/3	6:11 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	2:35 p.m. 10:41 p.m.	4:04 a.m. 5:32 p.m.	11:40 a.m. 11:02 p.m.	4:34 a.m. 7:04 p.m.	2:14 p.m. 11:08 p.m.	1:08 a.m. 3:22 p.m.	9:25 a.m. 9:09 p.m.
TUES 1/4	7:03 a.m. 7:28 p.m.	3:22 p.m. 11:44 p.m.	4:53 a.m. 6:10 p.m.	12:24 p.m. 11:52 p.m.	5:28 a.m. 7:43 p.m.	2:57 p.m. ————	1:56 a.m. 4:02 p.m.	10:09 a.m. 9:55 p.m.
WED 1/5	7:51 a.m. 8:04 p.m.	4:05 p.m. ————	5:41 a.m. 6:49 p.m.	1:06 p.m. ————	6:20 a.m. 8:18 p.m.	12:22 a.m. 3:34 p.m.	2:45 a.m. 4:38 p.m.	10:52 a.m. 10:42 p.m.
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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	31	21	6	4	46	103	84		
Toronto	30	20	8	2	42	98	76		
Florida	30	19	7	4	42	108	90		
Detroit	31	15	13	3	33	88	104		
Boston	26	14	10	2	30	71	69		
Buffalo	31	10	16	5	25	85	108		
Ottawa	28	9	17	2	20	79	101		
Montreal	32	7	21	4	18	71	114		
Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	32	19	6	7	45	113	84		
Carolina	29	21	7	1	43	95	62		
N.Y. Rangers	31	19	8	4	42	89	81		
Pittsburgh	30	17	8	5	39	91	76		
Columbus	28	14	13	1	29	91	95		
Philadelphia	29	12	12	5	29	78	96		
New Jersey	31	11	15	5	27	86	108		
N.Y. Islanders	26	8	12	6	22	57	77		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
St. Louis	32	18	9	5	41	114	89		
Minnesota	30	19	9	2	40	112	92		
Nashville	31	19	11	1	39	92	84		
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115	91		
Winnipeg	30	14	11	5	33	90	87		
Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82	85		
Chicago	30	11	15	4	26	72	97		
Arizona	30	6	21	3	15	63	117		
Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Vegas	33	21	12	0	42	120	101		
Anaheim	32	17	9	6	40	103	89		
Calgary	28	15	7	6	36	87	62		
Edmonton	30	18	12	0	36	105	98		
San Jose	31	16	14	1	33	86	92		
Los Angeles	31	14	12	5	33	83	85		
Vancouver	31	14	15	2	30	81	90		
Seattle	30	10	17	3	23	85	109		

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

Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay 5, Montreal 4, OT
Vegas 6, Los Angeles 3
San Jose 8, Arizona 7, SO
Columbus at Chicago, ppd

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey 4, Buffalo 3
Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Washington 5, Nashville 3
St. Louis 4, Edmonton 2
Boston at Ottawa, ppd
Chicago at Winnipeg, ppd
Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, ppd
Pittsburgh at Toronto, ppd
Dallas at Colorado, ppd
Philadelphia at Seattle
Vancouver at Anaheim

Thursday's Games
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Edmonton at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, ppd
Anaheim at Vegas, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, ppd
Winnipeg at Calgary, ppd

Saturday's Games
Buffalo at Boston, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Minnesota at Target Field, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	23	9	.719	—
Phila.	18	16	.529	6
New York	17	18	.486	7½
Boston	16	19	.457	8½
Toronto	14	17	.452	8½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	13	.629	—
Charlotte	19	17	.528	3½
Washington	17	17	.500	4½
Atlanta	15	19	.441	6½
Orlando	7	28	.200	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	22	10	.688	—
Milwaukee	23	13	.639	1
Cleveland	20	14	.588	3
Indiana	14	21	.400	9½
Detroit	5	28	.152	17½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	22	14	.611	—
Dallas	16	17	.485	4½
San Antonio	14	19	.424	6½
New Orleans	13	22	.371	8½
Houston	10	25	.286	11½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	24	9	.727	—
Denver	17	16	.515	7
Minnesota	16	18	.471	8½
Portland	13	20	.394	11
Oklahoma City	12	21	.364	12
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	27	7	.794	—
Phoenix	26	7	.788	½
L.A. Clippers	18	17	.514	9½
L.A. Lakers	17	19	.472	11
Sacramento	14	21	.400	13½

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee 127, Orlando 110
Miami 119, Washington 112
Phila. 114, Toronto 109
New Orleans 108, Cleveland 104
New York 96, Minnesota 88
L.A. Lakers 132, Houston 123
Sacramento 117, Oklahoma City 111
Denver 89, Golden State 86

