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Enter Christmas light contest

Embrace your inner Clark Griswold with the Citrus County Chronicle House Holiday Light Contest.

The Chronicle invites you to enter into the friendly completion for the most beautiful house on the block.

A first-, second- and third-place winner will be announced for the east and west side of the county.

Residents will submit a photo of the exterior of their home and receive a yard sign telling everyone to vote for their entry.

Once the voting begins, the Chronicle will publish a locator map in print and online so everyone can see the lights in person.

To enter, visit tinyurl.com/36u5xr37.

Two food giveaways planned

Let's Feed Citrus is taking a break this week to prepare for two super food giveaways on Dec. 8 and Dec. 15.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, and 15, the public can receive food at the Citrus County fairgrounds at 3600 S. Florida Ave., Inverness — drive-thru only.

Monetary donations are needed to continue feeding Citrus County residents.

Please consider donating through the New Church Without Walls www.newchurchwithoutwalls.com; Citrus United Way www.citrusunitedway.org; Community Food Bank of Citrus County www.communityfoodbankofcitruscounty.org; or We Care www.wecarefoodpantry.org.

Nominate Citrus' top citizen

The Citrus County Chronicle is seeking nominees for 2021 Citizen of the Year. Winners in the past have been honored for everything from philanthropy to volunteerism, civil rights work to service to country, and environmental efforts to governmental initiatives.

While all nominations are considered, preference is usually given to community contributions that are above and beyond the role one plays in their day-to-day job.

Email nominations, in 200 words or less, to Editor Jeff Bryan at jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com; or, mail to Jeff Bryan, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429 by Dec. 15.

Nominations received after Dec. 15 will not be considered.

—From staff reports

Costs for emergencies could go up

County Fire Rescue to ask county commission for new ambulance service rates

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Some county ambulance fees could change if the Citrus County Commission approves a new rate proposal by the county's fire rescue department, which oversees the emergency service.

Citrus County Fire Rescue will propose during the Tuesday county commission meeting new rates based on a previous Fitch &

Associates rate study. If approved some rates to patients will decrease while others will increase. There would also be a new rate to hospitals if ambulance personnel have to wait too long for hospital staff to start treating patients, leaving paramedics to wait with the patient.

If approved, one of the rates to go up would be the ambulance's mileage rate for the patient being transported. The current rate per

mile is \$19. Under the county's fire rescue department's plan, mileage fees would increase to \$23 per mile for both in-county and out-of-county transport.

Ambulance mileage rates have been steadily increasing between 2016 and the current \$19 per mile rate set in 2019. In 2016, the fee rate was \$12.60 per mile.

On Oct. 2, the county took over the ambulance service from Nature Coast EMS. Nature Coast had

commissioned the Fitch rate study.

County Fire Rescue spokeswoman Cortney Marsh told the Chronicle her department is proposing Fitch suggested rates that reflect the true cost of services and helps meet the EMS budget.

Under the proposal the rates that would remain the same are ambulance transports that would

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Attention, then upgrades



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Citrus County Road Maintenance workers lay asphalt millings Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Inverness that will be used to pave over a gravel roadway through the property.

County makes moves at Pine Hill Cemetery in response to community feedback

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

After becoming a community focal point, Citrus County's Pine Hill Cemetery got some upgrades from its owner.

A county road maintenance crew on Wednesday, Nov. 24, finished laying asphalt millings over the gravel roadway bisecting the cemetery in southern Inverness.

County spokeswoman Veronica Kampschroer said the county-owned portion of the

road was due for routine maintenance, and Inverness gave the county permission to improve the city's section of the path.

A water hookup for hoses was also installed at the cemetery.

"The county's doing its best to maintain our portion," Kampschroer said, "and work with the city to keep it all looking nice and well kept."

Flattening Pine Hill's sole road was a focus of the campaign Inverness native Dr. Devonte White spearheaded in October to bring

overdue attention to what's considered to be the oldest African American cemetery in the county.

It's been White's mission to spur stakeholders of Pine Hill into approaching county officials with requests on how to improve the 1.5-acre cemetery, bringing it up to the same aesthetic standard as the 22-acre, Inverness-owned Oak Ridge Cemetery surrounding it.

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Jury chosen for Inverness home-invasion trial

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Attorneys picked jurors to preside over the trial of Dorothy Jane Ball-McDuffie, one of three people accused of orchestrating an Inverness home invasion to rob a safe.

A jury panel was chosen Monday, Nov. 29, from a pool of 22 candidates to render a verdict for the Summerfield 42-year-old.

Ball-McDuffie faces charges of principal to armed kidnapping, principal to robbery with a firearm, principal to burglary of a dwelling with battery, principal to witness tampering and conspiracy to commit robbery.



**Dorothy
Ball-
McDuffie**

Opening statements and witness testimonials are set for Wednesday, and Citrus County Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard is expected to deliver jury instructions Thursday morning.

Ball-McDuffie rejected a plea offer from prosecutors, in exchange to testify against her 31-year-old codefendant from Daytona, William John Olsen Jr., who prosecutors view as the most culpable.

Olsen, Ball-McDuffie and Dunnellon 35-year-old Jessica Hill were arrested in December 2019 on similar charges connected to



**William
Olsen Jr.**



**Jessica
Hill**

the residential break-in from earlier that month. Prosecutors charged Ball-McDuffie and Hill as principals to the alleged offense.

Hill pleaded no contest Nov. 23 to her charges in exchange for six years in prison with credit for time served. Olsen's due to stand trial the week of Jan. 31.

It's alleged Hill and Ball-McDuffie aided Olsen in a scheme to break into a house off of East Quail Court to rob a safe. Once he and Hill broke into the home, Olsen threatened the then-65-year-old homeowner at gunpoint to unlock his safe.

When the man refused, Olsen used a pocket knife to cut one of his fingers and slice one of his toes. Olsen then struck the man multiple times until he lost consciousness.

Olsen, Hill and Ball-McDuffie used a dolly to load the safe onto a truck bed, but the safe fell onto the driveway soon after they drove away.

After pulling them over, deputies arrested Olsen and Ball-McDuffie, whose descriptions were given by the homeowner.

Hill was apprehended the next day in Volusia County while driving the homeowner's stolen vehicle.

Woman serving 35 years rejects 20-year plea deal

Inverness 43-year-old Devona Denise Ruiz on Monday had no

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Initial state House maps get mixed reviews

JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE—After the Florida Senate tweaked its proposed new congressional maps, the House on Monday rolled out its first efforts for the once-a-decade redistricting process.

Like the Senate, the House — in a pair of proposed maps — focused on carving the state’s new congressional district in Central Florida, mostly around Polk County.

House Redistricting Chairman Tom Leek, R-Ormond Beach, in a memo to lawmakers, called the proposals — along with a pair of drafts for new state House districts — “workshop options.”

The House Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee will get its first crack at the maps on Thursday, while the House State Legislative Redistricting Subcommittee will review the proposed House maps for the first time on Friday.

House Minority Co-leader Evan Jenne, a member of the House Redistricting Committee, told reporters the staff-drawn maps demonstrated “the lack of transparency in this process.”

“A lot of this work is going to be done behind closed doors,” Jenne, D-Dania Beach, said. “I believe COVID will be used to further veil the process as much as humanly possible, as we are seeing from the lack of a community tour that is traditional in this body.”

Florida will add a 28th congressional district in 2022 because of population growth. Under the proposals, that likely would result in noticeable shifts to

district lines throughout the Orlando and Tampa areas, while also causing lines to be shifted across South Florida.

Matt Isbell, a Tallahassee-based analyst who has worked for Democrats, called the House maps “terribly drawn,” “just lazy” and “inferior” to the Senate’s proposals.

He said one of the House congressional plans “is a pretty notable gerrymander,” as it “nukes” the District 7 seat in Central Florida held by Democratic Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy, while maintaining Democrats’ hold on two seats in the Tampa region.

“I really wonder if this is a plan drafted by staff with members like Sabatini asking for an aggressive plan,” Isbell tweeted.

State Rep. Anthony Sabatini, a Republican from Lake County’s Howey-in-the-Hills, has targeted Murphy for an election challenge next year.

Isbell added that the House’s first legislative map effort gives Democrats “concessions” around Orlando, but “short-circuits” the Democratic Party in Tampa and splits heavily Democratic Tallahassee from two to three seats.

The anti-gerrymandering group RepresentUs, working with the Princeton Gerrymandering Project, gave “F” grades to the House’s proposal congressional maps, indicating “poor for the category, could be much better.”

RepresentUs and Princeton gave the Senate congressional maps a “B,” indicating “better than average for the category, but bias still exists.”

The House legislative redistricting proposals did

much better, scoring “A” grades from the RepresentUs and Princeton team.

Meanwhile, the Senate Select Subcommittee on Congressional Reapportionment on Monday reviewed updated staff-drawn drafts, which were released last week.

Subcommittee Chairwoman Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, said she expects senators will continue to make “refinements” and begin laying out a final product that must eventually be negotiated with the House, starting shortly after the 2022 legislative session begins Jan. 11.

“We have come extraordinarily far in what has been an extremely condensed amount of time. I believe we’re on the right track for success,” Bradley said.

Bradley said Monday she had not reviewed the House proposals, which were released to the public just as her subcommittee meeting started.

Sen. Linda Stewart, an Orlando Democrat and member of the Senate subcommittee, praised the work of staff on the congressional lines. But Stewart added that she hasn’t heard from other Democrats or the public on the proposals.

“It’s funny because normally you get a lot of feedback from the citizens. And I have gotten absolutely no feedback,” Stewart said. “And I think what they’re doing is they’re trying to wait to see how these are being introduced, and then seeing if they have a problem with it.”

Current congressional lines were drawn after the Florida Supreme Court threw out the Legislature’s

first attempt in 2012. That decision stemmed from violations of the anti-gerrymandering “Fair

Districts” constitutional amendment voters approved in 2010.

The maps must be

finalized before qualifying for next year’s congressional and legislative races begins June 13.



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Teen leaves home with man she met online

Associated Press

NORTH MIAMI BEACH — A 14-year-old girl has been found safe in another state days after leaving home with a man she met while playing an online video game, authorities said Monday.

The teen was picked up by a man in a car outside her North Miami Beach home on Saturday morning, and called her mother hours later, saying she was cold and hungry and far from home, North Miami Beach Police Chief Richard Rand told a news conference.

Rand said the girl met the man, who is more than 10 years older than her, while playing the “Free Fire Max” game online.

He said detectives worked tirelessly through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to find and recover the teen, who is now being taken care of by authorities in another state.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is working on the case, and Rand said he couldn’t identify the location due to the ongoing investigation.



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Around the
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Attend Christmas on the Square presented by the city of Crystal River, Crystal River Main Street and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 3, 4 and 5, at 599 N. Citrus Ave.

For the first time ever, there will be ice-skating in Crystal River, along with a 5,000-square-foot maze, live music, photos with Santa, food, beverages and holiday shopping.

Thirty-minute ice skating session tickets are \$10 for all ages and includes skate rental. One-hour tickets for the maze are \$5 and add-on time for an additional \$3.

