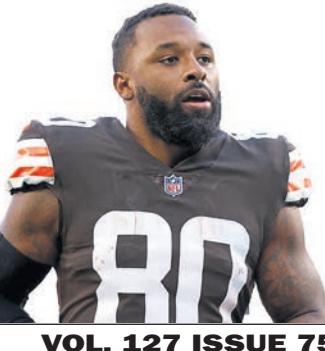


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NEWS BRIEFS

Lawmakers could set rules for school board comments

A Senate Republican filed a proposal Friday that would set requirements for school boards to take public comment during meetings, including requiring



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that speakers be allowed to criticize individual board members.

The bill, filed by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, comes amid a turbulent time for school boards, which have faced protests and opposition about issues such as mask mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill (SB 1300), in part, would require school boards to set aside at least 30 minutes at the beginning of meetings for public comment. It also would require boards to give individual speakers at least three minutes to address each item on meeting agendas. In addition, it would allow "speakers to criticize individual district school board members, provided that the speaker maintains orderly conduct and proper decorum." The bill also would add the right to be heard at school board meetings to a list of parental rights in state law.

Democrats to host health care enrollment event

The Citrus County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) is working to facilitate enrollments into Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans by partnering with the Florida Care Assurance Group, Citrus County Department of Health and local hospitals.

More than 6,400 eligible Citrus County residents have yet to enroll in a no-cost or low-cost plan.

Citrus County DEC will host an enrollment event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 19 at their office, 1645 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Lecanto. Individuals interested in learning more about the ACA plans and if they qualify can meet directly with representatives from Florida Care.

Activities for children, snacks and beverages will be provided. Vaccinations will also be available. For more information, contact Joe Adams at joseph.adamssr@gmail.com or 352-513-3001.

Police-escorted ride will honor veterans

Join the American Legion Riders Chapter 237 and veterans for "Wreaths for Our Fallen Heroes," a police-escorted ride to Bushnell National Cemetery Dec. 19. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with kickstands up at 10 a.m.

Participants will line up at Crystal Harley Davidson, 1147 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa, and take wreaths to Bushnell to place on gravesites. For the past four years, they have honored veterans by placing wreaths at an isolated area of the cemetery for the holidays to ensure veterans and families are not forgotten.

Citrus jobless rate 5th highest in state

By MICHAEL D. BATES
 Chronicle Reporter

County's jobless rate in November was down from 5.1 percent in October.

Here were the November highlights:

■ Citrus County's labor force shrank by 410 over the month to 48,525

■ The number of employed dropped by 264 to 46,158

■ The number of unemployed fell by 146 to 2,367.

■ Compared to November 2020 when the unem-

ployment rate was 5.3 percent, the labor force grew by 2,545, there were 2,598 more employed and 53 fewer unemployed.

Florida's rate in November was 3.6 percent, down from 4.0 percent. The nation's rate was 3.9 percent, down from 4.3%.

Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, said while Marion County in December continues to show growth in la-

bor force and employment, Citrus and Levy show a pre-holiday season drop in those numbers as well as the number of unemployed.

"At first glance, this signals the vulnerability of their economy in these times," Skinner said in a press release. "While many speculate that 'government benefits' may be resulting in people not returning to work or leaving work, data shows a

different picture.

"Critical factors regarding failure to return to work or leaving work and not returning include early retirement, access to and ability to pay for childcare, looking for a better paying job and family lifestyle adjustments for second family earners," Skinner added.

Michael D. Bates is a staff writer with the Citrus County Chronicle and can be reached at mbates@chronicleonline.com



Nancy Kennedy / Chronicle Reporter

Carmon Forbus operates God's Shed of Love, a ministry outreach to homeless people providing them with personal hygiene care packages and other necessities out of a "she shed" her husband bought her.

'God's shed of love'

Woman creates care bags for the homeless

By NANCY KENNEDY
 Chronicle Reporter

On a cold night about 12 years ago, as Carmon Forbus left work she saw a man walking down the street with no shoes and no jacket on.

It was bitterly cold that night, she said, and she didn't have a jacket with her or anything she could offer the man.

"When I got home, I told my husband about it, grabbed one of his jackets and some socks and a blanket, and then the next morning I went to work really early to see if I could find him, but I never did.

"It weighed on my mind," she said, "and as weeks went by I kept thinking: How many more people like him are out there?"

She wanted to do something, but she didn't know what she could do.

After seeking out Doug Alexander, who has been serving the homeless population in Citrus County regularly for years through



Care packages from God's Shed of Love ready to go for homeless people.

his church, the New Church Without Walls, Forbus began making personal hygiene kits, which she calls care bags, filled with socks, a wash cloth, soap, shampoo, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a comb and a razor.

She also began making first aid kits with bandage strips, antibiotic ointment, hand sanitizer, hand wipes, a candle and matches.

"At first, I made 12, and then I made 24 care bags and 24 snack bags (monthly) for years, bringing them to Pastor Doug who would give them out to people."

Then it began to snowball. She had been working out of a spare room in her home, but every time her grandchildren came to visit, she'd have to put everything away so they wouldn't get into it.

One day last year, some co-workers at the bank where she works told her she needed a "she shed."

Two months later, her husband bought her a shed and equipped it with everything she needs to create these care bags — shelves and cupboards and a countertop/workspace.

"I have my music, I've got the A/C set at 75 degrees, I've got a little refrigerator, and I come out here for at least an hour every night to do my work," she said.

"I was doing my thing, and then one day I was delivering bags to Doug and he said, 'Carmon, what you're doing is wonderful, but we need to do more.'

"I said, 'How?' and he told me I needed to tell people about it," she said.

That didn't sit well with her, she said. All along,

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Vet pays off past due utility bills in Florida city

GULF BREEZE (AP) — A man who was reward-

ed by the Planters peanut company for being a good Samaritan is continuing to help others in his Florida Panhandle city.

Over the previous two Christmas seasons, Mike Esmond donated about \$12,000 to pay off utility bills for people in Gulf Breeze who needed some extra help. Then, in March, Planters sent Esmond a check for \$104,000 for his good works as part of the

company's "A Nut Above" campaign.

Since then, Esmond has continued helping with past-due utility bills, paying off balances for 677 accounts.

"In other words, I paid everybody's past-due account for a while, about March to August, like six months straight," Esmond told the Pensacola News Journal. "Nobody that had their utilities, Gulf Breeze utilities, had anything disconnected."

Last week, Esmond donated funds to pay off 29 accounts, putting his total donations at about \$85,000 this year and more than \$96,000 over the past three years.

He said he's continuing his effort in hopes of inspiring others.

Esmond said it's been touching to hear how the donations have helped older Gulf Breeze residents who may need additional assistance.

"I've had some older, re-

tired people call me crying on the phone, because I paid their bills, because they live on Social Security, and they don't know what's going on," Esmond told the newspaper. "So it's not only families. There's older single people that you know, are in this predicament also."

Esmond runs Gulf Breeze Pools and Spas, which he started in 2010. The U.S. Army veteran said he was inspired to help with utility

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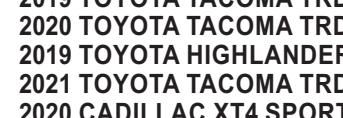
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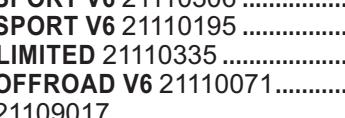
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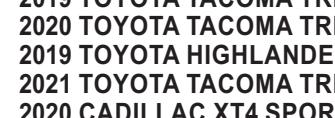
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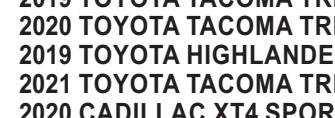
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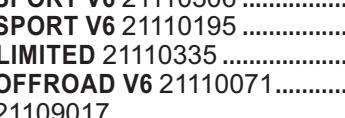
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Retired nurses to have holiday party

The Citrus/Marion Retired Nurses are having their holiday party at 11 a.m. Dec. 20 at the Inverness Golf and Country Club, 3150 S. Country Club Drive in Inverness.

Come enjoy some light entertainment, followed by lunch. The cost for lunch is \$15. Those who wish may bring a \$15 gift to exchange. Dues of \$10 are due for 2022.

Contact Judy Herron at 352-860-0232 or jheron2@aol.com

AARP to have Safe Driving Class

AARP will have their next Safe Driving Class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 4 at Brown Funeral Home, 5430 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Lecanto. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Bring a check payable to AARP, lunch and a sweater.

Call Pat Hubbell, instructor, at 352-586-2731.

Knights announce next blood drive

The next blood drive for the Knights of Columbus Council 6168, Our Lady of Grace Parish, will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the council hall, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto.

The life-giving gift of blood is a great holiday gift to family, friends and neighbors in their time of need. As a Christmas treat, an enhanced complimentary breakfast is planned, along with tokens of appreciation for all donors.

Red Cross lifeguard certification

The City of Inverness is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification Class on the following dates at Whispering Pines Park Pool, 1700 Forest Drive in Inverness:

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 30
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 2
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan 3
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 4

There is a mandatory prerequisite swim from 2 to 3 p.m. Dec. 19. The \$150 registration fee is due after completion of the swim.

Swimmers must demonstrate the following:

- Swim 300 yard continuously.

■ Proper kick, stroke and rhythmic breathing using the breaststroke/freestyle.

- Tread water for 2 minutes using legs only.

■ Swim 20 yards (no goggles), surface dive to 10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, swim on back holding the object, return to the starting point and exit the water within 1 minute and 40 seconds.

Candidates must be 15 years old, pass the prerequisite swim, turn in completion for online studies and attend all class sessions.

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Man accused of two separate burglaries

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

A 23-year-old Beverly Hills man was arrested Dec. 15 in connection to two separate residential burglaries, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

For the first incident, Vincent Mugnolo was arrested on charges of grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000) and burglary – residence – unoccupied. Bond was set at \$7,000.

Mugnolo was arrested a second time the same day for grand theft (\$100 or more but less than \$750 from dwelling), traffic or endeavor to traffic in stolen

property and burglary – residence – unoccupied. Bond was set at \$12,000.

On Dec. 13, deputies responded to a Floral City residence in reference to a theft that had just occurred.

While approaching Mugnolo to retrieve the mower, the witness was reportedly struck in the face before Mugnolo left the scene. The witness was able to return the mower to the victim. The victim later told deputies he wanted to press charges for the alleged theft and said the mower was valued at \$1,000. On Dec. 14, deputies made contact with Mugnolo, where he was detained and read his Miranda rights.



MUGNOLO

According to the report, the witness walked toward the individual to assist them before realizing it was not the victim. Instead, Mugnolo was pushing the mower toward a trail in the woods.

While approaching Mugnolo to retrieve the mower, the witness was reportedly struck in the face before Mugnolo left the scene. The witness was able to return the mower to the victim.

The victim later told deputies he wanted to press charges for the alleged theft and said the mower was valued at \$1,000. On Dec. 14, deputies made contact with Mugnolo, where he was detained and read his Miranda rights.

Mugnolo alleged the victim showed him the mower, sold it to him for \$300, but he did not bring it home at the time of the payment. He alleged he attempted to make contact with the victim several times, so he tried to retrieve it himself.

On Dec. 14, deputies were dispatched to a Hernando residence in reference to a separate burglary incident.

The victim alleged she returned from work to discover her TV, PlayStation 4, air compressor and toolbox were missing. The total value of the items were estimated at \$660. The victim's neighbor

allowed deputies to view his video surveillance. According to the report, deputies identified Mugnolo, who backed his red truck into the victim's driveway.

Upon making contact with Mugnolo, he reportedly admitted post Miranda to entering the victim's residence and taking the items because he needed the money.

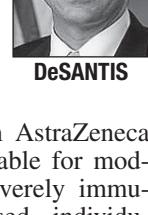
Mugnolo reportedly sold the TV to an associate and pawned the PlayStation 4 for \$100. This transaction was later confirmed and Mugnolo was arrested.

Hannah Sachewicz can be reached at hannah.sachewicz@chronicleonline.com or 352-564-2929.

Governor DeSantis promotes preventative antibody for immunocompromised patients

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

OCALA — Gov. Ron DeSantis, joined by Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo, announced Friday, Dec. 17, a new long-acting COVID-19 monoclonal antibody



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cussed Healthier You, the Florida Department of Health's new initiative, which serves as a one-stop shop for Floridians to access resources to promote a healthy lifestyle.

AstraZeneca's Evusheld is authorized for:

Individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised or are taking immunosuppressive medications and may not mount an adequate immune response to COVID-19 vaccines.

Individuals with a history of severe adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines and/or components of the vaccines or its ingredients.

Eligible patients should contact their health care provider if interested. Locations that will administer this monoclonal antibody therapy can be found at www.FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov. The Florida Department of Health will continue to update the public as this therapy is delivered from the federal government and becomes available.

One dose of AstraZeneca's Evusheld, administered as two separate consecutive intramuscular injections (one injection per monoclonal antibody, given in immediate succession), may be effective for pre-exposure prevention for at least six months.

"According to clinical trials, recipients of this new monoclonal antibody therapy saw a 77 percent reduced risk of developing COVID-19," Dr. Ladapo said. "Under Gov. DeSantis' leadership, Florida continues safeguarding vulnerable populations and providing protection options to all. Beyond COVID-19, our Healthier You initiative bolsters efforts to improve Floridians' knowledge of how to best support their overall health."

From staying active to learning new recipes and boosting your nutritional intake, the Florida Department of Health works through Healthier You to educate the public on ways to improve habits and overall health. This is a resource that encourages Floridians of all ages to get active, go outside, improve nutrition, including vitamin D intake, or learn about COVID-19.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued an emergency use authorization (EUA)

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Police: Student brought loaded gun to school

By FREIDA FRISARO

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — A 16-year-old at a

South Florida high school was arrested Friday morning after authorities found a loaded firearm in a small bag, police said.

The arrest came as multiple schools across South Florida remained on lockdown following viral TikTok posts alluding to unconfirmed threats of violence that raised anxiety levels at schools nationwide.

The junior at Miramar High School was detained and searched due to his demeanor and for having a small bag with him that wasn't allowed due to testing in classrooms on Friday, said Miramar police spokeswoman Tania Rues.

Authorities found the loaded handgun and charged him with possessing a firearm on school grounds. The student isn't cooperating with detectives, and investigators don't yet know why he was carrying the gun, she said.

Investigators have not found any evidence of threats posted online by the teen, and it's not clear whether this case had anything to do with the TikTok threats, which prompted other schools in Broward County, the nation's sixth largest district, to lock down their campuses.

The TikTok threats represent an attack on the American education system, interim superintendent Vickie Cartwright said. Earlier this week, Broward's school board approved a \$26 million settlement to victims of the mass shooting at Mar-

orie Stoneman Douglas High School who accused the district of failing to do enough to prevent the massacre.