Wednesday's Games
New York 94, Detroit 85
Charlotte 116, Indiana 108
L.A. Clippers 91, Boston 82
Chicago 131, Atlanta 117
Memphis 104, L.A. Lakers 99
Miami at San Antonio, ppd
Oklahoma City at Phoenix
Utah at Portland
Dallas at Sacramento

Thursday's Games
Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Phila. at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Phoenix at Boston, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 3 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Detroit, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Friday, Dec. 17
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau, Bahamas
Middle Tennessee 31, Toledo 24

Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Coastal Carolina 47, N. Illinois 41

Saturday, Dec. 18
Boca Raton Bowl
Boca Raton, Fla.
W. Kentucky 59, Appalachian St. 38

Celebration Bowl
Atlanta
SC State 31, Jackson St. 10

New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
Fresno St. 31, UTEP 24

Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
UAB 31, No. 12 BYU 28

LendingTree Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Liberty 56, E. Michigan 20

LA Bowl
Inglewood, Calif.
Utah St. 24, Oregon St. 13

New Orleans Bowl
New Orleans
No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette 36, Marshall 21

Monday, Dec. 20
Myrtle Beach Bowl
Conway, S.C.
Tulsa 30, Old Dominion 17

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Wednesday's winning numbers

Cash4Life
17-19-35-57-58, Cash Ball: 1

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7-5, Fireball: 3

Pick 2 Midday
4-6, Fireball: 7

Pick 3 Evening
3-5-8, Fireball: 3

Pick 3 Midday
2-2-2, Fireball: 7

Pick 4 Evening
4-7-6-9, Fireball: 3

Pick 4 Midday
2-9-7-1, Fireball: 7

Pick 5 Evening
8-4-7-9-7, Fireball: 3

Pick 5 Midday
7-8-8-0-4, Fireball: 7

Powerball
02-06-09-33-39, Powerball: 11, Power Play: 2

ON THE AIRWAVES

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. (BTN): Maine at Rutgers
7 p.m. (BTN): Brown at Maryland
7 p.m. (ESPN2): Michigan at UCF
7 p.m. (ESPN2): East Tennessee State at UT-Chattanooga
9 p.m. (ESPN2, ESPNU): Marshall at Louisiana Tech

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

3 p.m. (BTN): Nebraska at Michigan State
4 p.m. (ACCN): Syracuse at North Carolina
7 p.m. (ACCN): Duke at Virginia Tech
7 p.m. (SEC): South Carolina at Missouri
8 p.m. (FS1): Indiana at Rutgers
9 p.m. (SEC): Vanderbilt at Texas A&M

NBA

7 p.m. (BSFL): Milwaukee Bucks at Orlando Magic
7 p.m. (NBA): Philadelphia 76ers at Brooklyn Nets
9:30 p.m. (NBA): Golden State Warriors at Denver Nuggets

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11:30 a.m. (ESPN): Duke's Mayo Bowl – North Carolina vs South Carolina
12 p.m. (ESPNU): Valero Alamo Bowl – Oregon vs Oklahoma (Taped)
3 p.m. (ESPN): Transperfect Music City Bowl – Tennessee vs Purdue
7 p.m. (ESPN): Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl – Pittsburgh vs Michigan State
10:30 p.m. (ESPN): SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl – Wisconsin vs Arizona State

HOCKEY

4:30 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Czech Republic vs Austria
7 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Slovakia vs Switzerland
7 p.m. (SUN): Tampa Bay Lightning at Florida Panthers

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER
3:10 p.m. (NBCSPT): Manchester United vs Burnley