To purchase a ticket, visit crystalrivermainstreet.com/christmas-on-the-square.html.

Pub seeking
supplies for
animal rescue
organizations

Skipper's Whiskey River Saloon is doing a donation/angel tree to raise funds and supplies for two 501C nonprofit local animal rescue organizations: Precious Paws and Citrus County Foundation for Animal Protection.

They are asking for dog food, cat food, rabbit pellets, kitty litter, toys, bleach, old blankets (to make pallets for the animals), old rags and monetary donations (cash or checks made payable to the organizations).

Please drop off donations/supplies at Skipper's Whiskey River Saloon, 3451 E. Louise Lane, Hernando. Open every day at 11 a.m.

Light Up Liberty
Park with the
city of Inverness

Light Up Liberty Park will take place at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4, 286 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness.

The glow of outdoor lights make for dazzling holiday spirit geared to warm your heart and make your season bright. Join the city of Inverness Parks & Recreation Department for the first lamp post decorating contest between local businesses and organizations.

Lamp posts will be judged in four categories: Most Old-Fashioned, Most Festive, Most Town Pride, and Most Patriotic. Bring the whole family and show your support while making memories and spreading holiday cheer.

For more information, visit inverness.gov.

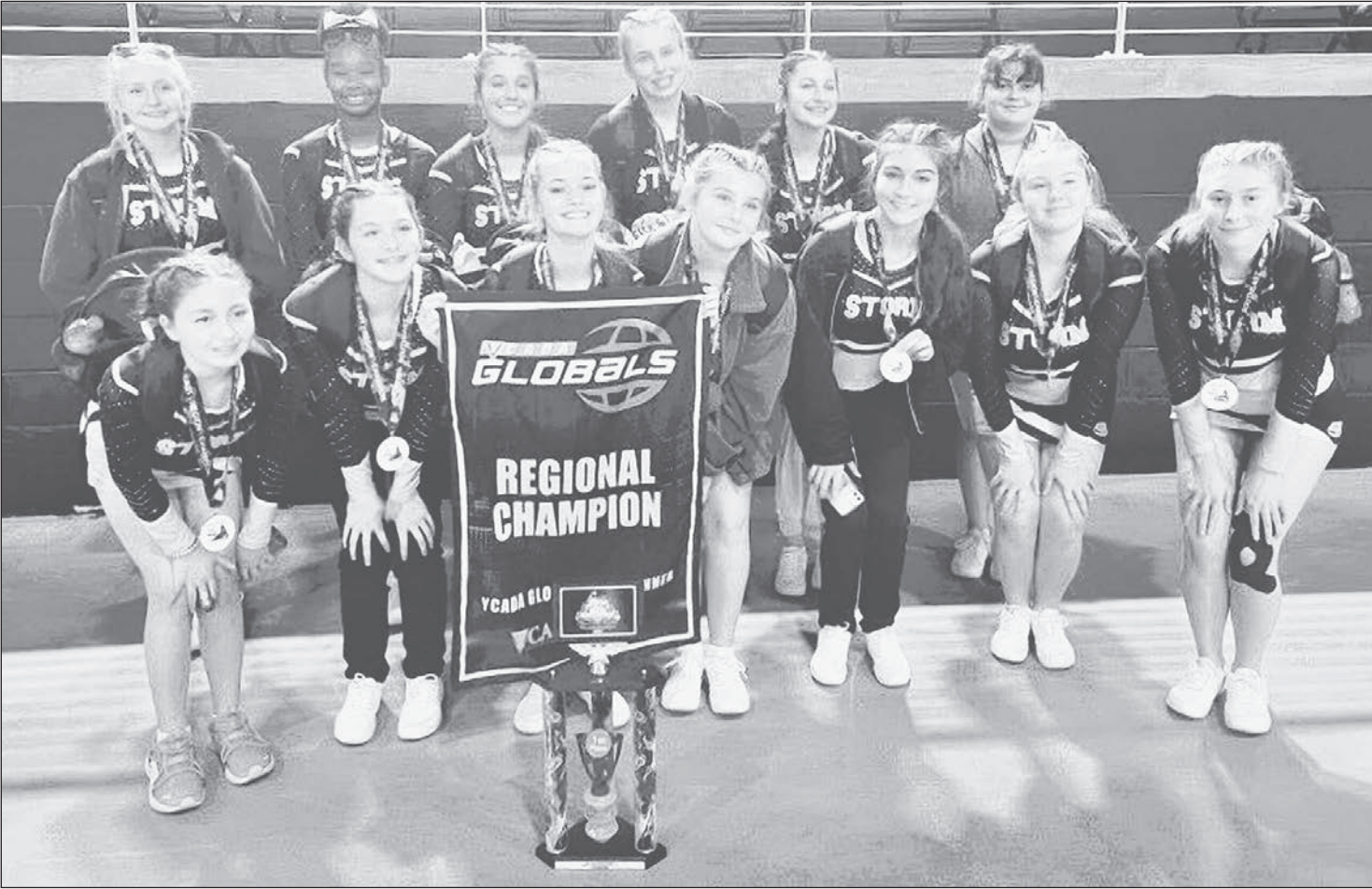
City to show 'Polar Express'

Join the city of Inverness Parks & Recreation for a movie night in the park, featuring "The Polar Express," at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at Liberty Park, 268 N. Apopka Ave.

Call 352-726-3913 or visit inverness.gov.

— From staff reports

Hip hip hooray!



The Inverness Storm varsity cheerleading team won first place at the Southeast Region Cheer and Dance Championship Nov. 26 in Orlando and are heading to Nationals Dec. 6-8. In this photo, bottom row from the left, are: Alley Bartoli, Peyton Jaworski, Makayla Nance, Ryan Courterier, Kenzie Maloney, Sami Collins and Katherine Gladu. Top row: Sabrina Garren, Leylah Tenner, Alyssa Sauro, Aubrey Dowis, Mia Jaworski and Alyssa Roman. Not pictured: Abby Summers and McKenzie Patton.

Inverness Storm cheerleaders capture regionals, heading to nationals

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

A local group of Pop Warner football cheerleaders recently took their regional competition by storm.

On Friday, Nov. 26, the Inverness Storm varsity cheer team won a first place title at the Southeast Region Cheer and Dance Championship in Orlando.

So far this season the team of girls, ages 12 to 17, have won first place and title of Central Florida Conference Champs and first place and Session Grand Champions at Best of the Bay and Florida Spirit Bash.

On Dec. 6, they hope to add National Champions to their list of accomplishments when they return to Orlando to compete at the Pop Warner National Cheer and Dance



Inverness Storm varsity cheer team practice stunts. The "flyers" at the top from the left: Makayla Nance, Kenzie Maloney and Peyton Jaworski.

Championship.

"They're a pretty confident bunch," said Sandi Watson, Inverness Storm varsity head coach and the Storm

cheerleaders commissioner. "We try to instill in them that, if you're confident, then your chances of doing well are much greater. So, go out there and do

your best, and as long as you know you gave it your all, the outcome is whatever it is."

Their winning routine, which they will be performing at Nationals, is a car wash theme.

Watson said as they listened to possible music for a routine, they were drawn to some of the older music, especially the 1976 song, "Car Wash," originally sung by the group Rose Royce.

As she explained, at the very end of the routine when the "Car Wash" song is playing, the girls use their legs to make it look like a car wash as one of the girls, the "car," goes through. "It's super cute," Watson said.

She added that as a team, the girls all mesh together, which doesn't always happen. "Surprisingly, we only have four girls who have been together on a team; the rest are brand new this year," she said.

Inglis woman arrested for DUI, hit-and-run

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Florida Highway Patrol jailed an Inglis woman under allegations she was drunk behind the wheel when she struck a Citrus County Sheriff's Office patrol car twice before driving away.

Trooper Bradley Kibbey took 68-year-old Nancie Margaret Young into custody the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 27, from the Walgreens parking lot near U.S. 19 and State Road 44 in Crystal River.

According to Young's arrest report, Kibbey was dispatched to the intersection in response to a hit-and-run collision involving a sheriff's office cruiser.

When Kibbey arrived, the trooper found multiple sheriff's office patrol vehicles surrounding a gold Buick Century stopped in a

northbound lane of U.S. 19 with heavy damaged to its front end.

Deputy Ryan Reeder told the trooper he was driving north on U.S. 19 near West Venable Street when the Buick rear-ended his marked cruiser, according to Florida Highway Patrol crash and arrest reports.

Reeder said he pulled off onto the center median, where the Buick struck his patrol car a second time before continuing north on the highway.

When the Buick stopped at U.S. 19 and S.R. 44, Reeder and Deputy Michael Felton removed its driver — later identified as Young — from the vehicle and detained her.

Reeder's lieutenant transported him to Bayfront Health ER



Nancie Young

Citrus Hills after the deputy began complaining of neck pain. Young was uninjured.

When Kibbey went to question Young, the trooper noticed she had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and an odor of alcohol around her.

Young kept interrupting Kibbey and shaking her head as the trooper read her Miranda rights. When Kibbey asked her if she understood her rights, Young kept saying "no" before saying she was "just kidding around," according to her arrest report.

"She then kept going off subject," Kibbey wrote in Young's arrest report, "asking if she hurt anyone and what the (deputy's) name is that she hit."

Young then agreed to speak

with Kibbey, telling the trooper she was coming from a flea market, and had consumed two shots of vodka with some orange juice.

According to her arrest report, Young began to perform Kibbey's field sobriety tasks but refused to finish in the midst of the first task. When Kibbey tried to place handcuffs on her, Young pulled away, requiring Felton to assist.

Young was arrested on a third-degree felony of leaving a crash scene involving injuries, and misdemeanors charges of DUI with property damage and resisting law enforcement without violence. Her bond was set at \$4,000.

Young told Kibbey at the Citrus County jail she couldn't take a Breathalyzer test because of her chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, according to her arrest report.

Rear-end crash involving 3 vehicles leaves 7 motorists with possible injuries

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Several people left a three-vehicle crash by an entrance to the Sugarmill Woods subdivision without ambulances having to take them to hospital.

According to Florida Highway Patrol, which didn't release the identities of the seven motorists involved in the 4:22 p.m. collision from Tuesday, Nov. 23, a white Ford Crown Victoria heading north on U.S. 19 was stopped at a red light at the intersection with West Cypress Boulevard.

A white Kia Soul and its driver, a 37-year-old Holiday man, was also stopped behind the Ford and its five occupants from Hudson, including three children and a 2-year-old.

According to FHP, a northbound silver Nissan Altima and its driver, a 86-year-old Crystal River man, struck the rear of the Kia at an estimated speed of 55 mph, propelling the Kia into the back of Ford.

Everybody involved in the crash suffered from possible injuries, but EMS crews didn't transport anyone for treatment. FHP cited the Nissan's driver for carless driving.

Florida top vacation spot again

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH — Cooped-up tourists eager for a taste of Florida's sandy beaches, swaying palm trees and warmer climates are visiting the Sunshine State in droves, topping pre-pandemic levels in recent months.