"We are under attack by a social media platform that will not intervene when it is necessary," Cartwright told a news conference on Friday. "I'm asking for our federal government at this point in time to intervene. We need help. I cannot fathom that any other country would allow this type of attack to be occurring on their education system."

Plantation South High School, just outside Fort Lauderdale, went into Code Red — the highest level of alert — on Friday morning after reports of someone being on campus with a gun, Plantation police said. A gas leak was also reported at the school.

Parents in nearby Cooper City were notified that Pioneer Middle School remained on Code Yellow on Friday "out of an abundance of caution." An email from Principal Robert Pappas said they were working with law enforcement to "ensure the safety of students." The school was on a Code Yellow lockdown on Thursday for similar reasons.

Officials in Miami-Dade County notified parents via Twitter that they were aware of "general social media" threats and planned to increase law enforcement at schools on Friday. The statement did not specifically mention the Tik Tok threat.

Both counties have experienced a wave of student arrests over online threats of violence at schools this month.

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By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

A glimpse of what's possible will push you in a new direction. Positive thoughts and actions will open doors. It's up to you to make your dreams come true. Don't sit back and wait for things to come to you. A lifestyle change will benefit you. The future is yours to conquer!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An emotional dust-up is apparent if you or someone close to you isn't forthright about feelings and intentions. Don't lead anyone on or be gullible, and you can avoid a misunderstanding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Adjust to the changes taking place. Look for the most suitable path and set a course in that direction. Challenge yourself, not others. Perfection comes from practice, discipline and persistence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't be fooled by what others do or say. Do the legwork, and you'll discover what you need to know and do to take advantage of an offer that comes your way. Avoid mind games.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll face an emotional situation that can affect your reputation. If you are truthful, you'll avoid being put in a precarious position. Don't take a risk.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take the path of least resistance. Now is not the time to start a fight or to bicker over something you cannot change. Focus on your strengths and bank on what you know you can do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An intelligent move will help reset your plans. Discussions with family and friends will offer insight into possibilities and give you the courage to stop procrastinating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Dedication and loyalty will pay off. A chance to gain ground financially is apparent if you are careful with your expenditures and invest in something worthwhile instead of nonessentials.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be careful not to send the wrong message to someone who can influence your position or reputation. Keep secrets to yourself until you are sure of what you want to do next. Romance will enhance your life.

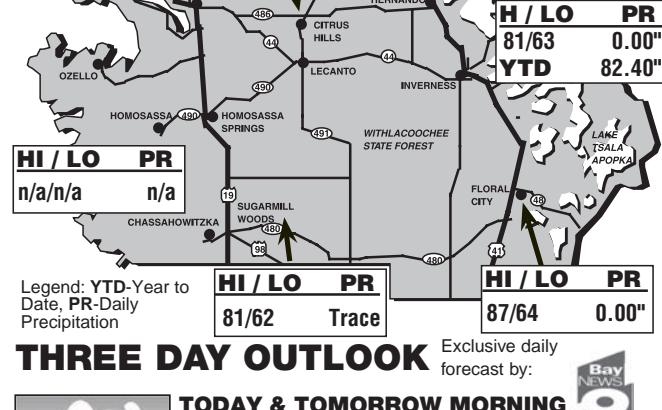
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Talk to people who spark your imagination, and you will receive some exciting ideas that can help you please a loved one. A little shopping will take you down memory lane and inspire an unusual pursuit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Emotions will mount if you don't have time to prepare for the changes you must make before the year ends. A disciplined attitude will come in handy when temptation strikes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone unexpected will put a smile on your face. Don't let things that happen due to stressful arrangements interfere with your ability to enjoy and be grateful for what you have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A compromise will help you decrease debt. Leave nothing to chance or unfinished. Put last-minute preparations in place to avoid letting down someone you care about. Personal improvement is favored.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 83° Low: 61°
Partly sunny and warm.

SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING
High: 79° Low: 64°
Partly sunny with a few showers possible.

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 75° Low: 61°
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Record* 90/25

Normal 72/44

Mean temp. 58

Departure from mean 15

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday 0.00"

Total for the month 0.06"

Total for the year 61.72"

Normal for the year 50.64"

As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org

UV INDEX:

4

0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate,

7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

30.17

DEW POINT

Yesterday at 3 p.m.

64°

HUMIDITY

Yesterday at 3 p.m.

82%

POLLEN COUNT**

Predominant: Trees

Sat

low med high

**Light - only extreme allergic will show symptoms, moderate - most allergic will experience symptoms, heavy - all allergic will experience symptoms.

AIR QUALITY

Yesterday observed

Good

PM2.5

Provided by ezfshn.com

Data from Crystal River Airport

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Since 1980s, U.S. chances of a white Christmas melt a bit

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

A white Christmas seems to be slowly morphing from a reliable reality to a dream of snowy holidays past for large swaths of the United States in recent decades.

Analysis of 40 years of December 25 U.S. snow measurements shows that less of the country now has snow for Christmas than in the 1980s.

That's especially true in a belt across the nation's mid-section – from Baltimore to Denver and a few hundred miles farther north. And snow that falls doesn't measure up to past depths.

Scientists say the decline in the number of white Christmases is relatively small and caution about drawing conclusions. But it's noticeable and matters mightily to some people like George Holland.

The retired Dubuque, Iowa, educator known for his front yard nativity scenes said snow on Christmas is supposed to be part of the holiday: "The one that makes my heart warm is after going to midnight Mass and coming outside and it's snowing."

But the weather in Dubuque hasn't cooperated in recent years. "We don't have white Christmas," said boutique owner Bill Kaes-

bauer. "We haven't had any in years."

The last one was in 2010 in Dubuque, which weather records show used to have white Christmases nearly two out of three years.

The average December temperature in the continental U.S. was a tad below freezing from 1981 to 1990, federal weather records show. And from 2011 to 2020, it was up to an average slightly above

35 degrees (just under 2 degrees Celsius), considerably above the freezing mark.

But what did that warming trend, natural weather variability and a western megadrought mean to white Christmases?

From 1981 to 1990, on average, almost 47 percent of the country had snow on the ground Christmas Day, with an average depth of 3.5 inches, according to an analysis of ground observation data

by the University of Arizona for The Associated Press. From 2011 to 2020, Christmas snow cover was down to 38 percent, with an average depth of 2.7 inches.

In 20 to 30 years "with climate warming, the prospects of a white Christmas in many parts of the U.S.A. will be slim indeed," said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado.

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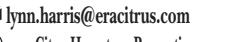
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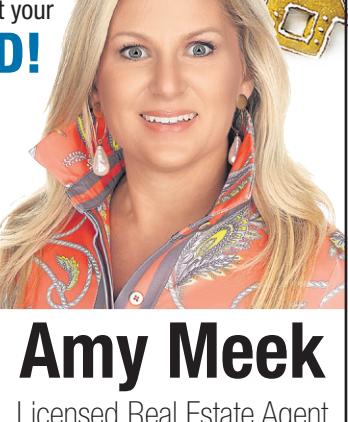


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Neil Langevin

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Neil Langevin of Beverly Hills, FL continued his journey to a better place on December 9, 2021. Neil was born in Bristol, CT on Dec. 9, 2021. He moved to Florida in 2017. He is survived by his parents, Paul and Katherine Langevin of Inverness, FL and his sister's Melissa Ouellette and Shelley Langevin of Bristol, CT. He loved the outdoors, gardening, plants and his fish, but most of all people. He gave more than he had. His giving heart and spirit will leave an unfillable emptiness to all who knew him. RIP Neil. Any donations can be sent to Living Waters Ministry in Beverly Hills, FL.



Fern Olivia (Hanna) DeLarco

Fern Olivia (Hanna) DeLarco, 91, of Spring Hill, FL peacefully passed away December 1, 2021. Cremation with Care arrangements provided by the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

EPA releases \$1B to clean up toxic waste sites in 24 states

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM

Associated Press

Nearly 50 toxic waste sites around the U.S. will be cleaned up, and ongoing work at dozens of others will get a funding boost, as federal environmental officials announced Friday a \$1 billion infusion to the Superfund program.

The money comes from the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that President Joe Biden signed into law last month and will help officials tackle a backlog of highly polluted Superfund sites in 24 states that have languished for years because of a lack of funding, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

About 60 percent of the sites to be cleaned up are in low-income and minority communities that have suffered disproportionately from contamination left by shuttered manufacturing plants, landfills and other abandoned industrial operations.

"No community should have to live in the shadows of contaminated waste sites," EPA Administrator Michael Regan said Friday at a news conference at the Lower Darby Creek Superfund site in Philadelphia, where a former landfill leached chemicals into soil and groundwater in the largely minority Eastwick neighborhood.

"With this funding, communities living near many of these most serious uncontrolled or abandoned releases of contamination will finally get the protection they deserve," said Regan, who has made environmental justice a top priority.

The funding is the first installment of a \$3.5 billion appropriation to the Super-

fund program from the bipartisan infrastructure law. The announcement comes a day after Regan disclosed plans to release \$2.9 billion in infrastructure law funds for lead pipe removal nationwide and to impose stricter rules to limit exposure to lead, a significant health hazard.

Sites to be cleaned up under the Superfund program include one in Roswell, New Mexico, where dry cleaners that went out of business almost 60 years ago laced the aquifer with toxic solvents; dozens of residential backyards in Lockport, New York, where a former felt manufacturer contaminated the soil with lead; and a residential and commercial district in Pensacola, Florida, where the defunct American Creosote Works once used toxic preservatives to treat wood poles and fouled the neighborhood's soil and groundwater.

In Philadelphia, fed-up residents approached the EPA in 2015 to push for cleanup of the contaminated Clearview Landfill. Work began two years later. More than 25,000 tons of contaminated soil has already been removed from nearly 200 residential properties, parks have been cleaned up and stream banks have been stabilized.

The \$30 million cash infusion from the infrastructure law will accelerate those efforts, with work to be completed in 2023 – a year ahead of schedule.

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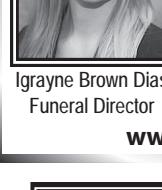
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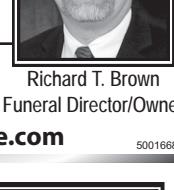
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Workers begin the disassembly of the pedestal that once held the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee on Monument Avenue Dec. 8 in Richmond, Va. Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam ordered the pedestal removed and the land granted to the City of Richmond.

Crews may have found 1887 time capsule in Lee statue base

By DENISE LAVOIE

Associated Press

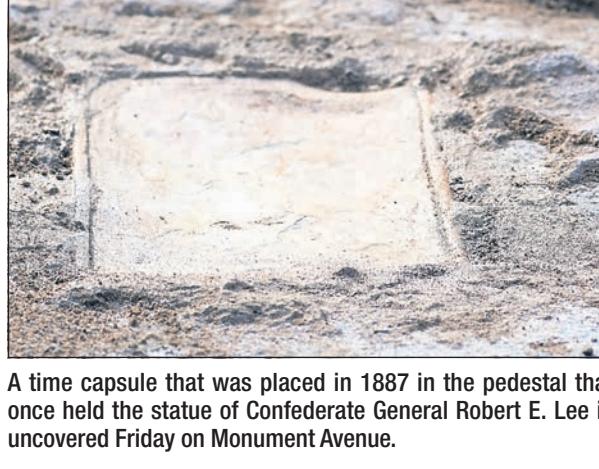
RICHMOND, Va. — Crews working to remove the pedestal where a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee towered over Richmond for more than a century believe they've found a time capsule that was buried there in 1887.

The massive bronze equestrian statue of Lee, erected in 1890, was taken down in September, more than a year after Gov. Ralph Northam ordered its removal after protests over racism and police brutality erupted across the country — including in Richmond — following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The day after the statue was removed, work crews spent more than 12 hours searching for the time capsule in the 40-foot tall pedestal, but were unable to locate it.

"It looks like it is (the time capsule)," said Clark Mercer, Northam's chief of staff. "We're hoping it hasn't been damaged by water over the last 100-plus years."

A newspaper article from 1887 suggests the capsule contains Civil War memorabilia and a "picture of



A time capsule that was placed in 1887 in the pedestal that once held the statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee is uncovered Friday on Monument Avenue.

ber believed it was tucked inside or under a cornerstone of the pedestal.

Northam said in a news release that the stone must be removed and lowered to the ground before historic preservation teams are able to confirm whether it is the time capsule.

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"We're hoping it hasn't been damaged by water over the last 100-plus years."

A newspaper article from 1887 suggests the capsule contains Civil War memorabilia and a "picture of

Lincoln lying in his coffin," although historians believe it's doubtful the picture is an actual photograph, which would be rare and valuable.

Records from the Library of Virginia suggest that 37 Richmond residents, organizations and businesses contributed about 60 objects to the capsule, many of which are believed to be related to the Confederacy.

If workers confirm the box is the time capsule, it will be transported to the state Department of Historic Resources to be opened using best practices for historic preservation to main-

tain the integrity of the artifacts.

The Lee statue, which became a symbol of racial injustice, was one of five Confederate tributes along Richmond's Monument Avenue and the only one that belonged to the state. The four city-owned statues were taken down in 2020, but the Lee statue removal was blocked by two lawsuits until a ruling from the Supreme Court of Virginia in September cleared the way for it to be taken down.

Northam announced earlier this month that the enormous pedestal would be removed, a reversal from September, when the governor said the pedestal would stay in place so its future could be determined by a community-driven effort to reimagine Monument Avenue.

After Floyd's murder in 2020, the Lee statue became a focal point of the racial justice movement in Richmond. Since then, the pedestal has been covered in graffiti, some of it profane and much of it denouncing the police. Some activists wanted to see it remain in place as a work of protest art.