<p>Tuesday, Dec. 21 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Boise, Idaho Wyoming 52, Kent State 38 Frisco Bowl Frisco, Texas San Diego St. 38, UTSA 24</p> <p>Wednesday, Dec. 22 Armed Forces Bowl Fort Worth, Texas Army 24, Missouri 22</p> <p>Thursday, Dec. 23 Frisco Football Classic Frisco, Texas Miami (Ohio) 27, North Texas 14 Gasparilla Bowl Tampa, Fla. UCF 29, Florida 17</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl Honolulu Memphis (6-6) vs. Hawaii (6-7), canceled</p> <p>Saturday, Dec. 25 Camellia Bowl Montgomery, Ala. Georgia St. 51, Ball St. 20</p> <p>Monday, Dec. 27 Quick Lane Bowl Detroit W. Michigan 52, Nevada 24</p> <p>Military Bowl Annapolis, Md. Boston College (6-6) vs. East Carolina (7-5), canceled</p>	<p>Rose Bowl Pasadena, Calif. No. 7 Ohio St. (10-2) vs. No. 10 Utah (10-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)</p> <p>Sugar Bowl New Orleans No. 6 Baylor (11-2) vs. No. 8 Mississippi (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)</p> <p>Tuesday, Jan. 4 Texas Bowl Houston LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas St. (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)</p> <p>Monday, Jan. 10 College Football Championship Indianapolis Semifinal winners, 8 p.m. (ESPN) &lt;</p>
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NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	427	264
New England	9	6	0	.600	388	260
Miami	8	7	0	.533	355	315
e-N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	276	449
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	10	5	0	.667	357	326
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	420	316
e-Houston	4	11	0	.267	248	401
e-Jacksonville	2	13	0	.133	217	396
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	410	324
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	355	356
Pittsburgh	7	7	1	.500	301	371
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	314	329
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	421	306
L.A. Chargers	8	7	0	.533	408	411
Las Vegas	8	7	0	.533	316	387
Denver	7	8	0	.467	298	260

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East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	457	307
Phila.	8	7	0	.533	398	318
Washington	6	9	0	.400	297	407
e-N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	248	365
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Tampa Bay	11	4	0	.733	442	312
Atlanta	7	8	0	.467	278	400
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	316	305
e-Carolina	5	10	0	.333	277	345
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	383	324
Minnesota	7	8	0	.467	384	372
e-Chicago	5	10	0	.333	265	373
e-Detroit	2	12	1	.167	259	386
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-L.A. Rams	11	4	0	.733	416	326
x-Arizona	10	5	0	.667	394	306
San Francisco	8	7	0	.533	377	334
e-Seattle	5	10	0	.333	306	307

Thursday's Games
Tennessee 20, San Francisco 17

Saturday's Games
Green Bay 24, Cleveland 22
Indianapolis 22, Arizona 16

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 20, Detroit 16
Buffalo 33, New England 21
Cincinnati 41, Baltimore 21
Houston 41, L.A. Chargers 29
L.A. Rams 30, Minnesota 23
N.Y. Jets 26, Jacksonville 21
Phila. 34, N.Y. Giants 13
Tampa Bay 32, Carolina 6
Chicago 25, Seattle 24
Kansas City 36, Pittsburgh 10
Las Vegas 17, Denver 13
Dallas 56, Washington 14

Monday's Games
Miami 20, New Orleans 3

Sunday, Jan. 2
Atlanta at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at New England, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Phila. at Washington, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 3
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

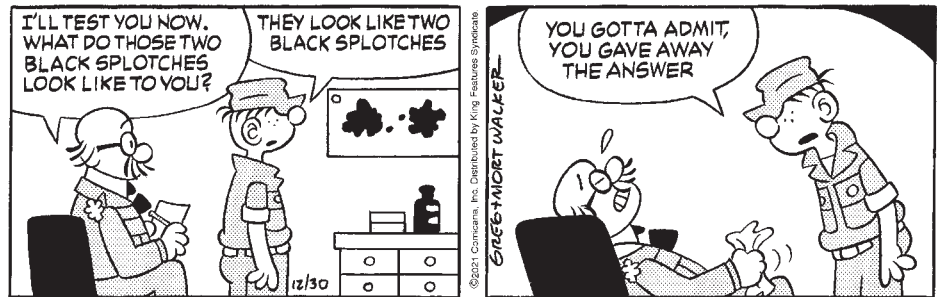
Kuznetsov, Caps return with win



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Washington Capitals' T.J. Oshie (77) runs into Nashville Predators' Philip Tomasino (26) during the second period of Wednesday's game, in Washington.