Miami is one of the top search destinations on travel websites and statewide, Florida had 32.5 million travelers from July to September of this year, exceeding the number of

visitors during that period in pre-pandemic 2019, Gov. Ron DeSantis said recently.

The state was boosted by the Republican governor's pro-business, anti-lockdown and anti-mask restrictions all year, allowing one of Florida's main economic engines to flourish, even as tourism dipped in other parts of the country.

Now, as snowbirds have returned and others are making holidays travel plans, hotels and tourism experts report a noticeable bump. Miami — and Florida

— have grown even more popular since borders were opened earlier this month to international travels, though plans and logistics could be upset by the emergence of the new COVID-19 omicron variant.

"The moment the borders and the flights were reopened in November, we started to see bookings from Europe and South America," said Milton Sgarbi, a vice president at 1 Hotel South Beach, one of Miami's most luxe oceanfront resorts.



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Not only may hearing loss contribute to faster atrophy in the brain, but it may make a person socially isolated and less likely to engage in conversation, which could contribute to dementia. According to studies, hearing loss affects one in 10 Americans. Luckily, those who do get hearing tests and find solutions to their problems see incredible results. That's because communication is essential to so many areas of life. Research shows that those who find solutions for hearing loss experience various benefits, from increased earning power and more control over their lives to better memory skills and increased awareness of their personal safety.

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Worth NOTING

Holiday grief support available

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast is offering “Surviving the Holidays” from 2 to 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Dec. 7 at First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonnade St.

This workshop/memorial is for anyone who has experienced a loss and would like to discover new reasons to enjoy the holidays again.

To reserve your seat, call 352-249-1470. Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast is a charitable organization providing community grief support workshops and resources, telephone support, educational materials, social support activities, wellness support programs and children’s grief support camps.

For more information, visit friendsofcitrus.org.

Santa Fly-In set for Saturday

The Tri-County R/C Club

will be having their annual Santa Fly-In and festivities will begin at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 4 at the Rainbow R/C Park, 11729 Bridges Road in Dunnellon. Pilot registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with a pilot meeting at 9 a.m.

This event is in cooperation with the Marines Toys for Tots organization. The landing fee for pilots is a new, unwrapped toy with a value of at least \$15. A cash gift is acceptable and will be used to purchase toys.

All spectators are welcome and encouraged to donate. Food will be available at the Rainbow cafe.

For more information, contact Chris Wieland at 352-212-9333 or carolts@tampabay.rr.com.

Attend ‘Trains for Christmas’ show

The free train show, “Trains for Christmas,” will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 5 at Holy Faith Episcopal Church, 19924 W. Blue Cove Drive in Dunnellon.

There will be multiple lay-

outs, no vendors and a raffle.

For information, contact Bill Quast at 352-209-5422 or wmquast@gmail.com.

Russian vocal ensemble to perform Dec. 5

First United Methodist Church of Homosassa will host “ChoRuss,” a vocal ensemble from Russia, at 2 p.m. Dec. 5, 8831 W. Bradshaw St.

The name “ChoRuss” means “Choir of Russian.” It was founded in 2012 by Miroslav Alekseev and Dmitry Petrov.

The ensemble sings spiritual music of popular composers from the 19th and 20th-century, which accompanies worship in the Russian Orthodox Church.

This music is performed A cappella, as in the traditions of Orthodox music. The ensemble also sings popular Russian songs and songs of World War II, such as “Katyusha,” “Broad Steppe,” “Moscow Nights” and “Kalinka.”

For more information, visit choruss.com.

Weeki Wachee Winds to have holiday concert

Weeki Wachee Winds, led by founding conductor and music director Mark Hengesh, will present a free concert of holiday music at 2 p.m. Dec. 5 at Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way (U.S. 19) in Spring Hill.

The 40-member concert band will present a program filled with holiday favorites and medleys of Christmas tunes. The program will also include a Chanukah celebration, Jose Feliciano’s “Feliz Navidad” and a concert band adaptation of Georg Frederik Handel’s “Hallelujah.”

Admission is free, but tickets are required due to limited seating. Tickets are available Monday through Friday during church office hours or Sundays before and after 9:30 a.m. service. Call 352-597-1456. Tickets can also be secured via email at director.wwwwinds@gmail.com. Tickets must be picked up by 1:40 p.m. on Dec. 5. The band is actively

recruiting musicians for a 2021-22 concert season. For information, email hengesh.band@yahoo.com or visit weekiwacheewinds.com.

Enjoy the lights at Fort Cooper park

Attend “Nights of Lights” at Fort Cooper State Park at 6 p.m. Dec. 10, 3100 S. Old Floral City Road in Inverness.

Enjoy the park with music, decorations and thousands of lights as you stroll along the walkways and through the buildings. There will also be


free refreshments and a visit with Santa.

Admission is a donation of nonperishable food or a new toy for Citrus United Basket (CUB) and/or a donation of pet food for Citrus County Animal Services. All proceeds from monetary donations will be used to fund this and future events.

This year’s challenge is “Fill CUB’s Truck!” During the two-day event, donations will be loaded into the CUB truck by a local Boy Scout Troop. Visit thefriendsoffortcooper.com.

—From staff reports

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Citrus County Planning and Development Commission
Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Lecanto Government Building
3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 166
Lecanto, Florida 34461

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JAMES ROYS	CHUCK DIXON (School Board)

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

E. CHAIRMAN TO READ THE APPEAL PROCESS AND MEETING PROCEDURES

F. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Receive comments from the public

G. APPROVE MINUTES – Approval of available minutes

H. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION: County Attorney

J. APPLICATIONS

1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

a. CPA/AA/PUD-21-02 John and Cynthia Zanki

REQUEST: This request is to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan from Low Intensity Coastal and Lakes District (CL) to Coastal and Lakes Commercial District (CLC), to amend the Land Development Code Atlas Map from Low Intensity Coastal and Lakes District (CL) to Coastal and Lakes Commercial District (CLC), and to establish a new Planned Unit Development (PUD) for a hotel with an open air café.

LOCATION: Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 17 East, more specifically, Parcel B, of an unrecorded subdivision; also known as Alternate Key Number 2279966, which address is 10137 W. Fishbowl Dr., Homosassa, Florida. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Miranda Anaya, Senior Planner, and Joe Hochadel, Principal Planner, Land Development Division

b. CPA/AA/PUD-21-16 Clark A. Stillwell, Esq. for Affordable Secure Storage Citrus Hills, LLC

REQUEST: This request is to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan from Low Density Residential (LDR) to General Commercial District (GNC), to amend the Land Development Code Atlas Map from General Commercial District (GNC) and Low Density Residential District with mobile homes allowed (LDRMH) to General Commercial District (GNC) with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for mini-warehouse and open storage.

LOCATION: Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 19 East, more specifically, Herculacres Unit No. 1, Lot 7 and a portion of Lot 6 (Alternate Key Number 3213842), which addresses are 2417 E. Norvell Bryant Highway and 2353 N Page Avenue, Hernando. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Joanna Coutu, AICP, Director, Land Development Division

2. STREET VACATION

a. SV-21-03 Brenda McKenzie for Affordable Secure Storage Citrus Springs, LLC

REQUEST AND LOCATION: This request is to vacate that alley lying between Lots 26 and 27, Block 1149, Citrus Springs Unit 15, as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 123-128, public records of Citrus County, Florida (Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 19 East) in Citrus Springs, FL.

STAFF CONTACT: Joanna Coutu, AICP, Director, Land Development Division

K. ADDITIONAL ITEMS


L. AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

M. ADJOURN

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

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James ‘Jim’ Black, 85
INVERNESS

James D Black
MSGT USAF Retired
James ‘Jim’ Black, 85, of Inverness, Florida passed away on November 13, 2021.



James Black

Jim served in the US Navy from 1955 to 1959. When he left the Navy, he returned to his hometown in Wisconsin where he met Ida Maye Serley on a blind date. They married in September of 1960 and started their new life and family together. Jim joined the USAF in 1961 and retired in 1980. Jim and Ida along with the kids and family dog loved travelling to their new base every few years. After his retirement Jim and Ida spent 15 years in Washington and Oregon. In 1996 they moved to Inverness where he took on an active role in VFW 4337. He served in many positions including chairman of the house committee and commander of the Honor Guard.

Jim loved taking summers off with Ida and the family dog to travel the US visiting family and friends logging thousands of miles and hundreds of fantastic memories every year.

Jim is survived by his wife and love of his life Ida Maye, his son Brian Black, his daughters Brenda Black, Becky Knapp (Laury), Barbie Austin and Bernadette Sellers (Brad). His 6 grandchildren Doug Austin, Justin Austin, Corey Knapp (Leah), Tatum Gildersleeve (Matt), Ethan Sellers, Nathan Black and one great grandson CJ Knapp. He has many loving cousins, nieces and nephews across the US as well.

He is preceded in death by his parents Gordon Black and Gladys (Espeseth) Black and his 3 sisters Donna, Gloria and Wanda.

His service will be held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 2:30 PM. A Celebration of Life will be held at VFW Post 4337 in Inverness at 4:00 PM.

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Mary Lou Halovich
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA


Mary Lou Halovich was a talented artist and athlete, an avid golfer (always so proud of her hole in one) and bowler. She also was a talented seamstress, sculptor, stained glass artist, and basket weaver who loved to bake. Mary Lou, along with her husband Frank, was an active member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church for over 25 years working on the Welcome Committee and as an altar server.

Mary Lou passed from this earth on Monday, November 15th in Fredericksburg, VA. Mary Lou was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She is survived by her daughters, Pat Fatovic and Kathie Smith (David); grandchildren, Kristie McDowell (Ken), Amanda Amundson (Korey), Graham Smith (Jessica), Jesse Smith (Karen) and Lee Smith (Sierra); and seven great grandchildren. Mary Lou is preceded in death by her husband, Frank, her brother William, sister Blanche and son-in-law Greg.

A Graveside service is scheduled for December 3rd at 2pm at Fero Memorial Gardens 5955 North Lecanto Highway Beverly Hills, FL.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask you consider a donation to the Alzheimer’s Association on her behalf. <https://www.alz.org/>

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Mary Lou Halovich


Cynthia Reynolds, 57
CRYSTAL RIVER

Cynthia Bacon Reynolds, 57, of Crystal River, FL, passed away unexpectedly, on Thursday, November 25, 2021. Cindy was born to John and Betty Bacon, in Pahokee, FL, on November 1, 1964. She has made Crystal River her home for the past 34 years. She will be lovingly remembered by her parents, along with her children, Becca Reynolds (Phil), Jessica Ingalls (Cody), and Joshua Reynolds. Cindy was a loving grandmother to Clayton and Emma Ingalls, her pride and joy. Other survivors include her sister, Kris Murin (Jan), her nephews, Tyler and Derek Murin, and her ex-husband Jack Reynolds (Julie), as well as the numerous students and athletes, whose lives she has touched.