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Vol. (in mil.)	7,430	7,178	DOW	35,800.11	35,284.26	35,365.44	-532.20	-1.48% +15.55%
Pvs. Volume	4,406	4,510	DOW Trans.	16,133.78	15,799.88	15,828.97	-172.36	-1.08% +26.56%
Advanced	1016	2001	DOW Util.	963.36	948.17	950.07	-12.80	-1.33% +9.88%
Declined	1464	1533	NYSE Comp.	16,849.09	16,626.54	16,668.64	-180.45	-1.07% +14.76%
New Highs	36	35	NASDAQ	15,288.78	14,960.37	15,169.68	-10.75	-0.07% +17.70%
New Lows	109	346	S&P 500	4,666.70	4,600.22	4,620.64	-48.03	-1.03% +23.02%
			S&P 400	2,752.78	2,700.31	2,728.08	-3.42	-0.13% +18.27%
			Wilshire 5000	47,442.54	46,675.87	47,028.32	-297.51	-0.63% +19.19%
			Russell 2000	2,186.36	2,124.74	2,173.93	+21.47	+1.00% +10.08%

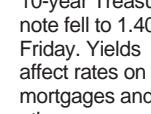
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NAME	TICKER	LO	52-WK RANGE			CLOSE	YTD	1YR	P/E	DIV
			HI	LOW	CHG					
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	33.88	23.78	.07	+0.3	▲	▼	-17.3	-20.7
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	145.06	139.83	-4.02	-2.8	▼	▼	▲	+23.2
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	79.67	59.79	+.39	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	-14.5
Bank of America	BAC	28.14	48.69	43.88	-1.12	-2.5	▼	▼	▲	+44.8
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	29.00	25.54	-1.31	-4.9	▼	▼	▲	+3.9
Citigroup	C	57.40	80.29	59.54	-1.53	-2.5	▼	▼	▼	-3.4
Disney	DIS	142.04	203.02	148.76	+.01	...	▼	▼	▼	-17.9
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	108.38	103.04	-1.50	-1.4	▲	▲	▲	+12.5
EPR Properties	EPR	29.79	56.07	44.78	+.02	...	▼	▼	▼	+37.8
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.03	29.29	25.72	+.05	+0.2	▲	▼	▼	-5.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.53	66.38	60.03	-1.34	-2.2	▼	▼	▲	+45.6
Ford Motor	F	8.43	21.49	19.77	-.58	-2.9	▼	▲	▲	+124.9
Gen Electric	GE	82.88	116.17	91.45	-1.08	-1.2	▼	▼	▼	+6.1
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	156.43	263.92	253.79	-.19	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	+54.3
Home Depot	HD	246.59	420.61	387.98	-11.55	-2.9	▼	▼	▲	+46.1
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	68.49	50.62	-.21	-0.4	▲	▲	▼	+1.6
IBM	IBM	114.56	152.84	127.40	+.14	+1.2	▲	▲	▼	+1.2
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	60.05	55.73	-.96	-1.7	▼	▼	▲	+58.1
Lowes Cos	LOW	150.84	263.31	248.09	-5.15	-2.0	▼	▼	▲	+54.6
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66	16.60	12.59	+.26	+2.1	▲	▼	▲	+29.1
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	266.89	261.70	-3.85	-1.4	▼	▲	▲	+22.0
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	349.67	323.80	-1.10	-0.3	▼	▼	▲	+45.6
Motorola Solutions	MSI	163.16	266.86	259.12	-2.64	-1.0	▼	▲	▲	+52.4
NextEra Energy	NEE	68.33	92.70	90.94	-1.29	-1.4	▲	▲	▲	+17.9
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	20.35	17.94	-.07	-0.4	▼	▼	▲	+10.5
Regions Fncl	RF	15.07	24.89	21.27	-.69	-3.1	▼	▼	▼	+31.9
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	140.65	136.41	-2.50	-1.8	▲	▲	▲	+18.0
Texas Instru	TXN	159.56	202.26	186.30	-1.94	-1.0	▼	▼	▼	+13.5
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	258.86	204.94	-.07	...	▲	▲	▼	-3.2
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.69	61.06	53.17	+.42	+0.8	▲	▲	▼	-9.5
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	20.36	15.20	+.14	+0.9	▲	▼	▼	-7.8
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	152.57	138.75	-4.59	-3.2	▼	▼	▼	-3.7
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.03	57.05	48.85	-.41	-0.8	▼	▲	▲	+22.5

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Interest rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.40% Friday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.05	.0509
6-month T-bill	.13	.1308
52-wk T-bill	.25	.2509
2-year T-note	.66	.64	+.02	.13
5-year T-note	1.18	1.19	-.01	.64
7-year T-note	1.34	1.36	-.02	.64
10-year T-note	1.40	1.42	-.02	.91
30-year T-bond	1.82	1.86	-.04	1.67

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L	WK	6MO	1YR
	AVG	AGO	AGO	AGO
48 month new car loan	3.57	▼	3.59	3.58
Money market account	0.07	—	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28	—	0.28	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	—	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.24	▼	3.25	3.20
15 year fixed mortgage	2.52	▼	2.53	2.51

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	70.86	72.38	-2.10	+46.0
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14	...	+49.1
Heating Oil (gal)	2.22	2.27	-2.05	+49.7
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.69	3.77	-2.02	+45.3
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.12	2.18	-2.58	+49.0

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EDITORIAL

Make it a holly, jolly holiday

It was the week before Christmas and all through the house not a spot without holiday cheer on houses far and near. The holidays are a magical time. Neighbors' houses are lit bright with colorful bulbs, the glow of a candle makes a room cozier, heaters chase out the cold nip in the air, and cookies baking fill our homes with sweet smells conjuring Christmas years of old.

Those Christmas light shows on the lawn, the great Christmas tree on display, and even our holiday baking can spell disaster if precautions are not taken. According to the elves over at Citrus County Fire Rescue, we each need to decorate responsibly unless we want a visit from their big red sleigh.

All the fun and good holiday times aside the holidays can spell disaster in more ways than one. Follow the fire safety tips recently published by Citrus County Fire Rescue Chief Craig Stevens.

Overloaded circuits, unattended candles and heaters, dry Christmas trees, even lights in poor condition can spell tragedy at the happiest time of the year.

While we are all reading our Christmas gift list and checking it twice, there is another unintended danger of the holiday. With endless boxes from retailers arriving to bring smiles to those you love they bring opportunity to

a certain kind of Grinch who wants to steal your Christmas away. Burglars know that we increasingly shop online and many of those packages sit on a porch waiting for you to bring them in. When possible, schedule deliveries for a time

when you will be home. Another option is to have the packages shipped to a pick-up location where you can retrieve it on your schedule.

Lastly, make sure you are

safe behind the wheel. Sheriff Prendergast also recently published an informative article on how to stay safe while traveling this season.

We can all do our part to make the roadways safer far beyond proper preparation and maintenance of our front wheel drive sleigh. Put the cell phone down and consider enabling features which prevent you from receiving calls or texts while driving. Holiday traffic is inevitable so consider leaving early so that you can safely arrive at that office Christmas party and not be in a rush. Lastly, always wear your seat belt and never drink and drive. Buckle up before the car goes into drive and plan for a designated driver if you plan to indulge in a holiday spirit or two.

Let's all do our part to make our holiday safe and jolly.

Precautions and planning can help make sure your holiday is full of good times and you don't need the help from the guys and gals in red or green.

right. Have a good day.

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More growth means more money

I'm calling in reference to the article in Monday, Dec. 13's paper, "County to mull utility rate increase." Apparently they're going to meet to discuss "a modest increase in utility rates to accommodate future growth." I don't really understand that. More growth would mean more money; not higher rates, but less rates. And why in the world should the people that already live here have to pay for the utilities' future growth? That should be their investment and then they set rates after that. I'm sorry, but it just doesn't make any sense to me. It just doesn't sound fair or

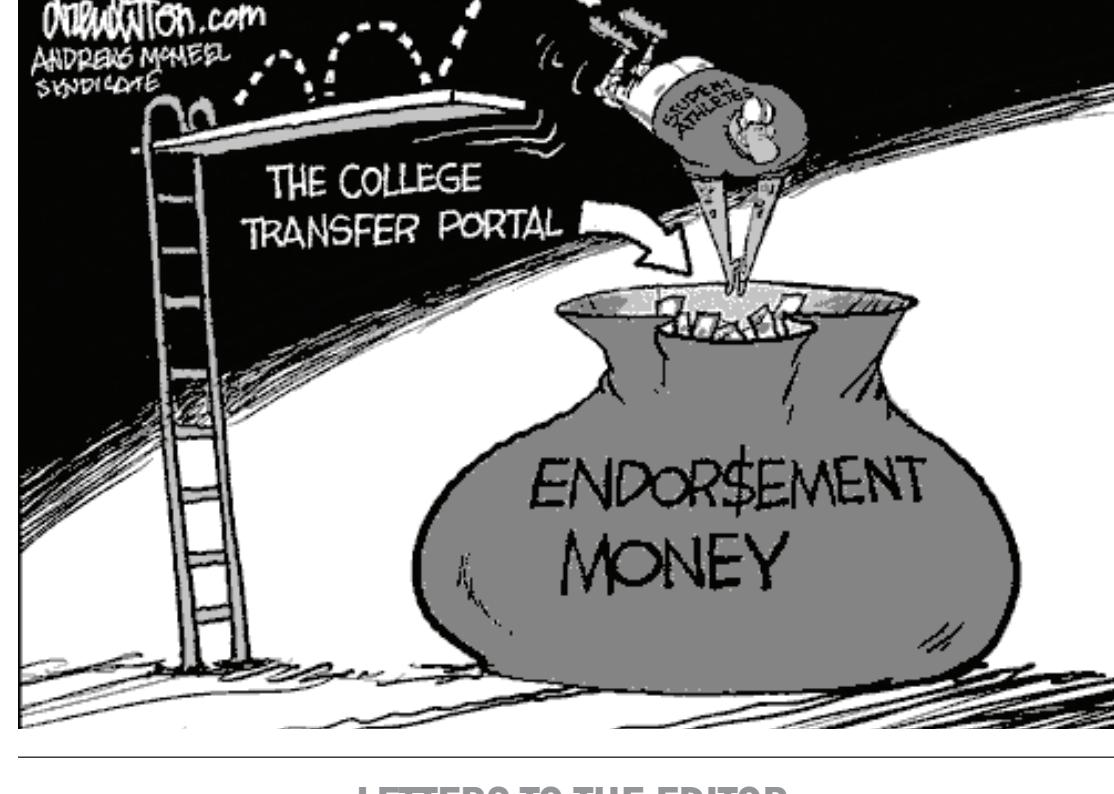
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▶ "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

Mae West



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beach access needed for mobility impaired

There is a need, a huge need, for our handicapped to access the water at Fort Island Beach. More and more beaches here in Florida are providing access, and not only wheelchair users benefit. Many of us who use canes and walkers need a way to get through the heavy sand and into the water. Because our population here in Citrus County includes 52,000-plus seniors, many of whom are handicapped, the usage of a Mobi-mat — or similar product — would be frequent. I applaud Bruce Titus for bringing this to the public and I urge our commissioners to consider the benefits.

Ellen B. Miller
Homosassa

New look Chronicle looks great

Congratulations on your "new and improved" daily newspaper!

From the bold print of the headings to the double column obituaries, makes it so much easier and pleasurable to read. Keep up the good work and may God bless each journalist and staff member, as well as the faithful people who deliver.

Bertha Snodgrass
Inverness

News coverage lacks balance

In the Chronicle editorial Dec. 7, you conclude with "We must be cognizant of the world beyond our shores, continue to monitor threats to our security."

In the "Letters" section, David Burns writes "many in Citrus County receive much or most of their news from the Chronicle," an opinion with which I cannot disagree.

However, the news that the Chronicle prints on the "Nation & World" section appears sadly lacking regarding items that threaten our security. Where is the news of the invasion of our country across our southern border, of unvaccinated illegals being distributed across our nation?

Where are the stories of the murders and rapes being committed by the illegals invited here by the policies of our present administration?

Where are the stories of the threats to our system of government being routinely made by members of Congress?

We get news on our cell phones, on television, on the radio that warns us of potential threats from both here and abroad, but we seldom find anything in the Chronicle that addresses these problems unless it can be tied to our previous administration.

Yes, it is demonstrable that the AP is biased, that most national news of every ilk is biased, and it is blatantly obvious that the Chronicle leans far to the left in a county that is far to the right.

Is it too much to ask that we have some equity in the stories you choose to print, in the guest editorials you choose to run? Paraphrasing your editorial banner, "You may differ with my politics, but not my right to choose."

It is said that for every person who takes the time to write or call on an issue, there are "X" numbers who feel the same but don't write or call.

I've seen letters saying subscriptions are being canceled. Could

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these former subscribers be lured back if the news coverage was more balanced?

Just asking.

David W. Martin
Hernando

Proposed legislation threatens freedom

Gove. DeSantis praised Florida's last election, saying it had "the strongest election integrity measures in the country." Despite that, Senate Bill 90 was passed, which limits voting rights.

This is a reaction to the lie that the 2020 elections were fraudulent. If this were true, all Republican leaders in Florida, a Republican trifecta, would be illegitimate. The new law is designed to restrict minority voters, who tend to vote Democrat.

Legislation has been introduced to ban abortions in Florida when a fetal heartbeat is detected.

House Bill 167 follows a Texas abortion law that will become a 2022 campaign issue. A governor who claims to value freedoms and rights will pass laws to control the private decisions that should be made only by women. This right to privacy is supported by a majority of women of all parties. Fifty-one percent of the population are

women, and their rights are being denied. This is a control issue that can be perceived as a response to the growing power of women in business and government.

Three bills are being introduced to loosen gun restrictions, including making Florida a constitutional carry state, permitting people to openly carry. Florida leads all other states in the amount of concealed weapons permits that have been issued. Passage of these bills will increase the number of weapons carried.

This shows deliberate blindness to the fear and anxiety that children in schools face every day they attend school. That same fear and anxiety are felt when men imitating law and military officials parade in public with automatic rifles.

The economy did not collapse when cigarettes were recognized as life-threatening and new laws

were enacted to restrict smoking in public places. The economy will not collapse if guns are restricted because politicians can focus on other lobbyists for donor support.

Gov. DeSantis wants to disempower the Health Department and OSHA in Florida, because they promote health and safety standards that are in direct opposition to policies he has promulgated. These organizations were created and developed to protect the health and safety of citizens.

We should all be deeply concerned about the direction the legislature is taking. It will infringe on our human rights and will compromise established and proven safety and health methods. It will not promote the general welfare but will instead endanger the lives that Gov. DeSantis and the legislature are sworn to protect.

Nancy Tomasselli Hernando

Donate the land or do a property swap

This is in regards to the Ozello Trail property that some are insisting that the BOCC should purchase.

There is one thing that is failed to mention about said property. It is waterfront. Therefore it is wetlands. You cannot do anything to a piece of wetland property without going through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Army Corp of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The BOCC will need a wetland mitigation survey done by the FDEP, and it is not free. Once the FDEP determines the amount of wetlands that will be damaged by the BOCC, the BOCC will need to visit the wetlands mitigation bank and pay mitigation fees. This is very expensive. They will need permits from the aforementioned organizations. This is probably the reason the owners are trying to sell said property. The headaches and costs to develop or improve wetland property are ridiculous.

Citizens of Citrus County need to know the total costs before the BOCC signs any purchase agreement. My suggestion is to get the current owners to donate the property to the county in exchange for a tax write off or maybe an exchange for another BOCC property.