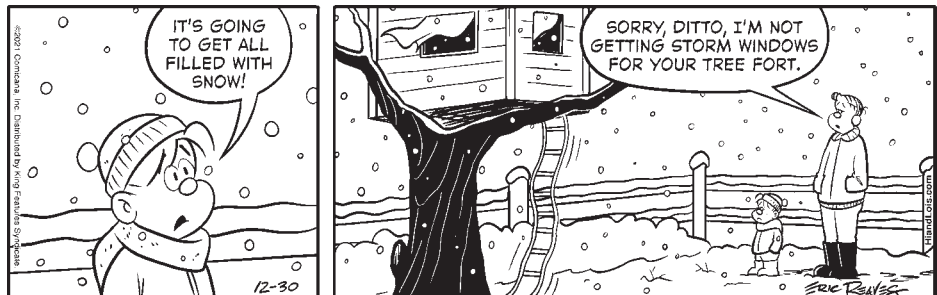
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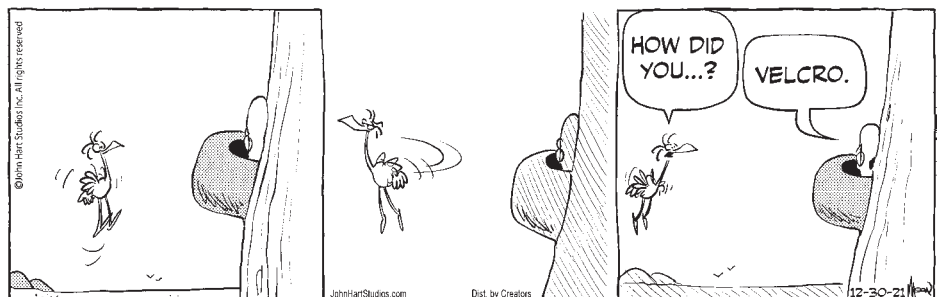
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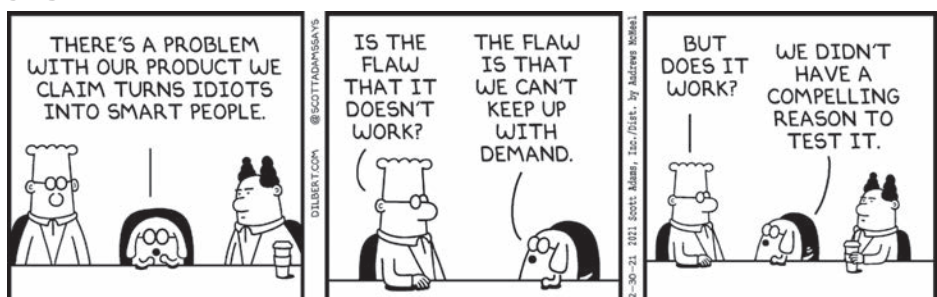
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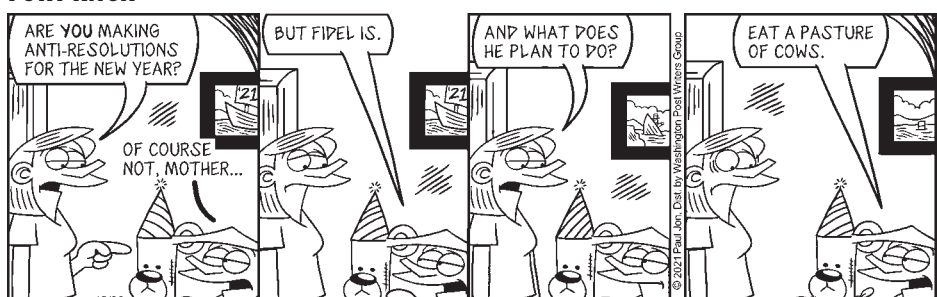
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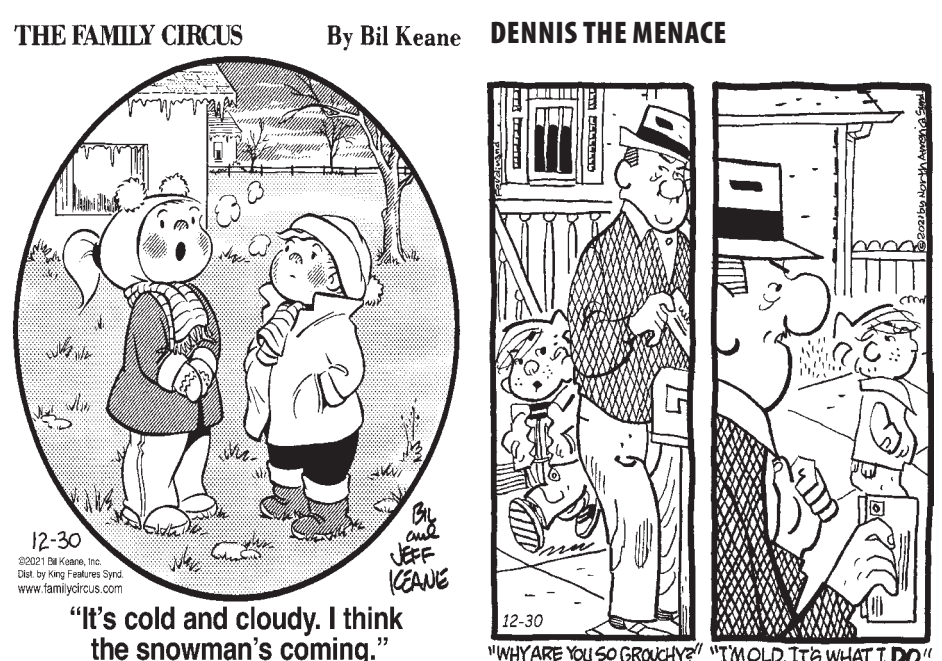
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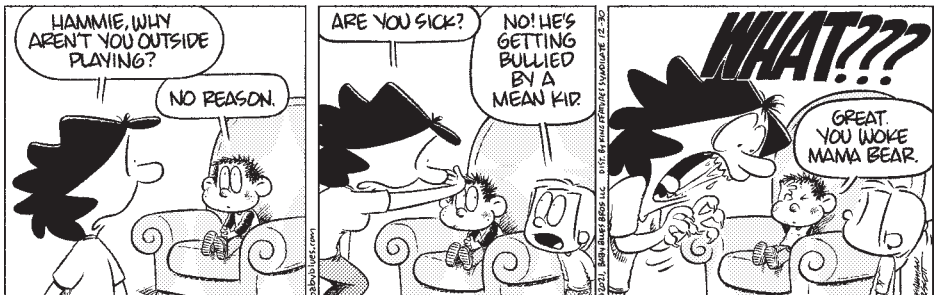
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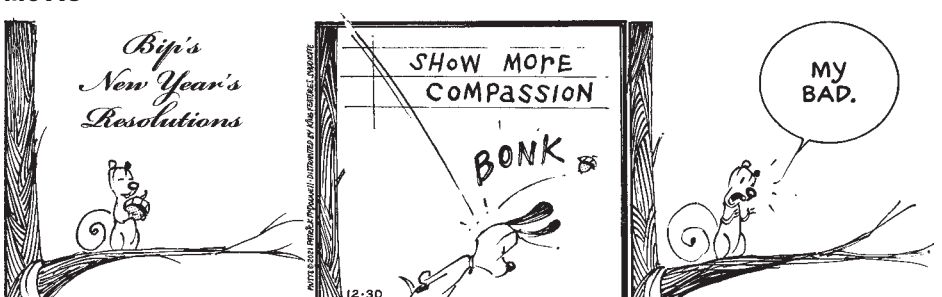
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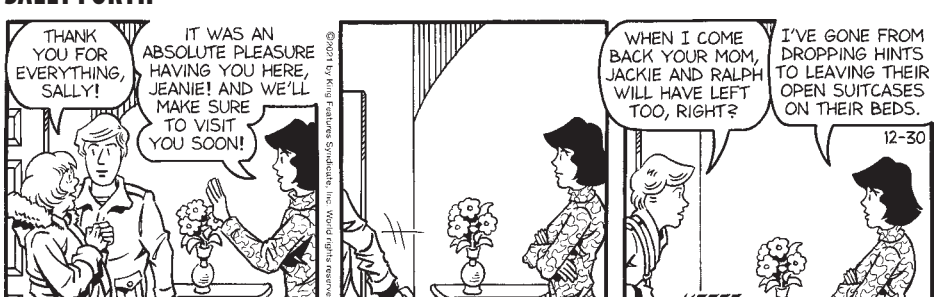
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ASTROGRAPH