Cindy taught mathematics at Citrus Springs Middle, Crystal River High, Crystal River Middle, and most recently, Citrus e-School. She coached girl’s tennis at Crystal River High, where they achieved multiple winning seasons and a trip to the state championship. Cindy had a gift of being more than just a teacher, her compassion and caring qualities for their success and well-being was genuine and meaningful to both her and her students alike.

Well-known for her selfless heart, she was always a loyal and committed mother and friend. Cindy lived life to the fullest and cherished every moment with her friends and family. She loved cooking for others, traveling to new places, playing cards, road trips with her parents, and definitely putting her toes in the sand!

We will be honoring Cindy on Friday,



Cynthia Reynolds

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involve basic life support, such as oxygen and medication and advanced life support, which could include intravenous medications.

Those charges would remain at the current \$1,195 for the ambulance transport.

Advanced life support requiring multiple intravenous medications would also remain at the current \$1,395.

Nature Coast's consultants also said in their fee review that typically about 70% of transports nationally are advanced life support.

Nature Coast's advanced life support transports were at 73%, well within the national

average, the consultants said in their report.

Specialty care transport, for which Nature Coast charged \$2,200, County Fire Rescue is requesting to charge \$1,395, a reduction of nearly \$800.

Specialty care transport is when patients are transported by ambulance from one health care facility to another.

"These were the charges that their consultants recommended," Marsh said.

As for a fee for mileage, Marsh said the cost is not atypical and most ambulances charge a mileage fee.

Medicare and Medicaid also allow for mileage fees.

Fire Rescue also wants to increase to \$300 when ambulance emergency workers arrive and provide service to a person, but the patient doesn't



Craig Stevens
Citrus Fire
Rescue chief.

be charged \$175, according to the proposal. The current charge is \$151.59.

Newly proposed is a charge to hospitals if ambulance emergency workers have to wait to hand over patients to health facility staff.

County Fire Rescue is requesting of the county commission permission to charge when emergency workers have

want or need to be taken to a hospital. The current fee is \$242.55.

If emergency workers are called to a scene and the patient refuses service and transport, they would be

charged \$175, according to the proposal. The current charge is \$151.59.

Newly proposed is a charge to hospitals if ambulance emergency workers have to wait to hand over patients to health facility staff.

County Fire Rescue is requesting of the county commission permission to charge when emergency workers have

to remain with a delivered patient more than 30 minutes. Under the proposal, the county fire rescue would charge the receiving facility \$33.75 per 1/4 hour after the initial 30-minute wait.

Marsh said the charge is important because while emergency workers are waiting for the hospital to receive the patient, they cannot go to other calls for service.

"They can't just leave the patient in the hallway until the receiving facility takes responsibility for the patient," Marsh said.

The industry's term for paramedics having to wait to hand off patients is "wall time."

County Fire Rescue Chief Craig Stevens said in an email to the Chronicle that wall time has not been a problem during

the past couple of months.

"Since October 2, 2021, when the county began providing EMS transport services, we have not experienced any significant wall time at any of the hospitals," he said.

Stevens is also asking that the county commission approve a \$500 fee for certificates of public convenience and necessity.

Marsh said the fee would be implemented if a company wanted to provide ambulatory transport service, even non-emergency transport from one health facility to another.

Marsh said the county's application process is a long one and involves a lot of agency work to process.

The county does not currently have such a fee, she said.

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For the RECORD

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalism (criminal mischiefs) released Monday, Nov. 29, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

■ Commercial burglary, 7:56 a.m. Nov. 24, off of Florida Avenue, Inverness;

■ Theft, 11:12 a.m. Nov. 24, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness;

■ Vehicle burglary, 11:40 a.m. Nov. 24, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River;

■ Theft, 2:57 p.m. Nov. 24, off of Lecanto Highway, Lecanto;

■ Theft, 10:14 p.m. Nov. 24, off of North Little John Avenue, Inverness;

■ Retail theft, 10:56 a.m. Nov. 26, off of Lecanto Highway, Lecanto;

■ Vehicle burglary, 2:43 p.m. Nov. 26, off of U.S. 19, Crystal River;

■ Burglary, 4:07 p.m. Nov. 26, off of Rosko Court, Floral City;

■ Retail theft, 6:32 p.m. Nov. 26, off of Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa;

■ Theft, 6:46 a.m. Nov. 27, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness;

■ Vehicle burglary, 11:33 a.m. Nov. 27, off of Hartford Street, Hernando;

■ Theft, 12:34 p.m. Nov. 27, off of La Belle Drive, of Inverness;

■ Residential burglary, 2:15 p.m. Nov. 27, off

of Webb Point, Hernando;

■ Auto theft, 2:32 p.m. Nov. 27, off of Evans Point, Inverness;

■ Retail theft, 4:55 p.m. Nov. 27, off of Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa;

■ Theft, 10:18 p.m. Nov. 27, off of Cardinal Street, Homosassa;

■ Theft, 7:47 a.m. Nov. 28, off of Ottawa Avenue, Lecanto;

■ Theft, 12:16 p.m. Nov. 28, off of Suncoast Boulevard, Crystal River;

■ Residential burglary, 12:13 p.m. Nov. 28, off of Delight Street, Hernando;

■ Theft, 12:45 p.m. Nov. 28, off of Daffodil Drive, Beverly Hills;

■ Burglary, 4:07 p.m. Nov. 28, off of Fairbank Drive, Dunnellon;

■ Auto theft, 5:22 p.m. Nov. 28, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness;

■ Theft, 2:16 p.m. Nov. 28, off of Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tips remain anonymous.

Tips can also be reported to the sheriff's office by calling the agency's non-emergency line, 352-249-2790.

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Dr. Devonte White talking about conditions at Pine Hill Cemetery.

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“When it comes to the community, they're receptive of having a paved road; they just wanted to have something down there,” White said. “Being able to drive down the road to see a loved one shouldn't result in having to get a new shock job because the road is so bumpy.”

White said having a fully paved asphalt road would be ideal in the end, but the asphalt millings are a good start.

“We know it's not going to be the best thing in the word,” he said. “but anything was better than what was there.”

White thanked county leaders for stepping up and taking action.

“I know that it's definitely a two-way partnership,” he said. “We're thankful the officials are supporting us, and we'll continue on.”

After speaking with White, County Commission Chairman Scott Carnahan helped spur the recent paving and

plumbing projects at Pine Hill Cemetery, and is ready to do more.

“We're definitely moving in the right direction, and I'm going to keep working with them to make that a priority for us,” Carnahan said. “I think everybody's happy.”

Kampschroer said the county doesn't have additional plans to improve Pine Hill Cemetery yet, but will be in communication with White and his movement on what could be feasible to do there.

“The county's very open to see what we can do to assist with these community initiatives as they come up,” she said.

To brainstorm ideas for the county to possibly pursue, White scheduled a public meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the council chambers of Inverness City Hall, 212 W. Main St.

“For the people who want to see things get done. ... My biggest thing is to just approach the county officials; they're there to listen,” he said. “We're going to just keep on pushing until we get as much things done as possible.”

Dr. Devonte White spearheaded effort at cemetery.

Scott Carnahan county commissioner.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Arrests from Nov. 24

■ Francisco Richardo Escalante, 24, Homosassa, arrested Nov. 24 for fugitive from justice. No bond.

■ Matthew Lee Warren, 36, Crystal River, arrested Nov. 24 for violation of parole. No bond.

■ Justin Ryan Gaskins, 35, Hernando, arrested Nov. 24 for grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000). Bond \$2,000.

■ Gerald Edgar Rock, 37, Hernando, arrested Nov. 24 for failure to appear. Bond \$2,000.

■ Steven Don Weller, 60, Homosassa, arrested Nov. 24 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly – second offense). Bond \$1,000.

■ Karon Quocanh Tran, 27, arrested Nov. 24 for possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$3,000.

■ Kayla M. Gilleyley, 30, Inverness, arrested Nov. 24 for retail petit theft.

■ Edward Kenjourious Brown-Zarebera, 38, Inverness, arrested Nov. 24 for retail petit theft.

■ Emma Lee Brown, 59, Inverness, arrested Nov. 24 for retail petit theft.

■ Travis Theodore Sturdivant, 48, arrested Nov. 24 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

■ Lynda Gayle Gardner, 43, Hernando, arrested Nov. 24 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

■ Kiesha Marie Lauther, 30, Crystal River, arrested Nov. 24 for DUI. Bond \$1,000.

■ Derrick Jamal Scriven, 36, Crystal River, arrested Nov. 24 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

■ Anterio Larin Harvin, 38, Crystal River, arrested Nov. 24 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly – third offense plus conviction) and resist officer without violence. Bond \$6,000.

Arrests from Nov. 25

■ Ann Marie Quesada, 48, Homosassa, arrested Nov. 25 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ Christy Marie Gavel, 43, Tarpon Springs, arrested Nov. 25 for possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$3,000.

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interest taking a prosecutor's offer to serve 20 years in prison for allegedly bringing a trafficking amount of methamphetamine into the county jail via her body cavities.

Ruiz, also known as Cinderella, still didn't want the plea deal even though the punishment would be simultaneous to the 35-year sentence she's been serving since the spring for a similar offense.

“So she does no additional time?” Howard said. “Fine; that's fine. Ms. Ruiz.”

Ruiz was scheduled to stand trial this week on charges of trafficking in meth, bringing contraband into a detention facility, possessing a controlled substance and possessing drug paraphernalia.

However, Assistant Public Defender Amanda Hornick told Howard she filed a motion last week for the judge to postpone the trial so she can familiarize herself with the newly assigned case, and argue for certain evidence to be suppressed from going to jurors.

Howard said he'd continue Ruiz's case to his Feb. 14 trial docket, but wanted to make sure Ruiz understood her options.

Hornick said she relayed the prosecution's 20-year offer to Ruiz, who continued to reject the plea deal while standing at the courtroom lectern.

Assistant State Attorney Tara Hartman told Howard she'll be prosecuting Ruiz as a habitual felony offender, which, if the judge grants the designation, would pit Ruiz up against a life sentence for

trafficking instead of a maximum 30 years.

“We're seeking life on her, Your Honor,” the prosecutor said.

Hartman told Howard her offer wouldn't stand after Monday, noting Ruiz might be trying to get her case appealed. Defendants typically waive their appellate rights if they agree to a plea deal.

Ruiz still asked Howard to continue her case, declining the prosecution's offer. Howard granted the request, and also scheduled Feb. 7 as Ruiz's final pretrial hearing a week before her trial.

Ruiz's case stems from a December 2019 traffic stop in Lecanto.

A Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy jailed Ruiz after finding 1.5 grams of cocaine in her purse. County jail staff performed a cavity search on Ruiz, discovered 25 grams of meth, 4.5 grams of marijuana, four grams of cocaine, several prescription pills and two glass pipes.

Prosecutors opted not to charge Ruiz with possessing the pills and marijuana because the Florida Department of Law Enforcement wasn't able to test the narcotics, court records show.

Ruiz was released from custody later that month after posting bail on a \$50,000 bond.

Sheriff's office narcotics detectives arrested Ruiz and Crystal River then-28-year-old Eric Michael Pazian in March 2020 after seizing 80 grams of heroin, 16 grams of meth, 15 grams of cocaine, 13 grams of marijuana and prescription pills from a Crystal River hotel.