Billy Watkins
Chassahowitzka

Hiding behind personal choice

Isn't it comforting to know that at least two members of our highly educated Legislature and our "freedom for all" governor have taken a stance — hiding behind this personal freedom choice screen SB2006 — and provided Florida citizens yet another mandated law.

So much for freedom to operate your business your way; strange how it only applies to maybe gain some votes.

I read where Rep. Ralph Massullo and Sen. Wilton Simpson strongly support the no vaccine requirement which may possibly protect those ignorant enough to not get jabbed. Why would we want to error on the side of caution? Is that why our representative, a successful doctor, is doing the legal CYA by requiring his employees and patients to wear a mask to enter their two facilities?

What is wrong with that picture?

Bob Weiffenbach
Pine Ridge

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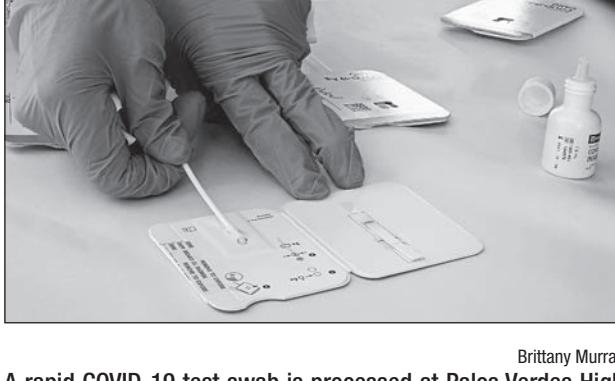
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NATION & WORLD

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

CDC endorses schools' coronavirus 'test-to-stay' policies



Brittany Murray

A rapid COVID-19 test swab is processed at Palos Verdes High School in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., Aug. 24. U.S. health officials are endorsing 'test-to-stay' policies that will allow close contacts of infected students to remain in classrooms.

By MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials are endorsing "test-to-stay" policies that allow close contacts of students infected with the coronavirus to remain in classrooms if they test negative.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention decided to more firmly embrace the approach, already used by many school districts, after research of such policies in the Chicago and

Los Angeles areas found COVID-19 infections did not increase when using the approach.

CDC's official guidance for schools has been that when someone in a school tests positive for COVID-19 infection, those who were deemed to be in close contact should stay out of school, in home quarantine, for 10 days.

With the announcement Friday, the CDC is saying both test-to-stay programs and quarantining approaches are both equally good op-

tions for schools.

Hundreds of schools have adopted test-to-stay policies, and several states have funded statewide test-to-stay policies to prevent students from spending long stretches away from school.

Previously, the CDC said there is promise in the approach, as long as other measures such as masking for both teachers and students were followed.

CDC has been working with some school districts to evaluate the programs,

and the agency released two studies that indicated they worked well.

One was in suburban Lake County, Illinois, just north of Chicago, which adopted a program in August. Close contacts were allowed to stay in school provided both the infected person and close contact were masked when an exposure might have happened, the close contact had no symptoms, and the close contact was tested one, three, five and seven days after exposure to the infected person.

Power of one: Manchin singularly halting Biden's first-year agenda

By LISA MASCARO and FARNOUSH AMIRI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joe Manchin settled in at President Joe Biden's family home in Delaware on a Sunday morning in the fall as the Democrats worked furiously to gain his support on their far-reaching domestic package. The two-hour-long session was the kind of special treatment being showered on the West Virginia senator — the president at one point even showing Manchin around his Wilmington home.

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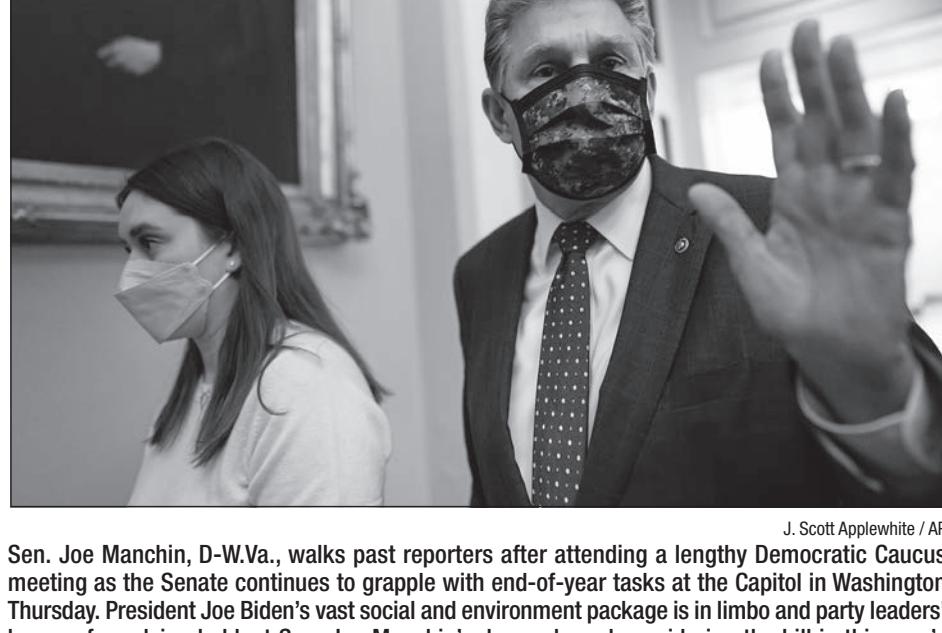
But months later, despite Democrats slashing Biden's big bill in half and meeting the senator's other demands, Manchin is no closer to voting yes.

In an extraordinary display of political power in the evenly split 50-50 Senate, a single senator is about to seriously set back an entire presidential agenda.

"We're frustrated and disappointed," said Sen. Dick Durbin, the majority whip. "Very frustrated," said another Democratic senator granted anonymity to frankly discuss the situation Thursday.

Biden said in a statement Thursday night that he still believed "we will bridge our differences and advance the Build Back Better plan, even in the face of fierce Republican opposition."

But with his domestic agenda stalled out in Congress, senators are coming to terms with the reality that



Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., walks past reporters after attending a lengthy Democratic Caucus meeting as the Senate continues to grapple with end-of-year tasks at the Capitol in Washington Thursday. President Joe Biden's vast social and environmental package is in limbo and party leaders' hopes of resolving holdout Sen. Joe Manchin's demands and considering the bill in this year'swaning days seem all but dead.

passage of the president's plan, as well as Democrats' high-priority voting rights package, would most likely have to be delayed to next year.

Failing to deliver on Biden's roughly \$2 trillion social and environmental bill would be a stunning end to the president's first year in office.

Manchin's actions throw Democrats into turmoil at a time when families are struggling against the prolonged COVID-19 crisis and Biden's party needs to convince voters heading toward the 2022 election that their unified party control of Washington

can keep its campaign promises.

The White House has insisted Manchin is dealing with the administration in "good faith," according to deputy White House press secretary Andrew Bates.

Manchin, though, has emerged as an uneven negotiator — bending norms and straining relationships because he says one thing one day and another the next, adjusting his positions, demands and rationale along the way.

Democratic senators have grown weary of their colleague, whose vote they cannot live without — but whose regular chats with

Republican leader Mitch McConnell leave them concerned he could switch parties and take away their slim hold on power.

"Mr. Manchin and the Republicans and anybody else who thinks that struggling working families who are having a hard time raising their kids today should not be able to continue to get the help that they have, then that's their view and they've got to come forward to the American people and say, 'Hey, we don't think you need help,'" said Sen. Bernie Sanders, the independent from Vermont. "Let them tell the American people that."

In South Carolina, Biden pledges fight for voting rights, police reform

By MEG KINNARD, JOSH BOAK and DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — President Joe Biden pledged Friday to fight for stalled voting rights and police reform legislation, addressing graduates of South Carolina State University amid the harsh reality that months of talks with lawmakers have failed to move the measures closer to becoming law.

Biden spoke at the historically Black school a day after conceding that his nearly \$2 trillion social and environmental bill was unlikely to become law this year, as he had hoped, due to continued disagreement among fellow Democrats. Republicans unanimously oppose the spending.

Wearing a black gown as he delivered the December commencement address, the president bemoaned GOP opposition keeping voting rights bills from advancing in the 50-50 Senate following passage by the Democratic-controlled House. He blamed "that other team, which used to be called the Republican Party," for refusing to even allow the bills to be debated.

"But this battle's not over,"

Biden said. "We're going to keep up the fight until we get it done."

Biden's vow to keep pushing to protect what he called "the sacred right to vote" as the NAACP and similar groups have grown frustrated with the White House over the lack of progress on the issue. Voting rights is a priority for Democrats heading into next year's midterm elections after Republican-controlled legislatures passed a wave of restrictive new voting laws.

Biden pledged similar advocacy for police reform, another issue important to the Black community after a series of killings of Black men by police, including George Floyd's death last year after a Minneapolis police officer kneeled on his neck for about nine minutes.

The House passed a sweeping police reform measure earlier this year in response to Floyd's killing, but months of negotiations among a bipartisan group of senators failed to produce a bill.

Biden vowed to keep pressing for police reform, too. "The fight's not over," he said at the alma mater of House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn, the highest-ranking Black member of Congress and South Carolina's

only Democrat in the delegation.

Part rah-rah speech for the graduates as they prepare to venture out into the world, Biden at times sounded more like a candidate as he used the appearance before a predominantly Black audience to stress how his administration is working to improve their economic and educational standing, from increased funding for historically Black colleges and universities to fighting housing discrimination.

Black voters, in South Carolina and other states, were a crucial part of the coalition that helped Biden win election as president.

He also touched on the infrastructure bill he recently signed into law, including the promise of thousands of new jobs, but avoided discussing his centerpiece social welfare and environmental bill. That measure remains bottled up in the Senate, largely due to opposition from a fellow Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, and facing an uncertain fate next year, when Democrats need accomplishments to show as they campaign for reelection in the November.

Biden also pledged to help stamp out hate and racism,

referenced the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol, carried out in hopes of subverting his election, and talked about his appreciation for historically Black colleges and universities.

NEW YORK (AP) — The editor of Forbes magazine testified Thursday before the grand jury hearing evidence in a criminal investigation of former President Donald Trump and his business practices, answering questions about an article examining whether the former president inflated his wealth.

Forbes editor Randall Lane wrote in a post on the business magazine's website that he was questioned about articles he wrote in

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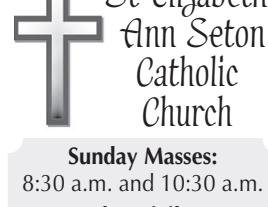
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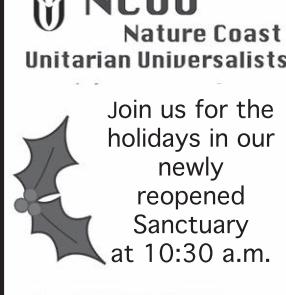
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She created a Facebook page and called it "God's Shed of Love;" this past July she registered with the state of Florida as a nonprofit.

Then her church, Fort Cooper Baptist Church in Inverness, took God's Shed of Love on as a mission they support, which means the church gives her funds each month, which she uses to buy supplies.

"With the Facebook page, my friends and co-workers and church family share it and donations are pouring in," she said. "I post what I'm looking for, whether it's backpacks or soap or toothpaste – just recently, someone donated hand warmers, hats and gloves.

"A month or so ago, I made an Amazon Wish List and posted it on Facebook and now I'm getting tents and sleeping bags and flashlights. It's amazing to see what God has done," she said.

"I was nervous at first about telling people about what I'm doing, but people love to help; they just don't know how," she said. "This is something they can do."

When she added "purses of love" to give to women, filled with feminine products, someone made a bunch of tote bags to use as the purses.

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delivered and multiple other boxes from people, I sat and cried like a baby. I told my husband, 'I don't deserve the blessings that God has given this shed.'"

On a shelf inside the shed, an angel figure holds a sign that says: "Perhaps this is the moment for which I have been created."

Forbus said that's how she feels about what she's doing.

On Thanksgiving Day, she and some other people were at Hernando Park, feeding homeless people baked ziti and garlic knots from Angelotti's Pizza in Inverness.

She brought 100 care bags and 110 snack bags and piles of blankets and coats and hats, and six tents to hand out.

A man asked her, "What drives you?"

She told him, "I just want to help others."

"I grew up very poor," she said. "We lived on a farm, and if we didn't raise it, we didn't eat. I know what it's like as a young adult, wondering where my next meal's coming from. I know what it's like to live off cans of chicken noodle soup."

"I wasn't homeless," she said, "but I was a paycheck away. After paying the bills, I'd have \$20 left to buy gas and food for the week, so what's it going to be? But God has blessed me, and this is what I want to do."

Contact Carmon Forbus on Facebook at <https://tinyurl.com/3nza7zk6> or search God's Shed of Love.

Email: godsshedoflove@gmail.com. Phone: 352-212-0471.

Her Amazon Wish List, Carmon Forbus God's Shed of Love, is at <https://tinyurl.com/232jyhnp>.

Nancy Kennedy can be reached at 352-564-2927 or by email at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.



Nancy Kennedy / Chronicle Reporter

Carmon Forbus talks about the many donations of products she has received from people who have been eager to help homeless people meet their basic needs.

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RELIGION

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'Remember Jesus'

Recently, I saw a church sign board that caught my attention. It said simply: "Remember Jesus."

At church last week, just before communion the pastor said when we eat the bread and drink the wine, we do it "in remembrance of him."

We do it to remember Jesus.

Not that I've forgotten him, but life is so hectic and I'm easily distracted and over-

whelmed and often forget to remember him.

Earlier today, I nearly had a meltdown. Nothing serious, just feeling stretched in too many directions.

And although I didn't have the time, or so I thought, I took the time to remember. To remember Jesus.

To remember his compassion for an immoral woman one hot afternoon at a well in Samaria, and how kindly, yet pointedly, he spoke to her.

To remember how he raised the dead only son of a poor widow, cast demons out of a young man, made a blind man see and a lame man walk.

To remember his words: "Ask and it will be given to you," "With God all things are possible" and "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

I'm still remembering the One who said to a desperate woman, "Your faith has made you well," and to another woman, "... neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

I'm remembering his kindness and his gentle invitation: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Even when I forget to remember him, the memory of him is there, tugging at my consciousness. As I fold the laundry, pump gas in my car, roam the grocery store aisles, eat a bowl of cereal, the memory of him is always with me.

Not only that, he was there all along. Even when I didn't know him, he knew me.

He knew the overweight child, the lonely teen, the frightened and insecure young woman.

He was there.

When I cried, he was there. When I did stupid things, when I was afraid, when I was running hard in the wrong direction, he was there.

I'm remembering surprising answers to my prayers and the times he let me see pigs fly.

I'm remembering that not only is he able, but he's willing. I'm remembering that he didn't come into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

I'm remembering that "his law is love and his gospel is peace."