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

Surround yourself with individuals who contribute to your mental, physical and emotional well-being. Your happiness is dependent on the decisions you make. Don't be afraid to do things differently or to change course midstream. Follow your heart and indulge in what brings you joy. Seize the moment and take control of your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't hesitate; if there is something you want to change, do so with enthusiasm. Use your power of persuasion to enlist the help of others. Romance is on the rise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep your life simple and your overhead low. Spend time working on a schedule that will help you get in shape. Be ready to take on new adventures. Hard work and dedication will pay off.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Tag along with someone who shares your interests, and you'll get a different perspective regarding what's possible. Don't hesitate

to let your intuition lead the way. Unleash your creativity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Go over money matters, and make sure you've taken care of anything that needs to be updated before the year ends. Leave nothing to chance or in someone else's hands. A last-minute adjustment will pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've got the moves, so don't hesitate to make things happen. Say what's on your mind and set standards for others to follow. Don't wait for someone to act; it's up to you to initiate change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll have plenty of energy, so put it to good use. Take the initiative to finish what you start. Tie up loose ends and start thinking about what you want to do next. Cut ties with abusive people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll be in the mood to make positive personal changes. Forming partnerships and putting plans in motion that bring you closer to a loved one are favored. Leave nothing to chance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may want to be wild and crazy, but don't take risks that

could damage your reputation. Concentrate on activities that lead to personal growth, self-improvement and less drama.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Get together with friends or spend quality time with a loved one. Discuss your plans and prepare to head in a direction that ensures stability and personal security. Don't overreact or make assumptions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Reevaluate your life and eliminate what no longer matters to you. Beginning the new year with a plan will lead to a brighter future. Stop hesitating; let go of the past and move forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A creative pastime will spark your interest. Consider taking a course or developing something that brings you joy. Don't limit your potential; take advantage of your assets and capabilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't be fooled by what others say. Verify information before you pass it along. Concentrate on getting things done. Don't share personal information with anyone who could use it against you.