After jurors convicted Ruiz and Pazian in March 2021 for owning the stash of narcotics, Howard sentenced the couple in April to 35 years in prison.

Eric Michael Pazian arrested with Ruiz in 2020.

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DeSantis pitches increase in law enforcement pay

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TALLAHASSEE — Promoting Florida as “greener pastures” for law-enforcement officers, Gov. Ron DeSantis on Monday teased a plan for salary increases and bonuses as part of his upcoming budget proposal.

DeSantis said the budget he will propose next week for the 2022 legislative session will include \$73 million to increase pay for officers at the Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Minimum pay for entry-level officers would increase by 20%, while salaries of veteran officers would go up 25%.

The proposal also will include a second round of \$1,000 bonuses for first responders as a show of appreciation for work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Last summer, we made clear we had their (law enforcement officers’) back. We wanted to make sure our communities were kept safe,” DeSantis said while flanked by officers and motorcycles inside the Florida Highway Patrol Troop D building in Orlando. “And we wanted to show our appreciation that as other jurisdictions were defunding law enforcement, or taking money away, that we would fund and then some.”

DeSantis’ budget proposal will serve as a starting point for lawmakers, who will negotiate a final spending plan for the fiscal year that will start July. DeSantis also has rolled out portions of his environmental and education budget proposals. The legislative session will start Jan. 11.

DeSantis on Monday reiterated his intention to secure \$5,000 bonuses to help recruit law-enforcement officers to Florida,

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along with scholarship aid for students in law-enforcement academies and free certification exams.

“We feel that we have an opportunity strategically, to get an advantage and to recruit, not just great people in our state to go into it, which we’ll do, but also some of the best throughout the country, who are looking for greener pastures,” DeSantis said.

The current average pay for a state trooper is about \$45,000, while the average pay for troopers in all states is about \$53,000.

In October, the state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles made a \$24.4 million funding request to the Legislature to boost pay for troopers to become more competitive with local law-enforcement agencies across the state.

“One thing that we continually hear about (from individual troopers) is, ‘Where are we going to be in 10 years, 15 years,’” Pace Callaway, a research economist with the department, told members of the Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee on Oct. 15. “And that’s something that we can’t offer that most local (police departments) and sheriffs can.”

Callaway said the

number of trooper vacancies had grown from 198 in August to 238, “and most of the time it’s due to a lack of pay.”

Other parts of DeSantis’ funding proposal Monday included \$11 million to raise the minimum pay of Department of Juvenile Justice detention officers to \$17 an hour and juvenile probation officers to \$19 an hour.

The funding request will also include \$124 million to increase base pay for correctional officers at state prisons and more than \$1 million to increase salaries of the state’s special-risk firefighters by \$2,500 a year.

DeSantis said the Department of Corrections request “builds off” a plan approved this month by the Joint Legislative Budget Commission to give correctional officers base-pay increases of at least \$5,000 and newly hired officers one-time bonuses of \$3,000.

The legislative plan, aimed at mitigating chronic staffing shortages at the Department of Corrections, called for base pay for correctional officers to be \$38,750, up from \$33,500. It called for base pay to go from \$36,850 to \$42,100 for sergeants; from \$40,535 to \$45,535 for lieutenants; and from \$44,589 to \$49,589 for captains.

The plan is funded from \$67.8 million in savings derived by closing New River Correctional Facility in Bradford County, closing 73 dorms at facilities scattered throughout Florida and placing “in reserve” 1,290 permanent positions at the Department of Corrections.


Veteran correctional officers who earn more than base pay will receive annual salary increases of \$1,500.

The plan also gave the corrections department the authority to hand out one-time bonuses of \$3,000 for new hires, \$1,500 for correctional officers and \$3,000 for probation officers.



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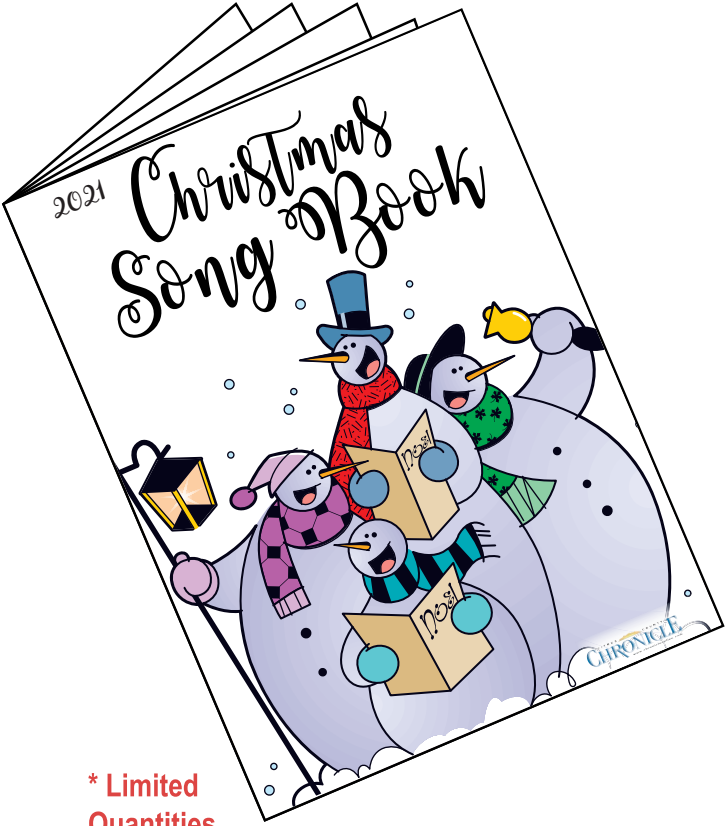
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Sound OFF

Man needs to be kept from animals

This call is in regards to Robert Schweickert, the man who was charged with animal abuse (in the Saturday, Nov. 20, front-page story, "Date set in rescue case"). They need to lock him up. I can't believe how many animals had to be put down because of his ignorance... Those poor animals. There really needs to be harsher laws. Shame on anybody else who abuses an animal.

Men's bonds set too low

I'm calling in reference to an article in Saturday's Chronicle (about) the two Lashley brothers, or whatever they were, that attacked this black man (the Nov. 20 front-page story, "Arrests made for racist attack"). I just don't understand why Roy Lashley, who kicked a deputy, wound up with a \$21,000 bond, but Robert Lashley — who was the first one to go across the street and attack the black man and bring him to the ground, hitting him — he was jailed with a \$1,000 bond and his was lowered to \$500... The man should have had way more than a \$500 bond. Have a good day.

Speeding on road out of hand

On South Pleasant Grove Road, as soon as

you turn on it, it's 35 mph. Then after the school, it comes up to 45 mph. The sheriff is always there following people doing 40 mph — 5 mph over the speed limit — but what they really need to do is bring them down there at the other end where it starts at 55 mph. They're going 100 mph down this road. That's where they should be, not giving people tickets for going 5 mph over the speed limit. They need to be down at the other end. Come down here where it's 55 mph.

Great job to the Chronicle

This is a shout-out to the Chronicle. You still publish seven days a week while big-city newspapers struggle to publish once or twice a week. That's amazing. You're full of local news, a dab of national and state news. I don't always agree with your editorials and what you print and don't print, but I'm very, very thankful to have you as our hometown newspaper. So, thanks to all of your staff for all that you do to keep it coming every day. It's a great paper.

Ticket the loudest trucks

I think there's a competition going in Citrus County right now to see which pickup truck can be the loudest and most obnoxious. I think the Citrus County Sheriff's (Office)

needs to start awarding tickets to winners.

Did protocols change?

I'm responding to Sound Off (because) I got a ticket the other day, which I deserved because I was speeding a little bit. I find it ironic that the sheriff, all he did was ask for my license — no registration, no insurance card — but he just wanted my license and handed me the ticket. I guess they changed their format. I guess you don't need your registration or make sure you have proof of insurance anymore.

Keep giveaways for locals

I am responding to the front page of Nov. 18's Chronicle. It is always heartwarming to see that food giveaways are there in Citrus County for people in need, but as it says on the front page,



"Thousands flock to food giveaway," I wonder about that. I wonder how many of those people are actually from Citrus County. Shouldn't our food giveaways be for people in our county?

Hats off to the FDOT for signal

It is 2:07 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, and District 7 FDOT has just hung the traffic lights by cable at the dangerous and deadly intersection of County Road 491 and State Road 200. Citrus Countians — including 550-plus weekday workers that work in Ocala and our visiting tourists — should give a hats off to the FDOT. No thanks to the three county commissioners that dismissed the traffic signal on Sept. 24, 2019: No. 1, Ron Kitchen, Jr.; No. 2, a term-expired commissioner; and No. 3, Scott Carnahan, who would only consider a signal until after a new bridge over the river.

Litter on roads is out of hand

While driving from Inverness to Dunnellon on Saturday, I was appalled to see the extent of litter covering both sides of (U.S.) 41. If this is the result of trucks hauling trash to the dump, perhaps it is time to have an officer at the dumpsite at the landfill to cite the drivers who haven't secured their loads properly or otherwise give the landfill attendants the authority to set fines. This is an embarrassment to all of Citrus County residents. Go out there and take a look yourself.

Reckless driving in ads is nonsense

I'm often amazed at the wild and reckless driving displayed in some of these automobile ads on television. If an owner was to drive their automobile like that, they wouldn't need an automobile because they'd have a

lifelong license suspension.

We don't need universal pick-up

This is about the universal trash collection. The Citrus County Commission has requested bids for it to encompass the trash pick-up in the entire county, including Beverly Hills. We, in Beverly Hills, have our own waste management and they do an excellent job. I love the price that they charge and I don't really think that we need universal trash collection. Everyone should have a choice in picking their own company. These are small businesses that do the trash hauling here, mostly, and you're going to put a whole lot of people out of business, out of work, for what? So a large company can come into the county and pick up our trash? I don't think so. I think you should just leave it alone.

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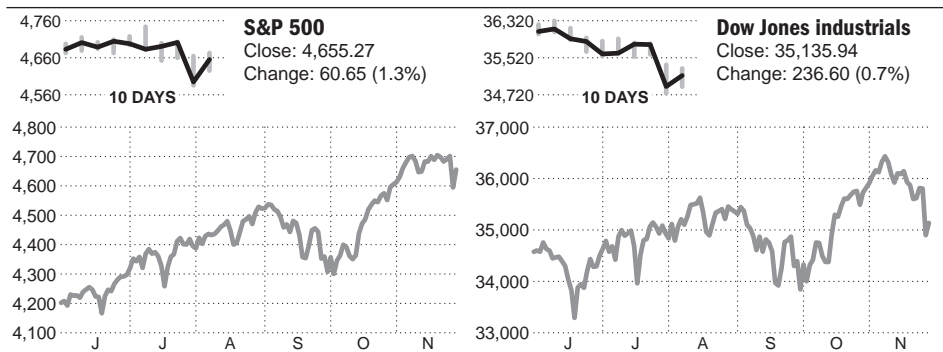
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Vodafone Group	VOD	14.67	📉	20.36	14.88	-06	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	-9.7	+0.4	cc	1.20e		
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	📈	153.66	142.63	-2.27	-1.6	▼	▼	▲	-1.1	-1.7	40	2.06		
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	37.89	📈	57.05	46.08	+18	+0.4	▲	▼	▼	+15.5	+25.9	17	1.91		

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. d - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. i - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. j - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-dividend date.

PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.52% Monday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS					
			Money market account	0.07	▼	0.07	0.07
			1 year CD	0.28	▼	0.29	0.27
			\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	▼	6.46	6.46
LAST	3.25	.13	30 year fixed mortgage	3.23	▲	3.16	3.17
6 MO AGO	3.25	.13	15 year fixed mortgage	2.54	▲	2.50	2.48
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13					

Commodities

Natural gas prices slumped nearly 11%, while U.S. crude oil gained 2.6%. Heating oil and wholesale gasoline also rose. Gold and silver prices fell.



TREASURIES			NET		1YR	
	LAST	PVS	CHG		AGO	
3-month T-bill	.06	.0609	
6-month T-bill	.10	.1010	
52-wk T-bill	.19	.18	+0.01		.11	
2-year T-note	.51	.50	+0.01		.16	
5-year T-note	1.18	1.16	+0.02		.37	
7-year T-note	1.42	1.40	+0.02		.61	
10-year T-note	1.52	1.49	+0.03		.84	
30-year T-bond	1.88	1.83	+0.05		1.57	
CONSUMER RATES			NAT'L	WK	6MO	1YR
			AVG	AGO	AGO	AGO
48 month new car loan	3.61	▲	3.58	3.58	4.01	
Money market account	0.07	■	0.07	0.07	0.08	
1 year CD	0.28	▴	0.29	0.27	0.29	
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	■	6.46	6.46	4.68	
30 year fixed mortgage	3.23	▲	3.16	3.17	3.10	
15 year fixed mortgage	2.54	▲	2.50	2.48	2.38	
FUELS			CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	69.95		68.15		+2.64	+44.2%
Ethanol (gal)					...	+54.0%
Heating Oil (gal)	2.15		2.09		+2.75	+45.1%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.85		5.55		-11.23	+91.2%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.08		2.03		+2.35	+45.9%
METALS			CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1782.30		1785.50		-0.18	-5.9%
Silver (oz)	22.80		23.11		-1.33	-13.4%
Platinum (oz)	964.50		954.30		+1.07	-10.3%
Copper (lb)	4.34		4.28		+1.25	+23.3%
Palladium (oz)	1784.20		1786.00		-0.27	-27.1%
AGRICULTURE			CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.37		1.38		-0.85	+21.2%
Coffee (lb)	2.33		2.43		-4.10	+81.7%
Corn (bu)	5.82		5.87		-0.81	+20.3%
Cotton (lb)	1.17		1.17		+0.04	+49.3%
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	794.50		766.20		+3.69	-9.2%
Orange Juice (lb)	1.25		1.24		+1.33	+1.6%
Soybeans (bu)	12.42		12.53		-0.84	-5.6%
Wheat (bu)	8.07		8.26		-2.24	+26.0%
(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)						

Mutual Funds

		TOTAL RETURN						
FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*	
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.68	+18	+13.2	+15.5	+12.7	+11.2	
	CptWldGrInCA m	65.52	+69	+11.6	+15.8	+15.2	+12.9	
	CptInlcBldrA m	68.39	+36	+10.5	+12.8	+9.0	+7.7	
	FdmItInvsA m	79.45	+81	+18.9	+23.7	+17.5	+15.3	
	GrfAmrcA m	81.53	+116	+20.7	+27.2	+25.4	+21.4	
	IncAmrcA m	26.09	+10	+12.9	+15.2	+10.6	+9.0	
	InvCAmrcA m	53.08	+59	+21.6	+24.5	+17.3	+14.5	
	NwPrsctpVA m	70.75	+101	+17.0	+23.5	+24.3	+19.9	
	WAMItInvsA m	59.22	+54	+23.0	+26.0	+15.7	+14.6	
Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.18	-.01	-1.2	-0.5	+6.2	+4.4	
	Stk	243.10	+1.41	+28.2	+31.2	+15.4	+14.0	
Fidelity	500IldxInPrm	161.84	+2.12	+25.5	+29.8	+21.5	+18.3	
	BCGrowth	191.82	+3.48	+26.4	+33.4	+37.4	+30.3	
	Contrafund	20.56	+30	+25.4	+29.3	+26.1	+22.8	
	GroCo	42.41	+78	+29.0	+34.7	+40.0	+31.4	
	TitIMktIldxInPrm	132.86	+1.47	+23.5	+28.3	+21.3	+17.9	
	USBdIldxInPrm	12.00	-.02	-1.8	-1.6	+5.4	+3.5	
Schwab	SP500Ildx	71.13	...	+23.9	+28.4	+21.9	+17.9	
T. Rowe Price	BCGr	199.22	+3.39	+20.4	+22.9	+25.0	+23.8	
Vanguard	500IldxAdmrlr	430.62	+5.63	+25.5	+29.8	+21.5	+18.3	
	DivGrIn	38.82	+23	+18.3	+20.6	+17.2	+15.9	
	GrIldxAdmrlr	165.13	+3.19	+27.1	+32.6	+31.1	+24.8	
	InTrTEAdmrlr	14.71	...	+1.0	+1.6	+4.8	+3.9	
	IntlGrAdmrlr	163.69	+1.83	+2.1	+7.5	+26.0	+21.8	
	McCpldxAdmrlr	313.03	+2.87	+23.1	+27.7	+20.0	+15.7	
	PrmCpAdmrlr	185.23	+1.91	+20.4	+25.4	+18.1	+18.3	
	STInvmGrdAdmrlr	10.82	...	-0.4	+0.1	+3.8	+2.7	
	SmCpldxAdmrlr	107.78	+1.14	+16.5	+23.3	+16.5	+13.7	
	TbMBldxAdmrlr	11.23	-.02	-1.6	-1.5	+5.5	+3.5	
	TItInSlIdxAdmrlr	33.72	+0.06	+5.5	+9.6	+10.6	+9.7	
	TItInSlIdxInv	20.16	+0.04	+5.5	+9.6	+10.6	+9.6	
	TItSMlIdxAdmrlr	115.92	+1.27	+23.5	+28.3	+21.4	+18.0	
TItSMlIdxInv	115.88	+1.28	+23.4	+28.2	+21.2	+17.8		
	WingtnAdmrlr	87.63	+5.7	+16.1	+18.1	+14.6	+12.3	
	WislyIncAdmrlr	71.99	+0.1	+6.9	+7.7	+9.9	+8.0	

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

Stocks rise

Wall Street steadies following omicron slide

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street steadied itself Monday after last week's stock market slide caused by the newest coronavirus variant, with investors now waiting for more clues about just how much damage it may do to the economy.

The S&P 500 rose 1.3% to recover more than half of its drop from Friday, which was its worst since February. Bond yields and crude oil also recovered chunks of what they lost in traders' knee-jerk reaction to run toward safety and away from risky investments.

With vaccines in hand — and with the benefit of a weekend to mull whether Friday's sharp market moves were overdone — analysts said the world may be in better position to weather this newest potential wave. Plus, Friday's tumble for markets may have been exacerbated by many traders taking the day off following Thanksgiving.

But while the market steadied itself, uneasiness still hangs over it due to the discovery of the variant now known as omicron. The variant appears to spread more easily, and countries around the world have put up barriers to travel in hopes of stemming it. Still to be seen is how effective vaccines currently available are for the variant, and how long it may take to develop new omicron-specific vaccines.

"There are still more questions than answers regarding the new variant," said Ryan Detrick, chief market strategist for LPL Financial. "At the same time, we've been living with COVID-19 for almost 20 months now, and we've seen multiple variants."

Given the uncertainty, the Dow Jones Industrial Average wavered between a loss of 3 points and a gain of 388 points through the day. It ended with a gain of 236.60 points, or 0.7%, at 35,135.94.

The most powerful lift for stocks came from those that have been able to grow strongly almost regardless of the economy's strength or pandemic's pall. Gains for five big tech-oriented stocks — Microsoft, Tesla, Apple, Amazon and Nvidia — alone accounted for more than a third of the S&P 500's rise. The gains for tech-oriented stocks also helped to drive the Nasdaq composite up a market-leading 1.9%.

Moderna jumped 11.8% for the biggest gain in the S&P 500, adding to an even bigger gain from Friday, after it said it's testing the effectiveness of its vaccine against omicron. Its CEO said in a

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TEACHER SALARIES

Time for district to seek out funding sources

It is old news that teachers and school staff have some of the most important jobs in shaping our future, our children’s education. During a recent meeting of the Citrus County School Board, the members voted unanimously to approve salary increases for staff.

School psychologists and speech language pathologists will receive a \$9,400 supplement. Coaches and directors of extracurricular activities will receive a 10% increase and a \$100 supplement will be given to all staff for every three years of experience.

Board members commented about the importance of extracurricular activities in the growth of Citrus students. An additional 10% bonus was approved for athletic coaches and 5% for cheerleading coaches and band directors for each level in an extended season. School board member Thomas Kennedy commented that these activities are believed to be some of the best dropout prevention programs available. It is not clear why cheer and band do not warrant an increase equal to athletic coaches, but that’s a debate for another day.

Teamsters and CCEA classified professional-technical

employees will get a 3% or 75 cent increase in their hourly rate, whichever is greater. Rounding out the increases: \$1,000 bonus for CCEA bargaining unit members without a state bonus; \$12 monthly increase for employees and administrators

with group health insurance; 3% raise for school and district administrators; 3 % hourly increase for nonunion classified and professional/technical employees.

Our district has done a darn good job managing limited resources for quite some time. But not so far in the distant

future there is a breaking point on the horizon in terms of revenue to support our educators and the staff working hard to shape the next generation. If we don’t have the funds to pay the staff, they will look for jobs elsewhere. Now is the time to start discussions of how and where we will come up with the money to support our local education system. Comparing our school district to others of similar sizes, we have done far more with far too little for far too long.

Our district, board, educators and staff need our support when they ask for increases to the budget. We, the citizens and taxpayers, should be willing to support those asks.

THE ISSUE:

Increased pay for teachers and staff.

OUR OPINION:

The increases are a step in the right direction, but now is the time to plan before a breaking point.

Lecanto VA has been very good

I would like to thank the Lecanto VA team — Health Administration services: Dr. Vikas G. Kamat, Ms. Cheryl Dettorre and Ms. Robin.

All have been helping me with my disabled veteran husband.

You all are so good to us. I will always remember your kindness.

Kim Goller
Inverness

Litter along U.S. 41 is shocking

I have been in Citrus Spring seven years now and every year around this time the garbage tossed out along U.S. 41 is shocking. Could it be the arrival of the “Snow-birds” who bring that mentality with them when they come?