I'm remembering that he came to "make his blessings flow far as the curse is found."

I'm remembering his forgiveness, his mercy and his peace.

It's almost Christmas, and I'm remembering how he set aside his glory and entered the world as a helpless human. I'm remembering his poverty, the lowliness he chose to endure, all because he remembered me.

Because he remembered me, he lived a sinless life.

Because he remembered me, he took my sin as his own and died the death I deserved.

Because he remembered me, he was buried. He rose. He made me new and promised to return one day to right all wrongs.

Jesus remembered me from before the beginning of time, remembered me all throughout my life.

He remembered me first, and even if I try to forget him, I can't.

"This is my body, broken for you ... my blood, shed for you."

I remember, Lord.

Oh, how I remember.

Nancy Kennedy is the author of "Move Over, Victoria – I Know the Real Secret," "Girl on a Swing," and her latest book, "Lipstick Grace." She can be reached at 352-564-2927 or via email at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.

Give of yourself this Christmas

Joy! Joy! There is much laughter on our property. Citrus County once again has been so good to The Path and all of our clients are reaping the rewards.

Projects are finished, toys are being delivered. It is amazing to hear 20 children playing in the courtyard and yelling with glee because they know they are safe. Once again in this year when so many things could go wrong, we have set records on client bed nights and revenue.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life!

Even so, the holidays can be very strange for us. Many

DuWayne Sipper
The Path Home



of us have bad memories of the holidays for many reasons. Our clients can often struggle with their addictions and when they miss a loved one. We try to watch carefully and love them as much as we can so no one hurts themselves or someone else.

I sat for a moment and tried to remember what it was like before I knew the love of my wife, my church and my Lord Jesus. It

was awful. Every day was such a drudgery to move through the motions of going to work and looking for meaning. The emptiness and the lack of meaning for living life is something I never want to go back to or live again.

Please remember at this time, in the shopping line, driving through traffic or at the doctor's office, there are many people who feel this way about life. There are people who feel so bad they want to hurt others and themselves. You might be the saving grace. You might be the smile which makes them wonder. You might be a gift. You might buy them dinner or

even more.

The ultimate gift is the One who hung on the cross so long ago so we might know what love really is. The bible says "no greater gift does one have than to lay their life down for the fellow brother". So, this Christmas, give of yourself. Give a lot. It will all come back to you.

With all of this said, the greatest gift, it may be you or you sit with someone and whisper a little prayer to Jesus.

DuWayne Sipper is the executive director of The Path of Citrus County, a faith-based homeless shelter. Contact him at 527-6500 or sipperd@pathofcitrus.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ Inverness First United Methodist Church

Inverness First United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at the church, 1140 Turner Camp Road in Inverness. There will be a traditional service at 5 p.m. and a modern service at 7 p.m.

No child care will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

Inverness First United Methodist Church will have a free movie night with Santa from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the church, 1140 Turner Camp Road. The movie is outside, so bring a chair and/or blanket.

■ Hope Lutheran Church

Hope Lutheran Church will host the "Citrus Consort Singers" at 4 p.m. Dec. 19 at the church, 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

The title of the concert is "Journey to Christmas" and this talented group of singers will present many favorite Christmas songs.

All those in neighboring communities are welcome to join. There is no charge for tickets but a free will offering will be accepted to benefit Hope's ministries in the community.

For more information, call 352-489-5511 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

■ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have their 2021-22 Winter Music Series at the church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway in Hernando on the following dates:

"Tidings of Joy and Peace!" musical Christmas offering at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services Dec. 12. There is no charge for this event. It is also available on the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Facebook and YouTube.

Larry Stephenson Bluegrass Band at 6 p.m. Feb. 18.

Johny Carlsson & The Megabones at 3 p.m. Feb. 27. Five professional trombone players will perform original compositions that characterize jazz from the 50s and 60s.

Grammy nominee and IBMA "Best Song of the Year" award winner, Special Consensus bluegrass band, at 7 p.m. April 29.

Tickets for each concert are \$15 at the door. They will be masking and distancing based on current CDC requirements.

Call, text or email for confirmation. For more information, contact Angela Busler at 860-906-8723 or AMBusler@gmail.com.

■ Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church will hold an outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 8 on the church property, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills. The church holds flea markets monthly from September through May, usually on the first Saturday of the month.

Shoppers are welcome. Commercial vendors and private individuals are welcome to bring and sell goods. Spaces are available for \$10 and should be reserved in advance although there is always room for one more.

For more information or to reserve a space, call Rose Mary at 352-527-6459 or email wjesels@tampabay.rr.com.

■ Homosassa First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will have a Blue Christmas Service, a free community event, at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 19 in the sanctuary, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. in Homosassa.

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This is a gentle, contemplative service that offers a time of remembrance, comfort and hope for those carrying pain or loss during this season for celebration. The season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting and you are not alone.

For more information, call 352-628-4083.

■ Faith Lutheran Church

Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a birthday party for Jesus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 18, 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive in Lecanto.

This free event is for children ages 4 to 12. There will be music, bible lessons, crafts and lunch. This is a great opportunity for parents to get some last minute shopping or errands done.

For more information or to register, call 352-527-3325 or email cafaithlutheran@gmail.com.

■ Faith Lutheran Church

Faith Lutheran Church will hold an advent service at 5 p.m. Dec. 15, 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive in Lecanto. These will be followed by a potluck supper.

There will be a Christmas Eve candle light and Holy Communion service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

■ North Oak Church

Experience the change that can be brought by Jesus Christ, a little girl and a pair of shoes in the heartwarming musical drama, "The Christmas Shoes." Also a beloved movie, this presentation by the creative ministries and music department of North Oak Church, brings the story to life.

Created by Donna VanLiere, Eddie Carswell and arranged by J. Daniel Smith, it blends well-known Christmas carols and comforting music to enhance the drama of a girl who just wants to buy a pair of shoes for her sick mother. Two families are touched by all that happens and a materialistic, uninvolved father discovers what Christmas is all about.

The musical will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18 and 10:45 a.m. Dec. 19 at the church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd in Citrus Springs. Ministries are open to anyone who has a need for no charge.

■ First Lutheran Church of Inverness

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■ North Oak Church

Enter from North Citrus Springs Boulevard and a supply of paper products, detergents, personal items and more will be brought to your car. Then follow the driveway and food items will be brought to the vehicle. Items vary based on availability while supplies last.

For more information, visit northoakbc.org.

■ Rivers of Life Restoration Ministry

Rivers of Life Restoration Ministry Inc. operates the Seven Loaves Food and Clothing Pantry at Helping Hands Thrifty Treasures, 9699 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. The free-to-all Food Pantry is now open from noon to 3 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 863-666-4129 for more information.

■ St. Timothy Church and Life-Tree Church

Food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at Life-Tree Church, 1501 SE U.S. 19 in Crystal River during the pandemic, outside in front of the building. For more information, call 352-403-1498.

■ First Lutheran Church of Inverness

Food pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call the church at 352-726-1637. The church is at 1900 W. State Road 44, Inverness.

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

The Food Pantry is open from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The pantry offers canned, dried and frozen foods to anyone in need in Citrus County. Call 352-726-3153.

■ Our Lady of Fatima

Helping Hands Our Lady of Fatima, 604 U.S. 41 S. in Inverness offers an outreach program to help those in need, supported by their thrift store. Those who qualify are assisted with utilities every four months, prescriptions every three months, clothing every two months.

To qualify for the outreach program, bring a current picture ID, proof of residence, Social Security cards for all household members, proof of income (pay stubs, tax forms, SSI statement, etc.), car payment and car insurance to an intake meeting.

The thrift store is accepting donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday of slightly used clothing, household items, furniture in good shape (no mattresses), food (not outdated) and personal hygiene items.

■ St. Benedict Catholic Church

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SPORTS

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Three NFL games moved due to outbreaks

Two contests get shifted from Sunday to Tuesday

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL has moved three games because of COVID-19 outbreaks: Las Vegas at Cleveland from Saturday to Monday; and Seattle at the Los Angeles Rams and Washington at Philadelphia from Sunday to Tuesday.

The Browns could have been without as many as 16 regulars on Saturday, so the game is now scheduled to kick off at 5 p.m. EST Monday. It will be televised by NFL Network.

Washington and Philadelphia will play at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, as will the Seahawks and Rams. Both games will be televised by Fox and available on Sunday Ticket.

"We have made these schedule changes based on medical advice and after discussion with

the NFLPA as we are seeing a new, highly transmissible form of the virus this week resulting in a substantial increase in cases across the league," the NFL said in a statement. "We continue to make decisions in consultation with medical experts to ensure the health and safety of the NFL community."

Previously, the NFL did not plan to move any games because of coronavirus outbreaks. It even said forfeits "could be in play." But recent developments with the omicron strain of COVID-19 has changed the league's thinking – as did several outbreaks across the league entering Week 15 of the season.

"We will make every effort, consistent with the underlying health and safety principles, to play our full schedule within the current 18 weeks," Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a memo sent to the 32 clubs and obtained by the AP. "Each team is obligated to have its team ready to play at the

scheduled time and place. There is no right to postpone a game, and games will not be postponed or rescheduled because of roster issues affecting a particular position group or particular number of players.

"If games are postponed, we will make every effort to minimize the competitive and economic burden on the participating teams."

The moves were not looked at kindly by some players.

"I pay my player dues just to get lied to and the rules bent!" Raiders linebacker K.J. Wright tweeted at the league and the players' union. "If it was the other way around I swear we would be playing tomorrow."

Eagles safety Rodney McLeod tweeted: "So we have to suffer, and compromise our schedule because of another teams mistake. Make it make sense!"

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll also suggested future game preparation should be taken into consideration.



Ron Schwane / AP

Cleveland Browns quarterback Case Keenum throws a pass during the first half of an Oct. 21 game against the Denver Broncos, in Cleveland. Keenum, who was slotted to start Saturday with Baker Mayfield sidelined after testing positive with COVID-19, has also tested positive, a person familiar with the situation tells The Associated Press.

"Yes, that's a big concern. Anytime you play Thursday game or this is like a Friday game, I think it's a big burden on the players," he said. "It's a big burden on the recovery time. It's not what their

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Citrus holds off Crystal River

Hurricanes claim 41-38 defensive battle on the road

By MATT PFIFFNER
Sports editor

CRYSTAL RIVER — A pair of county teams desperate for a victory battled down to the wire Friday night.

The Citrus boys basketball team picked up its second win of the season, with a hard-fought 41-38 triumph on the road over Crystal River.

The Pirates had a shot to tie it at the end, but a 3-pointer missed the mark and Citrus senior Matt White corralled the rebound and cradled the ball until the final buzzer sounded.

"I think it's a big momentum changer. We don't have the best record right now, but coming out and getting this win, I feel like it will definitely change our momentum and get us going in the right direction," White said.

The Hurricanes improved to 2-6 on the season with one game remaining before the winter break. The Pirates dropped to 2-6 with the loss and are 0-10 until Jan. 31.

"It was a very fun game. Both teams fought their hearts out," Crystal River head coach Brandon Bristow said. "Every kid that went in gave it their all, which was good to see. We have no complaints."

Citrus assistant coach Matthew Skinner, filling in for a honeymooning Craig Augustine, said it's always great to defeat a county rival.

"Not a lot of scoring. It was a defensive battle," he said. "It means the world coming in here. Anytime you play these county guys, it just adds a little flavor to the game. It means the world to the team to bounce back from a couple tough losses this week and get a 'W'."

The Pirates, paced by five points from Hudson Copeland, led 9-5 after a fast-moving first quarter.

White and Deonte Sesler hit back-to-back 3-pointers early in the second quarter to pull the Hurricanes within one. Sesler added a pair of layups later in the quarter to help send the teams into the half tied 18-all.

The offense picked up in the third quarter, with the lead going back and forth.

William Green of Crystal River nailed a 3-pointer at the top of the key and added a driving layup moments later to give the Pirates a 31-29 lead.

Buckets from Citrus' White and Jhon Ignilan gave Citrus a 33-31 advantage and White bounced in a 3-pointer at the buzzer for



Citrus guard Jhon Ignilan scores during the first half of Friday night's boys basketball game at Crystal River High School. The Hurricanes defeated the Pirates 41-38.

a 36-31 lead heading into the fourth.

"The talk coming out of

halftime was 'let's win this

quarter.' Win this quar-

ter and go into the fourth

feeling like we have a lit-

erally weight off our shoul-

ders and we can come out

here and play our game,"

Skinner said. "And that's

exactly what we did, win-

ning the quarter right in the

final seconds was a really

big deal for us."

White thought his shot

gave the team a big boost.

"I think that gave us en-

ergy and a lot of momen-

tum to keep our lead in the

fourth quarter," he said.

But the Pirates didn't

put their heads down and

came out strong to start the

fourth, tying up the game

at 36-all behind a 3-pointer

from Issac Edwards and a

bucket from Zachary Ham-

ilton.

"They came out fighting.

We've learned this year

we can't give up," Bristow

said. "Every game is going

to be tight, especially with

the way we play offense.

We're going to have tight

games at the end and we'll

start pulling them out."

An offensive put-back by

Sesler and a 3-pointer from

Jason Grace gave the Hur-

ricanes a 41-36 lead. David

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Return for Tiger is still 'long way' away

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods walked onto the tee for a routine pro-am round Friday and felt an unexpected dose of nerves, realizing how long it had been since he had an audience on the golf course.

The small grandstand behind the tee was packed, everyone on their feet. Spectators filled every inch behind the ropes for 95 yards down the left side of the hole. This was another must-see moment involving Woods under far different circumstances.

Ten months after Woods shattered his right leg in a car crash in suburban Los Angeles, he was back to golf at the PNC Championship with 12-year-old son Charlie.

Back to being Tiger Woods? Far from it.

Even so, the Feb. 23 images of his crumpled SUV and seeing him Friday in golf attire taking full swings and holing putts was no less remarkable.

"I haven't hit too many tee shots and then ... all of a sudden there's people off the tee box," Woods said. "It was an awesome day. It was just awesome to be back out there playing and being out there with my son. And we just had an absolute blast."

They are the featured attraction at the 36-hole event that pairs parents and children, just like last year, with one big difference. A year ago, there was enormous appeal getting a look at the young son of the 15-time major champion.

Now it's all about the father.

Nearly two dozen media, mostly cameras, waited along the circle drive and raised their equipment each time a car approached at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club



Scott Audette / AP

Tiger Woods smiles and gestures as he prepares to tee off during the first round of the PNC Championship golf tournament Friday, in Orlando. Woods is back playing after getting injured in a car accident. He is paired with his son Charlie during the tournament.