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Thursday, Dec. 30

"American Underdog" PG:

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"Sing 2" PG: noon, 1, 3:45, 7,

9:45 p.m.

"The King's Man" R: 11:45 a.m.,

3:15, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.

"The Matrix Resurrections" R:

11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 10:15 p.m.

"Spider-man: No Way Home"

PG13: 11 a.m., 2:30, 3, 6:30, 7:15,

10, 10:35 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 31

"American Underdog" PG:

11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:30, 11 p.m.

"Sing 2" PG: 12:15, 3:30, 7:45,

11:15 p.m.

"The King's Man" R: noon, 3:45,

7:15, 10:45 p.m.

"The Matrix Resurrections" R:

11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 10:15 p.m.

"Spider-man: No Way Home"

PG13: 11, 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 3,

6:30, 7, 10, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 1

"American Underdog" PG:

11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:30, 11 p.m.

"Sing 2" PG: 12:15, 3:30, 7:45,

11:15 p.m.

"The King's Man" R: noon, 3:45,

7:15, 10:45 p.m.

"The Matrix Resurrections" R:

11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 10:15 p.m.

"Spider-man: No Way Home"

PG13: 11, 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 3,

6:30, 7, 10, 10:30 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 31

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5040-1230 THCRN
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serves the right to bid.

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FORECLOSURE

5035-1230 THCRN Ann L. Krunsky
2019 CA 000681 Notice of Rescheduled Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2019 CA 000681

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United
States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a
Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANN L. KRUNSKY; et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order Res-
cheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on December 10, 2021, by
the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the Clerk of
Court or any of her duly authorized deputies, will sell the prop-
erty situated in Citrus County, Florida, described as:

Lot 17, Block 705, of CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT NO. 14, accord-
ing to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, pages
110-115, public records of Citrus County, Florida.

to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 27, 2022, on-
line at www.citrus.realforeclose.com,
beginning at 10:00 A.M. subject to all ad valorem taxes and as-
sessments for the real property
described above.

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ance. Please contact ADA Coordinator at the Office of the
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Apopka Ave, Inverness, Fl 34450, Telephone (352)341-6700,
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FORECLOSURE

5042-0106 THCRN Rafferty McDougall 1000007278
2021 CA 000781 A Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS
COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2021 CA 000781 A

MIDFIRST BANK
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS,
TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF RAFFERTY MCDUGALL
A/K/A RAFFERTY BRUCE MULOCK MCDUGALL, DE-
CEASED, ET AL.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIEN-
ORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF RAFFERTY MCDOU-
GALL A/K/A RAFFERTY BRUCE MULOCK MCDUGALL, DE-
CEASED

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LOT 22, BLOCK 611 OF CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT 9, ACCORD-
ING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK
6, PAGE(S) 61 THROUGH 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy
of your written defenses, if any, to it on eXL Legal, PLLC,
Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North,
Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before January 29,
2022 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 110 N
Apopka Ave, Inverness, FL 34450, either before service on
Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default
will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the com-
plaint petition.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 22nd day of
December, 2021.

Angela Vick
Clerk of the Circuit Court

(SEAL) By: /s/Kyle Klauder
Deputy Clerk

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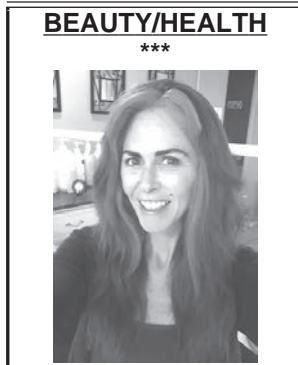
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5049-1230 THCRN PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITRUS COUNTY WATER & WASTEWATER AUTHORITY will meet on **Monday, January 10, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room #166, Lecanto, Florida, 34461, such matters as may properly come before the Authority including: Rolling Oaks Rate Case

This meeting is open to the public.
Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Office of Utility Regulation, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 3446, Telephone (352) 527-5214, at least one week before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD Telephone (352) 527-5312.