We presently have county employees who pickup the refuse along the highways all year and keep it clean. I mow the ditches around here and pick up any garbage on a regular basis. My neighborhood is always clean.

If you see anyone throwing refuse out their auto window, get their license plate number and call it into Citrus County Code Enforcement: 352-400-0611 or visit apps.citrusbocc.com/complaints.

Jack Matthews
Citrus Springs

If Board doesn’t choose Waste Pro, good reasons needed

I read the article on county-wide waste service (Sunday) and am amazed at the difference in the bids for comprehensive trash, recycle and yard waste removal.

I have Waste Pro now and am thoroughly pleased with

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their service. I did have Waste Management, but they were too sketchy in their pickups.

Seeing that the bids for two of the contractors are nearly twice that of Waste Pro, and the excellent service Waste Pro provides, this decision seems to be a no brainer for the Commission.

There better be a thorough and documented reason if they go otherwise.

Jim Higbee
Homosassa

Pirates Cove is a must-addition to parks

Pirates Cove Park at the end of Ozello Trail will be on the BOCC agenda on Tuesday, Nov. 30. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. We have a unique opportunity to examine options to add this amazing land to the small existing park and boat ramp and preserve this area.



Blinded by the lights

How is it that people can invest into this county since the 1970s, build churches, but you can’t drive anywhere without a \$60,000 pickup truck blinding your eyes out? Where is the regulation on tailgating? Where is the sheriff’s department?

Reject universal trash pick-up

I’m calling Sound Off to say we should be rejecting the universal trash pick-up contract in Beverly Hills. We’ve had a local company doing it for 40 years and they do a great job and we want to keep it local.

If you want roads paved, pay for it

This is to the people that live on dirt roads and want the county to pay to have their roads paved: When we bought our property down here, our road was not paved. When they decided to pave it, they charged us for it and it went on our tax bill for five years. I think if these people want their roads paved,

then that should happen to them, especially the ones that want their roads to be private but want the county to maintain it. That’s really nuts.

New animal shelter needed now

I am reading about the “County on right course for new animal shelter” (the editorial on Sunday, Nov. 21, Page C2). Last week, I read the timeline for the shelter and it would take two years. That is something I do not understand. The animal shelter is needed now. The monies may be caught up in politics by the time of 2023. We need the shelter built now.

Smart phones aren’t that smart

In reference to these cell-phones they call smartphones, why is it that when you buy a smartphone, they can download your contacts but they can’t download any of your pictures?

You lose all of your pictures that are on your phone.

County failed to provide shutoff notice

I want to send out a big thank-you to Citrus County Utilities. After they made all of us out here in Crystal River spend \$2,500 to attach to their central water out here, OK, they were kind enough this morning to shut the water off and didn’t tell anybody. OK, and their excuse is, “Oh, sorry, but we’re doing maintenance out there and we didn’t get a chance to inform the public.” So here we sit with no water, nothing, on this Monday morning (Nov. 22). That’s great, so a big thank-you.

Bring back ‘How They Voted’ content

Please bring back the “How They Voted” column. It was very important to inform the voters how their representatives are voting on issues that concern all

of us. Without this information, it’s very difficult to determine whether or not our representatives should be re-elected because they say one thing and vote another way.

Editor’s Note: The person providing the content retired; we are looking for a new provider.

Don’t let BOCC pooh-pooh citizens

The good news: The County Road 491 and State Road 200 traffic signals, with four facing C.R. 491 and four facing S.R. 200, should be fully operational by Monday, Nov. 29. FDOT expedited operation by use of old-fashioned cable and should have a 78-foot diagonal, galvanized mast arm across S.R. 200 by Christmas. The bad news: This was the first BOCC-pooh-poohed traffic signal in the county in a half-century. The county started off with a blinker in Lecanto and one signal in Inverness and one in Crystal River. Sound off if you need to and don’t let the BOCC pooh-pooh us again.

Will car washes have restrictions too?

(Re Monday, Nov. 22’s front-page story, “Big Dan’s Car Wash eyes April debut”): I see we’re getting a couple of new car washes in the county. Isn’t that fantastic? According to the Chronicle, car washes seem to be popping up more and more these days. Hmm, I wonder how much water they use. I wonder if they’re only going to be allowed to use their water one day a week.

Commissioners won’t answer phones either

This is in response to Tuesday, Nov. 23’s (Page A9 Sound Off), “I wish commissioners would respond.” The editor’s note said that you could try calling them to get them to answer you because they don’t answer the emails. What is the difference? They know now that you put their number in there. They’re not going to answer the phone now. You think we’re stupid? Come on, wake up.

Nation & World

BRIEFS

Volcano



Associated Press

Lava flows Monday as a volcano continues to erupt on the Canary island of La Palma, Spain. Several new volcanic vents opened in La Palma on Sunday, releasing new lava that flowed fast down a ridge and threatened to widen the impact on evacuated land, infrastructure and homes.

Merriam-Webster chooses vaccine as the 2021 word of the year

NEW YORK — With an expanded definition to reflect the times, Merriam-Webster has declared an omnipresent truth as its 2021 word of the year: vaccine.

“This was a word that was extremely high in our data every single day in 2021,” Peter Sokolowski, Merriam-Webster’s editor-at-large, told The Associated Press ahead of Monday’s announcement.

“It really represents two different stories. One is the science story, which is this remarkable speed with which the vaccines were developed. But there’s also the debates regarding policy, politics and political affiliation. It’s one word that carries these two huge stories,” he said.

The selection follows “vax” as word of the year from the folks who publish the Oxford English Dictionary. And it comes after Merriam-Webster chose “pandemic” as tops in look-ups last year on its online site.

“The pandemic was the gun going off and now we have the aftereffects,” Sokolowski said.

Belarusian leader accuses Lithuania of dumping dead migrants

MOSCOW — Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko on Monday accused Lithuanian authorities of dumping the bodies of migrants on the border between the two countries — a claim rejected by Lithuania amid soaring border tensions between Belarus and its European Union neighbors.

Lukashenko also warned that his country will stand squarely behind its ally Russia if the Ukrainian authorities launch an offensive against Moscow-backed rebels in eastern Ukraine. He tried to cast the tensions over migrants as part of a purported Western plot against Belarus and Russia.

Lukashenko said at a meeting with his top military brass that Belarusian border guards found the bodies of two migrants left on the border over the weekend.

“They put a dead body, or, probably, a person who is still alive, in a sleeping bag and toss it on the border,” Lukashenko exclaimed. “What an abomination!”

Lithuania’s State Border Guard Service rejected the Belarusian claim, saying that Belarusian authorities have repeatedly tried to stage and direct beatings, the crippling or even deaths of migrants, while blaming Lithuania for such “inhuman treatment.”

— From wire reports

New variant poses ‘very high’ risk

Countries trying to stop spread

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RAF CASERT AND
MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Health Organization warned Monday that the global risk from the omicron variant is “very high” based on the early evidence, saying the mutated coronavirus could lead to surges with “severe consequences.”

The assessment from the U.N. health agency, contained in a technical paper issued to member states, amounted to WHO’s strongest, most explicit warning yet about the new version that was first identified days ago by researchers in South Africa.

It came as a widening circle of countries around the world reported cases of the variant and moved to slam their doors in an act-now-ask-questions-later approach while scientists race to figure out just how dangerous the mutant version might be.

Japan announced it is barring entry to all foreign visitors, joining Israel in doing so. Morocco banned all incoming flights. Other countries, including the U.S. and members of the European Union, have moved to prohibit travelers arriving from southern Africa.

WHO said there are “considerable uncertainties” about the omicron variant. But it said preliminary evidence raises the possibility that the variant has mutations that could help it both evade an immune-system



A traveler on the last flight to Morocco before flights are suspended, arrives Monday at a terminal in Rabat airport, Morocco. Morocco announced it would suspend all incoming air travel from around the world starting Monday for two weeks because of the rapid spread of the new omicron variant.

response and boost its ability to spread from one person to another.

“Depending on these characteristics, there could be future surges of COVID-19, which could have severe consequences, depending on a number of factors, including where surges may take place,” it added. “The overall global risk ... is assessed as very high.”

The WHO stressed that while scientists are hunting evidence to better understand this variant, countries should accelerate vaccinations as quickly as possible.

While no deaths linked to omicron have been reported so far, little is known for certain about the variant, including whether it is more contagious, more likely to

cause serious illness or more able to evade vaccines. Last week, a WHO advisory panel said it might be more likely to re-infect people who have already had a bout with COVID-19.

Scientists have long warned that the virus will keep finding new ways to exploit weaknesses in the world’s vaccination drive, and its discovery in Africa occurred in a continent where under 7% of the population is vaccinated.

Spain on Monday became one of the latest countries to report its first confirmed omicron case, detected in a traveler who returned Sunday from South Africa after making a stopover in Amsterdam.

While the majority of omicron infections recorded around the

world have been in travelers arriving from abroad, cases in Portugal and Scotland have raised fears that the variant may already be spreading locally.

“Many of us might think we are done with COVID-19. It’s not done with us,” warned Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO’s director-general.

U.S. President Joe Biden called the omicron variant a cause for concern but “not a cause for panic.” He said he is not considering any widespread U.S. lockdown and instead urged mask-wearing and vaccinations, even as a federal judge blocked his administration from enforcing a requirement that thousands of health care workers in 10 states get the shot.

White House decorated for the holiday season



The East Room of the White House is decorated for the holiday season during a press preview of the White House holiday decorations, Monday in Washington.

Talks to revive Iran nuclear deal resume

US stays distant

KIYOKO METZLER
Associated Press

VIENNA — Negotiators in Vienna resumed talks Monday over reviving Iran’s 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, with the United States taking part at arm’s length as in previous rounds since the Trump administration pulled out of the accord three years ago.

Hopes of quick progress were muted after a hard-line new government in Tehran led to a more than five-month hiatus in negotiations. But the European Union official chairing the talks sounded an upbeat note after the first meeting concluded.

“I feel positive that we can be doing important things for the next weeks,” EU diplomat Enrique Mora told reporters.

All participants showed a willingness to listen to the positions and “sensibilities” of the new

Iranian delegation, Mora said. At the same time, Tehran’s team made clear it wanted to engage in “serious work” to bring the accord back to life, he said.

The remaining signatories to the nuclear deal formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action — Iran, Russia, China, France, Germany and Britain — convened at the Palais Coburg, a luxury hotel where the agreement was signed six years ago.

A U.S. delegation

headed by the Biden administration’s special envoy for Iran, Robert Malley, stayed at a nearby hotel where it was being briefed on the talks by diplomats from the other countries.

President Joe Biden has signaled he wants to rejoin the talks. The last round, aimed at bringing Iran back into compliance with the agreement and paving the way for the U.S. to rejoin, was held in June.

“There is a sense of urgency in putting an end to the suffering of the

Iranian people,” said Mora, referring to the crippling sanctions the U.S. re-imposed on Iran when it quit the accord.

“And there is a sense of urgency in putting the Iranian nuclear program under the transparent monitoring of the international community,” he said.

“What has been the norm over the first six rounds will be again the practice in this seventh round,” Mora added.