Coastal Carolina holds off Northern Illinois

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grayson McCall threw four touchdown passes and Coastal Carolina held off Northern Illinois 47-41 in the Cure Bowl on Friday night, with the game ending with the Huskies at the Chanticleers 4.

McCall was 22 for 30 for 315 yards, and Braydon Bennett ran for 108 yards and two touchdowns on six carries to help Coastal Carolina (11-1) win 11 games for the second consecutive year. Bennett also caught four passes for 47 yards and a TD.

"He just operates, he's a smooth operator," Coastal Carolina coach Jamey Chadwell said about McCall. "As a coach, if he misses a play, you're like, 'What in the world is wrong with him' because he makes so many good ones."

Chadwell said while there is speculation about McCall's future, "we're confident that he loves Coastal and he's going to be here with us and finish out his career."

It was also Coastal Carolina's first bowl victory. The Chanticleers lost in their first bowl appearance last year, 37-34 in overtime to Liberty.

"Pretty cool," McCall said. "Definitely a team effort. I don't think I played by best game but but all my teammates prodded me forward."

Jay Ducker ran for 146 yards on 24 carries, and Antonio Brown added 105 yards and 12 attempts for Northern Illinois (9-5). Rocky Lombardi completed 20 of 33 passes for 181 yards and two scores.

"Couldn't be more proud of their fight," NIU coach Thomas Hammock said. "This could be a launching pad for us into the 2022 season."

NIU's roster has just seven seniors, and includes 71 players who graduated from high school in 2020 or 2021. The Huskies are the first team in FBS history to win its conference championship game one season after going winless (0-6).

Lombardi also had picked up 66 yards including a touchdown on eight carries.

Northern Illinois (516) and Coastal Carolina (514) combined for 1,030 yards. Northern Illinois picked up 335 yards on the ground.

NIU converted 4 of 5 fourth-down plays in the game and ended the season successful of 26 of 31 attempts.

McCall passed for 164 yards and a TD during the opening half, while Lombardi threw for just 23 yards but had scoring strikes of 5- and 12-yards.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE 31, TOLEDO 24

NASSAU, Bahamas — Freshman Nick Vattiatto threw for 270 yards and two touchdowns, the last a 59-yard scoring pass to Jarrin Pierce with 6:24 left, and Middle Tennessee beat Toledo 31-24 on Friday in the Bahamas Bowl.

Two plays after Toledo's 32-yard punt, Vattiatto connected with a wide-open Pierce along the right side for a 28-17 lead. The 59-yard play was the longest completion in Middle Tennessee's bowl history.

On Toledo's next possession, Dequan Finn was pressured by Jordan Ferguson and defensive lineman Zaylin Wood intercepted a tipped pass, leading to a 35-yard field goal for a 31-17 lead.

Toledo got within seven points with 1:08 remaining, but Thomas Cluckey recovered an onside kick to secure the win.

Pierce caught four passes for 114 yards for Middle Tennessee (7-6). Wood's interception was Middle Tennessee's 17th of the season, extending its national lead in turnovers gained to 32.

Finn threw for 212 yards and two touchdowns for Toledo (7-6). Matt Lathers set a Bahamas Bowl record with a 90-yard touchdown catch to put Toledo ahead 14-7.

Diaz excited to return to defensive roots at Penn State

Fired Miami head coach finds new gig

By TRAVIS JOHNSON
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Manny Diaz isn't happy with how his tenure at Miami ended, but the former Hurricanes head coach admits the timing worked out just fine.

Fired on Dec. 6 after going 21-15 in three years with Miami, Diaz is already three practices into his new gig as Penn State's defensive coordinator.

It's a role Penn State coach James Franklin believes Diaz is perfectly suited.

"The head coach experience is a bonus, but (hiring) the most experienced defensive coordinator, successful defensive coordinator that we could get that came from a similar scheme background (was the goal)," Franklin said.

Diaz arrived in Happy Valley last Friday. He has begun evaluating players, meeting new colleagues and finding his way around team facilities.

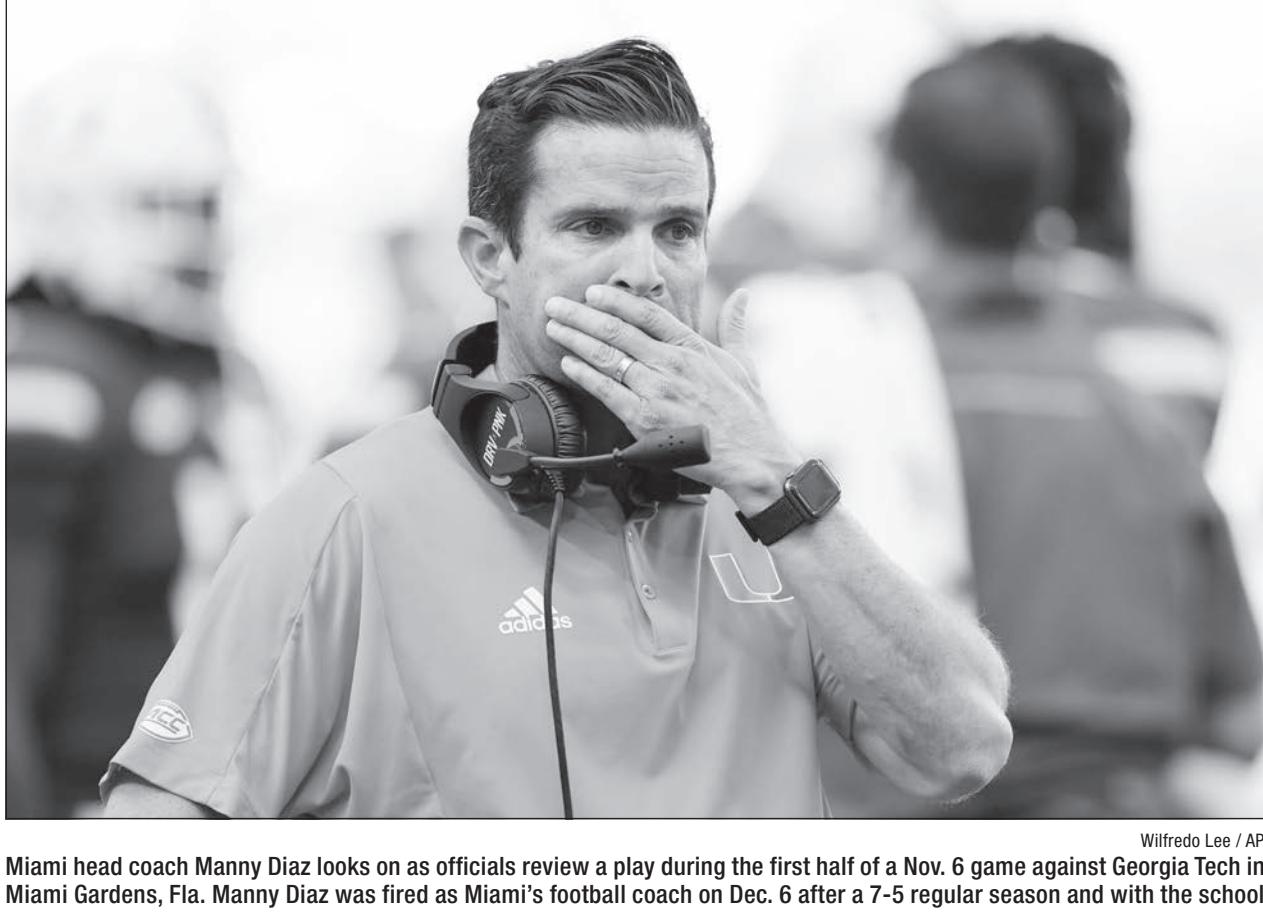
To help ease Diaz's transition, safeties coach Anthony Poindexter will draw up the defensive game plan and call plays when Penn State plays Arkansas in the Outback Bowl on New Years Day.

While Diaz is on board as an observer for now, being around his new team has helped ease the sting of losing his first head coaching job.

Hurt feelings have turned into excitement quickly as Diaz is looking forward to returning to his roots, closely mentoring linebackers and scheming against offenses.

Especially for a program known as Linebacker U.

"In terms of being a head coach moving forward, that's the last thing on my



Wilfredo Lee / AP

mind right now," Diaz said. "There are some things about it that I'll miss and there are some things about it that I certainly won't miss. What I'm really excited about is coaching defensive football at Penn State University. That's fun to say out loud and that's really where all my focus is right now."

Penn State found out Friday it would be without maybe its best linebacker in the Outback Bowl. Brandon Smith posted on Twitter that he skipping his senior season to enter the NFL draft and opting out of the game against Arkansas.

Diaz got his start on the defensive side as a position coach before ascending to defensive coordinator for Middle Tennessee State in 2006. Diaz also coordinat-

ed defenses for Mississippi State, Texas, Louisiana Tech and Miami before the Hurricanes made him head coach in 2019.

Diaz replaces Brent Pry who was the Nittany Lions' defensive coordinator since 2016. Pry became Virginia Tech's head coach after helping the Nittany Lions field top-10 scoring defenses in three of his six seasons.

After early evaluations of Penn State's recent body of work, Diaz sees similarities in what Pry did the last few seasons and what the Hurricanes did from 2016-2018 when Diaz called the defense.

Those Hurricane units were similar to the 4-2-5 and 4-3 hybrid base looks that Penn State uses, and they never allowed more than 21 points per game.

They also liked to play a heavy-handed style with attacking linebackers and blitzing safeties, something Penn State players have prided themselves on the last few seasons.

Linebacker/defensive end Jesse Luketa has been intrigued by early conversations with Diaz.

"I enjoy picking his brain," Luketa said. "Having him here is going to be extremely valuable to myself and this defense. It's a good feeling like that to have a good defensive mind in the room."

The Penn State defense dealt with a handful of injuries, including a season-ender to defensive tackle P.J. Mustipher midway through the year, and still ranked seventh in the country in scoring, allowing 16.8 points per game.

"I can see why they were successful," Diaz said. "Beyond Brent, who is a big-time coach, ultimately what it comes down to is the players. That's why you want to coach defense at a school where you can attract top defensive recruits."

Diaz has an early start in that realm, too.

He was in the team's war room on Wednesday welcoming recruits as they faxed in their National Letters of Intent.

"Normally when you take a new job, you don't get to see those things until spring practice," Diaz said. "So, to get an opportunity to get in here in December and really get a feel for the culture of the program, it's been a very unique situation and I'm glad it happened this way."

Strus, Vincent lead Heat past weakened Magic, 115-105

By JOHN DENTON
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Max Strus scored 23 of his career-best 32 points in the first half, Gabe Vincent added a career-best 27 and the Miami Heat beat the short-handed Orlando Magic 115-105 on Friday night.

The Heat made 19 3-pointers to give them 91 over their past five games. That's the most in team history, easily topping the 82 made over a five-game stretch from Feb. 24, 2020, to March 4, 2020, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"That's what we do; we've got shooters and we've got a lot guys who put in time in the gym and work on it," said Strus, one of seven undrafted players out of the Heat's 10 active players on Friday. "We're going to keep playing that way if shots are falling. We're making them, so why not keep shooting them?"

Strus, a third-year NBA player, hit eight of his first 10 shots and six of his first seven from 3-point range. After Orlando climbed within 93-85 early in the fourth quarter, Strus had a four-point play and another 3 in a run that pushed the Heat back ahead by 17.

Strus' eight 3-pointers were also a career high.

"(Strus) is like a few of our guys — Duncan (Robinson), Tyler (Herro) and even Gabe, to an extent — they're ignitable," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They hit two (3-pointers) and immediately they're thinking three, four, five. They all can get in a roll and that's what we saw with Max."

Vincent followed up his career-best, 26-point effort from two nights earlier with another stellar shooting night for Miami, which won for the fourth time in the past five games. The Heat also beat the Magic for a fourth consecutive time in the past two seasons.

Kyle Lowry added 11 points and a season-best 15 assists. P.J. Tucker had 15 points.

Still without stars Jimmy Butler and Bam Adebayo and key reserve Tyler Herro, the Heat were similarly short-handed and had just 10 available players.

The Magic scrambled on Friday and signed four players from their G League franchise in nearby Lakeland — Aleem Ford, Admiral Schofield, B.J. Johnson and Hassani Gravett — with hardship exemptions in order to meet the NBA's minimum eight-player rule.

Terrence Ross, Moritz Wagner, Mo Bamba, R.J. Hampton and Ignas Brazdeikis were placed in the health and safety protocols, necessitating the G League call-ups. Orlando has been without Markelle



John Raoux / AP

Fultz, Jonathan Isaac, Michael Carter-Williams and E'Twaun Moore all season because of injuries, while Cole Anthony was scratched because of an ankle sprain and Jalen Suggs has a fractured thumb.

Orlando lost its seventh straight game and for the 13th time in the past 14 games. The Magic are 2-10 at the Amway Center.

Rookie Franz Wagner led the Magic with 27 points, while Gary Harris chipped in 20. Chuma Okeke added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

"I absolutely love our team's effort," Magic coach Jamahl Mosley said. "I love the way they played, I love the way they competed and the way they battled until the end."

With his Heat down 18-8 in the early going, Spoelstra angrily called time and Miami responded with a 15-0 burst. Ultimately, Miami outscored Orlando 23-4 over

the final 5:48 of the first quarter to break open the game.

Warriors 111, Celtics 107

BOSTON — Stephen Curry scored 30 points, hitting five 3-pointers and adding a one-handed scoop shot in the final minute, and the Golden State Warriors beat Boston on Friday night to snap a five-game losing streak against the Celtics.

In his first game since breaking the NBA's career 3-pointer record at Madison Square Garden, Curry hit back-to-back 3s on his first two shots of the game.

Andrew Wiggins added 27 points to help the Warriors win their third straight game to reclaim sole possession of the NBA lead at 24-5 — a half-game ahead of Phoenix. It was Steve Kerr's 400th coaching victory.

Jayson Tatum scored 27 points for the Celtics. They placed five players in the COVID-19 protocol in the 24 hours leading up to the game.

Pelicans 116, Bucks 112, OT

NEW ORLEANS — Devonte' Graham hit eight 3-pointers and added two clutch free throws late in overtime to finish with 26

points, and New Orleans outlasted short-handed Milwaukee.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 24 points and Brandon Ingram added 22 for New Orleans, which won its second straight on the heels of Graham's 60-foot winner at the horn in Oklahoma City on Wednesday night.

Former Pelicans star Jrue Holiday, who received a warm welcome during pre-game introductions, scored a career-high 40 points to help Milwaukee force overtime on the road despite being without top scorers Giannis Antetokounmpo and Khris Middleton. Grayson Allen hit seven 3s and tied a season high with 25 points for the defending champion Bucks.

Nuggets 133, Hawks 115

ATLANTA — Moses Brown scored 24 points and Monte Morris added 21 and Denver beat Atlanta.