Published December 30, 2021

LIENS

5048-1230 THCRN

Notice of Sale - SMITTY'S AUTO INC
Per Florida Statute 713.78, notice is given that the undersigned intends to sell these vehicles/vessels at a public sale by competitive bidding at **9:00 AM** on the respective dates and locations. Items are sold AS IS and must be paid for in cash and removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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1988 ANGLER ANGFO033F788 1/18/22

LIENS

2005 HMDE NOVIN0201145589 1/18/22

8023 SERENE ST, SPRING HILL, FL 34613
1971 OLDS 342671M102705 1/21/22

11153 ELGIN BLVD, SPRING HILL, FL 34608
1965 FORD 5H17C137710 2/2/22

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LEGALS

5045-1230 THCRN PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Name

Notice under Fictitious Name Law. pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:
C AND M PROPERTIES
located at 3088 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando, FL 34442 in the County of Citrus, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.

Dated at Hernando, FL, this 27th day of December, 2021.
Skip Cravin & J. P. McElroy
Owners
Published December 30, 2021

FORECLOSURE

5046-0120 THCRN 2020 CP 000188

Notice of Action Nancy Jo Alessi
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE Fifth JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR Citrus COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION File # 2020 CP 000188.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Alessi, Joseph Deceased.
Patty Alessi, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph Alessi, Deceased
Petitioner
Vs.
Nancy Jo Alessi, AKA Nancy J. Alessi
AKA Nancy Alessi
And any unknown or unascertained
Descendants, heirs and Devises of Nancy Jo Alessi
Respondents

NOTICE OF ACTION - Constructive Service

TO: Nancy Jo Alessi and any unknown or unascertained Descendants, heirs and Devises of Nancy Jo Alessi

YOUR ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to determine beneficiaries in the estate of Joseph Alessi, Deceased, has been in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Citrus County, Florida and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to it, if any, to:

Ronald A. Jones
Attorney for Plaintiff

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15600 A S US Hwy 441, Summerfield FL 34491

on or before January 29, 2022 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, 110 N Apopka Ave, Inverness, FL 34450

Attn: Probate either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of this Court on Dec. 16, 2021
Angela Vick
CLERK OF THE COURT

{{County Court Seal}}

By: /s/ M. Mothershed
As Deputy Clerk

Published December 30, 2021 and January 6, 13 & 20, 2022

FORECLOSURE

5044-1230 THCRN 2020 CA 65

Notice of Sale Debra Ann Dittrich v. Amy M. Gronert & Mehdi. . .
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2020 CA 65
DEBRA ANN DITTRICH, TRUSTEE OF THE DEBRA ANN DITTRICH REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 06/29/2016,
Plaintiff,
vs.
AMY M. GRONERT and MEHDI TAHIRI, et al.,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 21, 2021, in Case No. 2020-CA-65, of the County Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, in which DEBRA ANN DITTRICH, Trustee of the Debra Ann Dittrich Revocable Trust Dated 06/29/2016, is Plaintiff, and AMY GRONERT and MEHDI TAHIRI, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.citrus.realforeclosure.com. the Clerk's website for online auctions at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022**, the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment for Foreclosure:

Lot 1, Crooked Stick Village, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 15, Pages 85 and 86, of the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida
DATED this 23rd day of December, 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been furnished via Electronic Transmission to Chigozie Ofor, Esquire, Counsel for Defendants, cfl@cfcloridalaw.com, this 23rd day of December, 2021.

KAREN O. GAFFNEY, P.A.
205 West Dampier Street
Inverness, FL 34450
Email: pleadings@karengaffney.com
Attorney for Plaintiff
By: /s/ Karen O. Gaffney, Esquire
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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle 12/30/21

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

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

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Thursday, December 30, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- RANGIER

(RANGIER: RANE-gee-er: Taller and more slender.)

Average mark 21 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 28 or more words in RANGIER?
The list will be published tomorrow.

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

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1 Sonar's sound
5 At the stern
8 Mansion staffer
12 Zone
13 Islet
14 Cuzco builder
15 British noble
16 High peak
17 Curb
18 Canceled, as a launch (hyph.)
20 Sweltering
22 Before, to poets
24 Bring action
25 Toward the rudder
28 Pass back and forth
32 Movie studio
33 Type of arch
35 "The Banana Boat Song" (hyph.)
36 Son of Odin
38 Porker's plaint

DOWN

1 Chum
2 Hematite yield

ACROSS

40 13th Hebrew letter
41 Cosmologist Carl —
43 Joined
45 Smoked salmon
47 Aberdeen's river
48 Not as hot
51 Greed's cousin
54 Asian princess
55 Pinch, in a way
57 Eggnog time
59 Murray or Rice
60 Gold, in Peru
61 Jazzy James
62 Thomas Hardy heroine
63 Omaha's st.
64 Grass skirt accessories