Nikola Jokic and Jeff Green each finished with 20 points for the Nuggets. They have won three of four.

The Hawks were coming off a fifth straight road victory, but they have dropped six in a row at home. Trae Young had 34 points and 10 assists.

NBA					
EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Brooklyn	21	.8	.724	—	
Phila.	15	.15	.500	6½	
Boston	14	.15	.483	7	
Toronto	13	.15	.464	7½	
New York	13	.16	.448	8	
Southeast Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Miami	18	.12	.600	—	
Charlotte	16	.14	.533	2	
Washington	15	.15	.500	3	
Atlanta	14	.15	.483	3½	
Orlando	5	.25	.167	13	
Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Milwaukee	19	.11	.633	—	
Chicago	17	.10	.630	½	
Cleveland	18	.12	.600	1	
Indiana	13	.18	.419	6½	
Detroit	4	.23	.148	13½	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Southwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Memphis	18	.11	.621	—	
Dallas	14	.14	.500	3½	
San Antonio	10	.17	.370	7	
Houston	9	.20	.310	9	
New Orleans	9	.21	.300	9½	
Northwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Utah	20	.7	.741	—	
Denver	15	.14	.517	6	
Minnesota	13	.15	.464	7½	
Portland	11	.18	.379	10	
Oklahoma City	8	.19	.296	12	
Pacific Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Golden State	24	.5	.828	—	
Phoenix	23	.5	.821	½	
L.A. Clippers	16	.13	.552	8	
L.A. Lakers	16	.13	.552	8	
Sacramento	12	.17	.414	12	

Thursday's Games

Indiana 122, Detroit 113

Brooklyn 114, Phila. 105

New York 116, Houston 103

Phoenix 118, Washington 98

Chicago at Toronto, ppd

Friday's Games

Miami 115, Orlando 105

Denver 133, Atlanta 115

Golden State 111, Boston 107

Milwaukee at New Orleans

San Antonio at Utah

Charlotte at Portland

L.A. Lakers at Minnesota

Memphis at Sacramento

Saturday's Games

Houston at Detroit, 12 p.m.

New York at Boston, 7 p.m.

Golden State at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Cleveland at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.

Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at Detroit, 6 p.m.

Portland at Memphis, 6 p.m.

San Antonio at Sacramento, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8 p.m.

New Orleans at Phila., 8 p.m.

NHL**Eastern Conference****Atlantic Division**

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Tampa Bay 29 19 6 4 42 94 77

Toronto 30 20 8 2 42 98 76

Florida 29 18 7 5 40 104 87

Detroit 30 14 13 3 31 83 102

Boston 26 14 10 2 30 71 69

Buffalo 30 10 15 5 25 82 104

Ottawa 27 9 17 1 19 76 97

Montreal 31 7 21 3 17 67 109

Metropolitan Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

N.Y. Rangers 30 19 7 0 42 86 77

Carolina 28 20 7 1 41 90 61

Washington 29 17 5 7 41 103 77

Pittsburgh 26 16 8 5 37 88 74

Columbus 28 14 13 1 29 91 95

Philadelphia 28 11 12 5 27 73 92

New Jersey 28 10 13 5 25 78 97

N.Y. Islanders 25 8 12 5 21 54 73

Western Conference**Central Division**

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Minnesota 29 19 8 2 40 108 85

Nashville 29 18 10 1 37 87 78

St. Louis 29 16 8 5 37 102 80

Colorado 27 17 8 5 36 115 91

Winnipeg 28 13 10 5 31 85 82

Dallas 26 13 11 2 28 70 76

Chicago 28 11 15 2 24 68 91

Arizona 28 5 21 2 12 50 104

Pacific Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Anaheim 31 17 9 5 39 98 83

Vegas 30 19 11 0 38 107 91

Calgary 28 15 7 6 36 87 62

Edmonton 28 17 11 0 34 96 87

Los Angeles 28 13 10 5 31 76 72

San Jose 30 15 14 1 31 78 85

Vancouver 31 14 15 2 30 81 90

Seattle 29 10 16 3 23 81 103

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay 2, Ottawa 1

Carolina 5, Detroit 3

Los Angeles 4, Florida 1

Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2, SO

Vegas 5, New Jersey 3

N.Y. Islanders 2, Boston 1

Nashville 5, Colorado 2

Buffalo 3, Minnesota 2, SO

Edmonton 5, Columbus 2

Vancouver 5, San Jose 2

Toronto at Calgary, ppd

Edmonton at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Vegas at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.

St. Louis at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.

Boston at Ottawa, 5 p.m.

Nashville at Carolina, 5 p.m.

Los Angeles at Washington, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Arizona at Vancouver, 10 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 (8-5) vs. Appalachian St. (10-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Celebration Bowl

Atlanta

SC State (6-5) vs. Jackson St. (11-1), Noon

(ABC)

New Mexico Bowl

Albuquerque

Fresno St. (9-3) vs. UTEP (7-5), 2:15 p.m.

(ESPN)

Independence Bowl

Shreveport, La.

No. 12 BYU (10-2) vs. UAB (8-4), 3:30 p.m.

(ESPN)

LendingTree Bowl

Mobile, Ala.

E. Michigan (7-5) vs. Liberty (7-5), 5:45 p.m.

(ESPN)

LA Bowl

Inglewood, Calif.

Oregon St. (7-5) vs. Utah St. (10-3), 7:30 p.m.

(ABC)

New Orleans Bowl

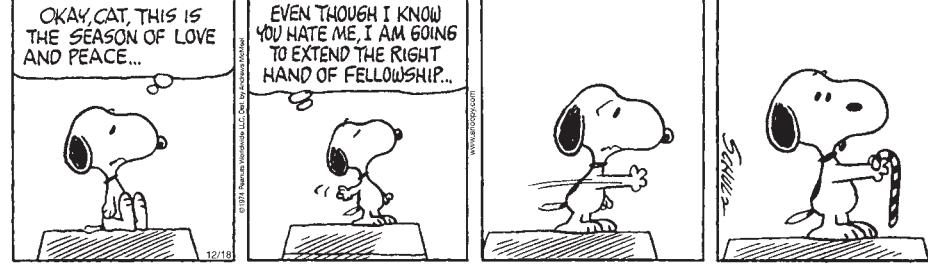
New Orleans

No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette (12-2) vs. Marshall (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 18, 2021

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2 WESH	NBC	19	19	News	NBC News	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Wall 'PG'	Dateline NBC	Saturday Night Live '14'	News	SNL				
3 WEDU	PBS	3	3	NewsHour Wk	Growing Bolder 'G'	The Lawrence Welk Show	Keep-Appear As Time Goes By	Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders "The Christmas Haunting" 'PG'	Vera "The Sea Glass"	The body of a fisherman is found. 'PG'				
5 WUFT	PBS	5	5	A History of Christianity	Greater	Best of WUFT		Best of WUFT		Best of WUFT					
8 WFLA	NBC	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt (In Stereo)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Wall "Melvin and Meredith" 'PG'	Dateline NBC (In Stereo)	Saturday Night Live (N) (In Stereo) '14'	NewsChannel 8	Saturday Night Live				
9 WFTV	ABC	20	7	20	College Football	To Be Announced	College Football Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl: Teams TBA -- Utah State vs Oregon State. (N) (In Stereo Live)			News Saturday	Hot Topics				
10 WTSP	CBS	10	10	10	College Basketball	Ohio State at Kentucky. From T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. (N) (In Stereo Live)	The Equalizer "Hunting Grounds" '14'	48 Hours (N) (In Stereo)	48 Hours (N) (In Stereo)	10 Tampa Bay	Storm of Suspicion				
13 WTVT	FOX	13	13	College Basketball	Providence at Connecticut. (N)	TMZ (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'	Boxing PBC Fight Night: David Morrell Jr. vs. Alantez Fox. (N) (In Stereo Live)	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)	I Can See Your Voice (In Stereo) 'PG'	(DVS)					
20 WCJB	ABC	11	College Football	TBA	College Football Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl: Teams TBA -- Utah State vs Oregon State. (N)				News	WCJB TV20	The Song				
22 WCLF	IND	2	2	2	Turning Point With David R. Jeffress	The Three	Gaither Homecoming	Leslie Hale	Healing Tch	Christian	Church	Passion			
24 WYKE	FAM	16	16	16	Citrus Bible Say?	Chasing M Vegas	Your Citrus County Court		Macabre Theater						
28 WFTS	ABC	11	11	College Football	TBA	College Football Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl: Teams TBA -- Utah State vs Oregon State. (N)									
32 WMOR	IND	12	12	Sheldon Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mom '14'	MacGyver '14'	The First 48 'PG'	Family Guy	Family Guy				
33 WTTA	MNT	6	6	Extra (N) 'PG'	Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8	Whacked TBA	S.W.A.T. "Ghosts" '14'	Ring of Honor Wrestling					
40 WACK	TBN	21	21	Shake the Roots	Jim Raley	Healing Touch	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog. Gospel	Paid Prog. S.Channel	Victory Gospel Hour					
44 WTOP	CW	4	4	4	Friends Friends	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer 'G'	World's Funniest Animals: SEAL Team Sonny considers planting roots. '14'	SEAL Team "Hold What You Got" '14'					
50 WVEA	UNI	15	15	15	Vecinos Noticiero	Vecinos (N)	Vecinos (N)	Vecinos (N)	Latin Grammy Celebra: Ellas y su música	Nosotr.	Noticiero				
51 WOGX	FOX	13	College Basketball	To Be Announced	Boxing				FOX 51 News Saturday	I Can See Your Voice					
66 WWPX	ION	17	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU					
(A&E)		54	48	54	*** "John Wick" (2014) Keanu Reeves. 'R'	*** "John Wick: Chapter 2" (2017, Action) Keanu Reeves. (In Stereo) 'R'			*** "John Wick" 'R'						
(ACCN)		99	College Basketball	Lehigh at Syracuse. (N) (Live)	College Basketball South Carolina at Clemson. (N)			Three Day	College Football 'G'						
(AMC)		55	64	55	*** "The Polar Express" 'G'	*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"		*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) 'PG-13'	Fred Claus						
(ANI)		52	35	52	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)	Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins					
(BET)		96	71	96	*** "The Nutty Professor" (1996) Eddie Murphy.	"Merry Switchmas" (2021) Valerie Pettiford. 'NR'	*** "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (2002)								
(BIGTEN)		742	809	College Basketball	College Basketball Southern Utah at Michigan. (N)	College Basketball Utah State at Iowa. (N)			B1G Show	B1G Show					
(BRAVO)		254	51	254	Below Deck '14'	*** "The Proposal" (2009) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13'	*** "The Proposal" (2009) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13'								
(BSFL)		35	39	35	Postgame	To Be Announced	Panthers	TBA	To Be Announced	*** "The Other Guys" (2010)					
(CC)		27	61	27	*** "The Other Guys" (2010, Comedy) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13'	To Be Announced				*** "The Other Guys" (2010)					
(CMT)		98	45	98	Along-Polly	*** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez. 'PG-13'	** "Where the Heart Is" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Natalie Portman. 'PG-13'								
(CNN)		40	29	40	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	The Eighties "Raised on Television" 'PG'		The Movies 'G'						
(ESPN)		33	27	33	College Football LendingTree Bowl: Teams TBA -- Eastern Michigan vs Liberty.		College Football: R&L Carriers New Orleans Bowl: Teams TBA								
(ESPN2)		37	28	34	Wm. Basketball	Update	Women's College Volleyball	Update	College Basketball Baylor at Oregon. (N) (Live)						
(FBN)		106	149	106	How America Works	How America Works	Kennedy	How America Works	The Pursuit! The Pursuit! The Pursuit!						
(FLIX)		118	170	118	**** "The China Syndrome" (1979) 'PG'	**** "Sideways" (2004) Paul Giamatti. 'R'	*** "Shampoo" (1975) Warren Beatty. 'R'								
(FNC)		44	37	44	Fox Report	Gutfeld!	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Jeanine	Unfiltered with Watters' World						
(FOOD)		26	56	26	Holiday Wars 'G'	Holiday Wars 'G'	Holiday Wars 'G'	Holiday Wars 'G'	Holiday Wars 'G'	Holiday Wars 'G'					
(FREEFORM)		29	52	29	*** "Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"	*** "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" (2018) 'PG'	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) 'PG'								
(FS1)		732	112	732	Boxing	Soccer			2021 FIFA Arab Cup Final: Teams TBA.						
(FX)		30	60	30	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)	*** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. (In Stereo) 'PG'	"Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"								
(GOLF)		727	67	727	Golf Central	PGA Tour Champions Golf PNC Championship, Day 1.			PGA Champions						
(HALL)		59	68	39	An Unexpected Christmas" (2021) 'NR'	"The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls" (2021)	"The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014) 'NR'								
(HBO)		302	201	302	*** "Super 8" (2011) Kyle Chandler. 'PG-13'	*** "Ron's Gone Wrong" (2021) 'PG'	** "Godzilla vs. Kong" (2021)	Landscape							
(HBO2)		303	202	303	Succession 'MA'	*** "Moonstruck" (1987) Cher. 'PG'	*** "13 Going on 30" (2004)	Seeking							
(HGTV)		23	57	23	Fixer to Fabulous 'G'	Fixer to Fabulous 'G'	Holmes Family Rescue	Surprising Santa Claus 'G'	Hunters	Outgrown (N) 'G'					
(HIST)		51	54	51	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars Rick races to nab a 1959 go-kart. (N) 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'							
(LIFE)		24	38	24	"Holiday in Santa Fe" (2021) Mario Lopez. 'NR'	"Toying With the Holidays" (2021) 'NR'	"A Christmas Dance Reunion" (2021) Corbin Bleu.								
(LMN)		119	50	119	Brutal Bridesmaids" (2020) Zoila Garcia. 'NR'	"Deadly Girls Night Out" (2021) Gina Vitori. 'NR'	"The Perfect Wedding" (2021) Tenika Davis. 'NR'								
(MSNBC)		42	41	42	Voice-Alicia Menendez	Voice-Alicia Menendez	Ayman (N) (Live)	Ayman (N) (Live)	Voice-Alicia Menendez	Ayman					
(NBCSN)		448	26	730	Olympic Trials	Chasing Winter 'G'	Mecum Auto Auctions "Chicago"	Poker							
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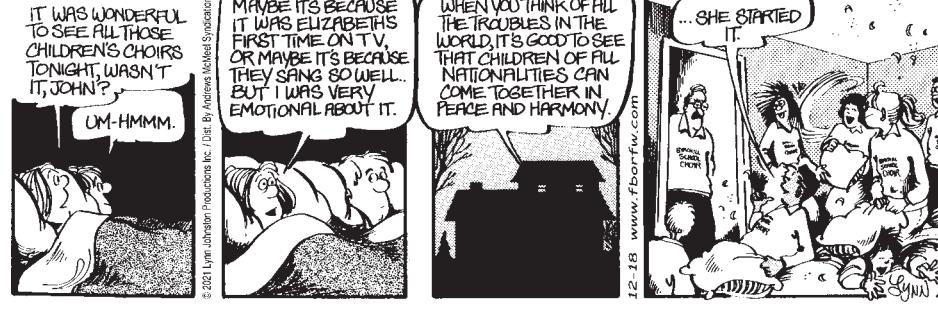
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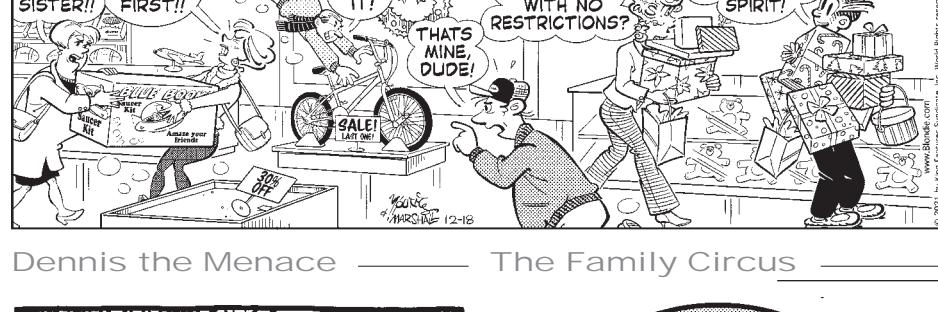
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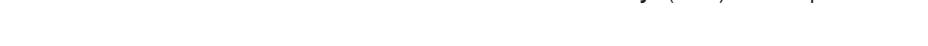
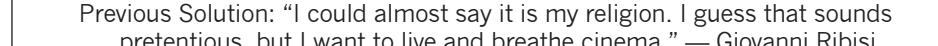
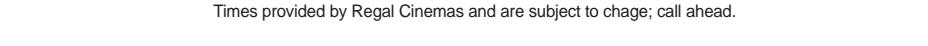
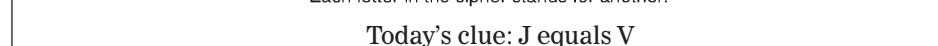
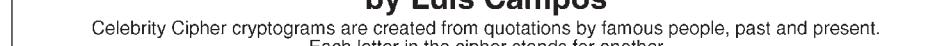
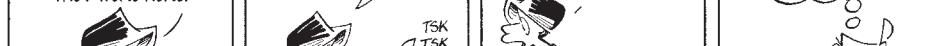
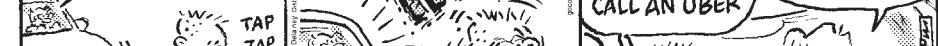
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Sunday, Dec. 19