DOWN

3 Fiddling despot
4 Gizmo
5 FBI acronym
6 Pool table cover
7 Errors in print
8 Interpret wrongly

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	A	B	B	A			Z	I	P	P	Y		
F	U	R	O	R	S		P	A	R	L	O	R	
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9 Debate side
10 Clinched, as a deal
11 Reservoir boundary
19 Sandwich cookie
21 Massage
23 Thus
25 Turkish official
26 Polluted air
27 Sedaka or Simon
29 Repute
30 Did Easter eggs
31 — Kippur
32 Map abbr.
34 Tennyson heroine
37 Political conventions
39 Nudge, perhaps
42 Go-ahead
44 Doghouse
46 TV tube gas
48 Thick head of hair
49 Small hotels
50 Seldom seen
52 November word
53 Big Foot cousin
54 Informer
56 Float along
58 Vegas lead-in

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1. Might dispatch, as a dragon (1)

2. Disposable cleansing cloth sort (1)

3. Hard-nosed Laura with an Oscar (1)

4. Molar gumshoe (1)

5. Deal finalizer's brainteasers (2)

6. Char a large, coarse fern (2)

7. White House-dwelling U.S. leader (3)

5. CLOSERS POSERS
6. BLACKEN BRACKEN
7. RESIDENT PRESTIDENT
1. MAY SLAY
2. WIPE TYPE
3. STERN DEERN
4. TOOTH SLEUTH
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FORECLOSURE

5024-0106 THCRN Tammy Mowat
2020-CA-471 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY FLORIDA
Case No.: 2020-CA-471

MAHALEY, LLC.
A Tennessee Limited Liability Company
Plaintiff,
And
TAMMY MOWAT, Individually, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to that certain Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 3, 2021, and entered in Case No. 2020-CA-471, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Citrus County, Florida in which MAHALEY, LLC is the Plaintiff and in which TAMMY MOWAT, and ESTATE OF MICHAEL COLLIER are the Defendant. The Office of Angela Vick, Clerk of the Circuit Court will offer for sale and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by electronic sale beginning at **10:00 A.M. on January 20, 2022** at www.citrus.realforeclose.com the following described real property as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment:

Lots 8 and 9, Block E, of LEISURE ACRES, UNIT I
According to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5
Pages 13, 14,15, and 16, Public Records of Citrus County,
Florida.

FORECLOSURE

Together with: 1985 Mobile Home ID# 33610175U and 1985 Mobile Home ID # SSMFLAC71760

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/s/ STEVEN D. FICHTMAN, ESQ. Fla. Bar No. 0014302
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FORECLOSURE

5034-1230 THCRN Harvey Schonbrun
2021-CA-694-A Notice of Action - Property
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2021-CA-694-A

HARVEY SCHONBRUN, TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CODY E. HEAD, BRANDON A. HEAD, ADAM S. HEAD, CITRUS COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS, and ANY OTHER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JANICE GORDON aka JANICE SUE HEAD, DECEASED,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - PROPERTY

TO:
CODY E. HEAD, whose residence is UNKNOWN, and whose last known mailing address is: 1375 Old Murray Road, Mars Hill, NC 28754

FORECLOSURE

BRANDON A. HEAD, whose residence is UNKNOWN, and whose last known mailing address is: 5249 S Knobhill Terrace, Homosassa, FL 34446

ANY OTHER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JANICE GORDON aka JANICE SUE HEAD, DECEASED, whose residences are UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage in and to the following property in Citrus County, Florida:

Lot 8-D, Proposed GULF HIGHLAND LAND, UNIT NO. 10, an un-recorded subdivision more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 17 East; thence South 0 degrees 28' 56" East along the East line of said Northwest 1/4 a distance of 1250.04 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 0 degrees 28'56" East along said East line a distance of 100 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49'54" West 100 feet; thence North 0 degrees 28'56" East 100 feet; thence North 88 degrees 49'54" East 100 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1979 PINE Double-wide Mobile Home ID#’s L2088PA, Title # 19669409 & L2088PB, Title #19669410, which is permanently affixed to the real property in accordance with Florida Statute 319.261.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the plaintiffs' attorney, whose name and address is: Harvey Schonbrun, Esquire, 1802 North Morgan Street, Tampa, Florida 33602-2328, on or before 30 days of first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this court either before service of plaintiffs' attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated this 14th December, 2021.
ANGELA VICK
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
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/s/ Hanora Cassels
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