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by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present.

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NHL shuts down 2 more teams

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

Postponements and coronavirus problems for the NHL are coming at a dizzying and disquieting pace not seen since earlier in the pandemic.

The league shut down two more teams through the Christmas holiday break on Friday, eager to avoid putting all 32 on pause amid worsening COVID-19 conditions across North America. A total of 20 NHL games have now been postponed, the majority of which have come in recent days, and roughly 10 percent of the 700-plus players are currently in the league's virus protocol.

While teams are reporting mostly asymptomatic or mild cases among players, the growing number of positive tests is adding to concerns that the NHL will not send its players to the Winter Olympics in China and threatening to upend a schedule for a league with seven teams in Canada that relies on cross-border travel more than any other.

"The fact that we only shut down two additional teams means we are trying to avoid a full league shutdown," Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly told The



Montreal Canadiens players and coaching staff look on from the bench against a backdrop of empty seats during the second period of Thursday's game against the Philadelphia Flyers in Montreal.

Associated Press by email. He added that is "obviously subject to change based on circumstances."

All games for the Colorado Avalanche and Florida Panthers have been postponed through at least next weekend, and the hard-hit Calgary Flames had their shutdown extended through the Dec. 24-26 holiday break.

"It was the only call to be made," Flames general manager Brad Treliving said on a video call.

The training facilities for all three teams have been closed with the league citing "concern with the number of positive cases within the

last two days as well concern for continued COVID spread in the coming days."

In another blow to a league that relies heavily on ticket revenue, four of the five Canadian provinces that are home to NHL teams are or will soon limit venue capacity to 50 percent. Only Alberta, home to Edmonton and Calgary, had not announced a similar restriction and in fact was going ahead as planned with the world junior men's hockey championship that opens Dec. 26.

More than 70 NHL players are now in protocol, including 19 on the Flames.

It is a discouraging sign for the league, where all but one player on active rosters across the league, Detroit's Tyler Bertuzzi, are considered fully vaccinated. It was unclear how many have received a vaccine booster as recommended by health officials and the league.

"So far our cases have been either asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic," Flames Dr. Ian Auld said, adding that the team has four to six players with moderate symptoms such as chills that ended within 36-48 hours. "Overwhelmingly, we've seen mild disease, which is reassuring."

The NHL postponed only five games during the first two months of the season, and one has already been rescheduled and played. As recently as last week, NHL Players' Association executive director Don Fehr said the league has "been able to cope" with a few postponements so far.

That has changed rapidly.

In all, Calgary has had six games postponed, the Avalanche four and the Panthers three. The New York Islanders, Ottawa, Carolina — and now Boston and Montreal, who saw their game Saturday in Quebec called off — have all had games postponed.

Carter, Penguins solve Subban in OT

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Jeff Carter redirected a centering pass from Kris Letang between the legs of Malcolm Subban 2:53 into overtime to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 3-2 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Friday night.

Pittsburgh extended its winning streak to a season-high six games by relying on the NHL's top penalty-killing unit at the start of overtime after Carter drew a penalty for tripping with just 5 seconds left in regulation. Carter atoned by deftly slipping the puck past Subban to send his teammates spilling over the bench in celebration.

Evan Rodrigues set a career high with his 10th goal and Brock McGinn scored for the third time in four games, but Buffalo pushed Pittsburgh to overtime thanks to a spectacular performance by Subban.

Subban made a career-high 45 saves in his second start with Buffalo since being acquired from Chicago earlier this month. His best stop was a behind-the-back glove save to rob Rodrigues next to the crease.

BLUES 4, STARS 1

ST. LOUIS — Vladimir Tarasenko scored twice, Charlie Lindgren made 26 saves and St. Louis capped a home-and-home sweep against Dallas.

Lindgren improved to 5-0 since taking over in net for the injury-ravaged Blues.

Logan Brown scored, Ivan Barbashev added an empty-netter and Pavel Buchnevich recorded two assists as St. Louis won for the fifth time in six games. The Blues have points in their last seven games (5-0-2) overall and in nine straight home games (8-0-1) since Nov. 18.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 3, RANGERS 2

NEW YORK — Jonathan Marchessault scored in the third round of the shootout and Vegas beat New York for its season-high fourth straight victory.

Brett Howden had a goal and an assist and Dylan Coghlan also scored in regulation as Vegas won for the seventh time in eight games. Laurent Brossoit had 27 saves.

CAPITALS 5, JETS 2

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Vitek Vanecek made 40 saves and Washington spoiled the debut of new Winnipeg coach Dave Lowry.

Michael Sgarbossa and Alex Ovechkin scored empty-net goals in the final 2:40 to seal the win for Washington. Brett Leason, Daniel Sprong and Conor Sheary also scored for the Capitals.

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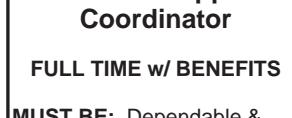
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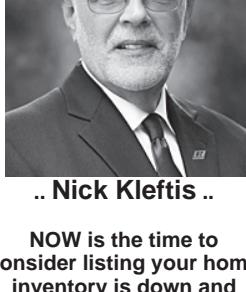
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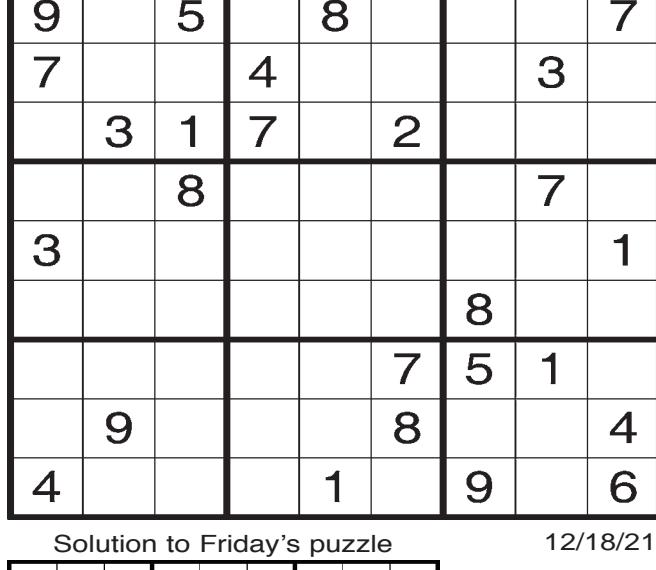
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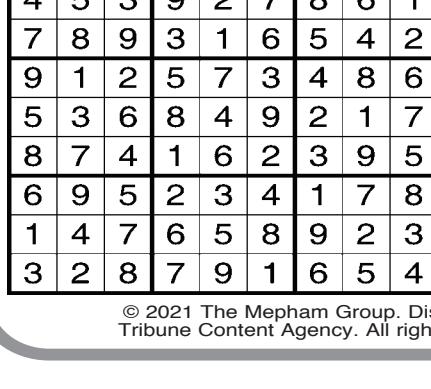
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Solution to Friday's puzzle

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

Saturday, December 18, 2021

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WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- DIVERSITY

(DIVERSITY: dih-VER-sih-tee: Variety.)

Average mark 37 words
Time limit 60 minutes

Can you find 57 or more words in DIVERSITY?
The list will be published Monday.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- STIPEND

send	snit	spite	inset	deist
sent	sped	stein	instep	dent
sept	spend	step	pent	diet
side	spent	tend	pest	dine
sine	spied	tepid	pied	dint
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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 Baldwin or
Guinness
5 Bribe
8 Ice fishing
need
12 Pilaf base
13 Tijuana "Mrs."
14 Tiny guitars
15 Malden or
Marx
16 Try to
impress, in a
way (hyph.)
18 Is sorry about
20 DJ's platters
21 Novelist
— Beattie
22 Hull filler
25 Website suffix
28 Lock openers
29 Hideous giant
33 Cruel dude
35 Plunder
36 "Waterloo"
pop group
37 Ballpark
snack (2 wds.)

39 Say hoarsely

40 Pet plea
42 Sault — Marie
43 Teensy bit
46 Fall guy
49 Rural addr.
50 Half asleep
53 Multiplying
56 Masterstroke
58 Forearm bone
59 Help wanted
abbr.
60 "Lonely Boy"
singer
61 Extinct bird
62 Insect killer
63 For fear that

DOWN

1 La. neighbor
2 Fibber
3 Tan shade
4 People
person?
5 Form 1040 info
6 By mouth
7 Argentine
plains

Answer to Previous Puzzle



8 Patricia Neal
film
9 Green pods
10 Uris of
"Topaz"
11 Athletics
channel

17 Slalom run

19 Munro's pen
name

23 Ang or Spike

24 Actionable
wrong

25 Gen. —
Bradley

26 McEntire of
country

27 Yaks

30 Flits (about)

31 Wild
disturbance

32 Razor feature

34 Has a snooze

37 Macho
motorcycle

38 Felt grateful

40 Upset

41 Swirled

44 Hi-tech scan

45 Diet-friendly
(hyph.)

46 Tater

47 Guthrie of folk
music

48 Lily pad
locale

51 District

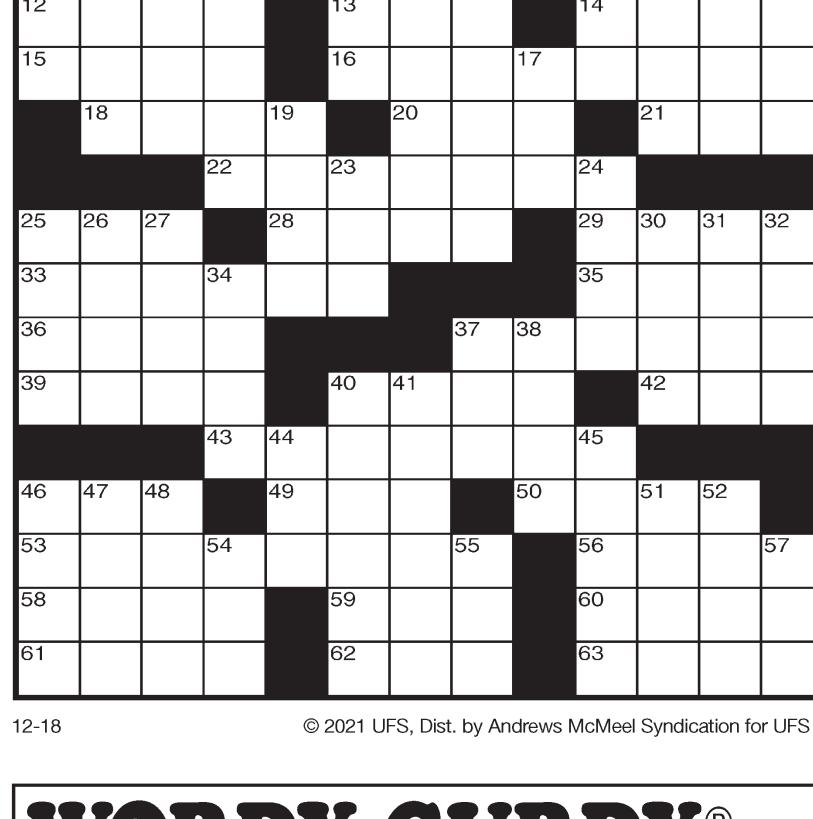
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laughs

54 Thai language

55 Bunkhouse
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1. Blowout party corned beef dish (1)



2. Six and two are worthy of esteem (1)



3. Surgical dressing imperfections (1)



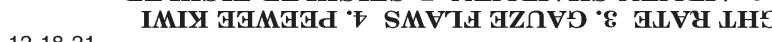
4. Teeny-tiny New Zealander (2)



5. Singer/TV host Clarkson's London TVs (2)



6. Committee heads for pilots (2)



7. Lightly stroking amuser of a martinet (2)



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

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1. BASH HASH 2. EIGHT RATE 3. GAUZE FILMS 4. PEEWEE KIWI 5. KELIX TELLIES 6. AIRMEN CHARMEN 7. STICKLER TICKLER

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