“Nothing new on working methods.”

HEALTH NOTES

Knights announce next blood drive at Our Lady of Grace

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.

The Oct. 16 drive collected 16 units from 21 donors at the council hall and one unit from two donors at a LifeSouth Facility for a total of 17 units of blood from 22 donors.

Citrus/Marion 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.

For more information, contact Judy Herron at 352-860-0232 or jlherron2@aol.com.

Health care enrollment help available

Open Enrollment for the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace began Nov. 1 and continues until Jan. 15. Those needing coverage beginning Jan. 1 must enroll by Dec. 15.

Health care navigators are a group of nationally recognized health professionals that assist Floridians in gaining health care coverage. Services are offered for free to all Floridians, including Citrus County citizens.

Suwannee River Area Health Education Centers

(SRAHEC) is part of the Covering Florida program, where navigators deliver free outreach and enrollment services to any Floridian that needs to enroll.

Assistance is provided to consumers through telephone, in-person or virtual consultations. SRAHEC also provides education, outreach and enrollment services throughout central and northern Florida. Navigators are trained and certified to help consumers as they shop for coverage and can assist with completing eligibility and enrollment forms.

Contact SRAHEC at 386-230-9400 or navigator@srahec.org.

‘Stepping Stones to Wellness’ meets in Homosassa

Stepping Stones to Wellness will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

The group is facilitated by yoga teacher Ellen Armitage. By combining walking in place, guided meditation/relaxation exercises and a process group, it is designed to help promote overall well being.

Provided as a community service, the class is offered at no charge. To reserve a spot, call 352-249-1470. For more information, go to friendsofcitrus.org or visit Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

Wings Grief Center offers advanced yoga on Thursdays

The Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast advanced yoga group meets from 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

The class is facilitated by Ellen Armitage, a yoga teacher with more than 20 years of experience helping others find their way to

their highest self.

Sessions are provided as a community service and are offered at no charge. To reserve a spot, call 352-249-1470. For more information, go to friendsofcitrus.org or visit Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

COVID-19 testing available with Nomi Health

The Nomi Health drive-thru COVID testing site at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills, will close early at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2.

Additionally, the site may close due to intermittent weather. Individuals should call Nomi Health at 904-295-0562 or book their appointment online at testing.nomihealth.com/signup/fl to avoid confusion.

In addition, CVS, Walgreens and urgent care clinics provide testing in Citrus.

They are listed on the Department of Health’s COVID-19 site at floridahealthcovid19.gov.

Senior Center offers low-impact Zumba classes

Zumba Classes with Certified Instructor Donna Scarpello are held from 11 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except holidays) at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto.

Classes are lower impact and geared toward seniors. Cost is \$5 per class.

To pre-register, call 352-527-5993 or email instructor Donna Scarpello at miss-donna@tampabay.rr.com.

Attend an ABC of Dementia workshop

Citrus County Libraries and Coping with Dementia LLC announced an expanded schedule of free ABC of Dementia workshops.

The workshops provide an overview of Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia, how they affect the individuals and how their care

partners can use this knowledge and techniques of voice, approach and appropriate touch to provide more effective care.

Citrus County’s Libraries provide this training for their personnel and encourage the public to attend. All workshops are from 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 8, Lakes Region Library.

■ Monday, Dec. 20, Central Ridge Library.

CDC guidelines will be observed and seating may be limited. To reserve seats, call 352-422-3663 or email deb@coping.today.

Attend ‘Fireside Chats’; check out resource room

Dr. Joseph Bennett offers monthly “Fireside Chats” beginning noon the first Wednesday of each month at the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (RBOI), 522 N. Lecanto Highway.

Sessions often feature guest speakers, as well as open discussion regarding health and cancer care. A light lunch is provided, therefore

RSVP is requested.

Dr. Bennett welcomes questions and open discussion, so bring your questions or email them ahead of time to cjbenett@rboi.com.

Those who have not received their COVID-19 vaccination will be asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing inside the building.

Call Shawn at 352-527-0106 to make a reservation.

If you are in need of scarfs, wigs, or other helpful items for those going through cancer treatments, call Medical Social Worker Wendy Hall, LCSW, at 352-527-0106.

Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute in Lecanto has a resource room with more than 100 wigs available for free. Stop in the Lecanto office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call to make an appointment.

Medical Social Workers at RBOI will assist individuals needing support through the emotional turmoil caused by cancer with resources, including application for Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation assistance.

Many services including

Zoom meetings for support and education are available for patients with cancer, and their loved ones. Call 352-527-0106.

Free pregnancy testing, sonograms available

Citrus Pregnancy Center is offering free pregnancy testing and free early pregnancy sonograms at both locations: 726 NE U.S. 19 in Crystal River and 3185 E. Thomas St. in Inverness.

For more information, call 352-341-5176.

Free hearing screening available at CHIPS

Citrus Healing Impaired Program Services (CHIPS) is offering free hearing screenings for Citrus County residents at the old train depot, 109 NE Crystal St. in Crystal River.

Screenings are by appointment only. Low-income hearing aid assistance is available.

To learn more, call Maureen 352-795-5000.

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Center helps Citrus County eat healthy

Volunteer organization to do MLK food drive

Special to the Chronicle

Food pantries often find their stock of nonperishable food items depleted after the holidays. The Nature Coast Volunteer Center (NCVC) and AmeriCorps

Seniors RSVP will have a food drive in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., who asked, “What are you doing for others?” Nonperishable food will be collected Dec. 13 through Jan. 14 at the Citrus County Resource Center (CCRC), Citrus

County libraries, community centers and the Citrus County Tax Collector’s offices. A drive-thru, drop-off location for the Martin Luther King Jr. drive will be Jan. 14 at the CCRC, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. King devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all. By serving, we honor him and

help realize these dreams. The public can join from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 14 at the CCRC to sort, count and pack nonperishables. There will be refreshments and volunteers are encouraged to register ahead of time. For more information or to volunteer, call 352-527-5959 or email ncvc@citrusbocc.com.



How to maximize your ‘health span’

LIZ WESTON
NerdWallet

We’re living longer on average, but the number of years we’re healthy hasn’t kept up. This lagging “health span” translates into more time living with serious illness and disabilities at the end of our lives. This can have significant repercussions for our retirements. Some of us will have our working lives cut short by ill health, reducing how much money we can save for our futures. Others will face big bills for medical and nursing home care. Then there is the emotional toll of struggling with poor health rather than traveling, visiting the grandkids and engaging in all the other activities we’d planned for our golden years. It doesn’t necessarily have to be this way. Many of the biggest risk factors for poor health are within our power to modify, prevent or control, says R. Dale Hall, managing director of the Society of Actuaries Research Institute, which provides research on managing risks. But as with retirement saving, the earlier we get started, the better.



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LEARN THE 5 HEALTH SPAN RISK FACTORS

The institute commissioned Vitality, a company that partners with insurers and employers to promote healthier living, to conduct a study that identified five lifestyle risk factors with the largest impact on health span: tobacco use, obesity, high blood sugar, poor diet and high blood pressure. The researchers also highlighted ways to modify those risks, including quitting smoking, engaging in physical activity, eating a healthy diet and taking medications as prescribed. The study relied on data from the Global Burden of Disease, a resource maintained by the University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation that tracks the prevalence of diseases and risk factors worldwide, along with the relative harm they cause. The GBD shows average remaining life expectancy at age 65 in the U.S. rose from 17.6 years in 1990 to 19.6 years in 2019 – a two-year gain. Healthy life expectancy, on the other hand, rose less than one year, from 12.2 years to 13.1 years. That echoes similar statistics from the World Health Organization, which found that U.S. life expectancy at age 60 rose nearly 8% between 2000 and 2019, but healthy life expectancy rose less than 5%.

RECOGNIZE OTHER BARRIERS

The GBD has some

limitations: It doesn’t track the impact of well-established prevention strategies such as immunizations and screenings, or account for risk factors such as stress, depression, lack of sleep, loneliness and lack of purpose, the Vitality researchers said. It’s also important to acknowledge that there can be huge systemic barriers to healthier living. If you live in an area with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables, it’s harder to eat well. If you live in crowded housing in an unsafe neighborhood, getting enough exercise can be tough. If you must choose between buying medication and food, you’re unlikely to fill the prescription your doctor wrote for you — assuming you can afford to visit a doctor. The more money you have, the better access you have to the key health interventions that help people live a longer life in good health. Even when we have enough money, our behavioral biases can get in the way — particularly our tendency to value present gratification over future gain. “I’d honestly rather sit on the couch and eat the bag of crisps rather than go for the run,” says Tanya Little, Vitality’s chief growth officer. “And yet future me would thank me for going for the run now.”

IDENTIFY ONE AREA FOR CHANGE

Similarly, we may choose inaction over action if we’re asked to change too much, Little says. Instead, Vitality’s programs identify one change that would have the biggest impact based on each person’s health and lifestyle profile. “This idea of an endless list is totally overwhelming and demotivating,” Little says. “Whereas if I say to you, ‘If you just did this one thing’ ... you are much more likely to do it.” Once people make progress on a single goal, they’re often inspired to change others, Little says. People who get more exercise often start to eat healthier, for example. Healthy habits don’t make us immune to illness and disability, of course. But minding our health improves the odds we’ll have many more years to enjoy. If you’d like to see what Vitality recommends for you, as well as its estimate of your life and health spans, you can visit the company’s calculator.

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Take charge!



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Along with taking medication as prescribed, some lifestyle habits can help manage your risk and help you live a longer, healthier life — like watching what you eat, getting more exercise and managing stress.

Get to work on risk factors that impact heart health

Family Features

Cholesterol — a waxy substance created by the liver or consumed from meat, poultry and dairy products — isn’t inherently “bad” for you. In fact, your body needs it to build cells and make vitamins and other hormones. However, too much “bad” LDL cholesterol, or not enough “good” HDL cholesterol, can pose problems. High cholesterol is one of the major controllable risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Because it typically has no symptoms, you may not know you have high cholesterol until it’s causing problems. Knowing key health numbers like blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol, and working closely with your doctor to manage them, are keys to preventing heart disease and stroke. Those who have already experienced a heart attack or stroke or have family history of cardiovascular disease, chronic inflammatory disease or kidney disease may need to have their cholesterol and other risk factors checked more often and may need medication to manage their conditions to prevent another event. According to the American Heart Association, as many as 1 in 4 survivors will have another heart attack or stroke. Along with taking medication as prescribed, some lifestyle habits can help manage your risk and help you live a longer, healthier life — like watching what you eat, getting more exercise and managing stress.

Make healthy menu choices

A healthy eating plan is a well-rounded diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables (at least 4-5 servings each day). In fact, researchers at the University of Columbia found each daily serving of fruits or vegetables was associated with a 4% lower risk of coronary heart disease and a 5% lower risk of stroke. Other smart choices for your menu include nuts and seeds, whole grains, lean proteins and fish. Limit sweets, sugar-sweetened beverages, saturated fat, trans fat, sodium and fatty or processed meats.



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Get moving

You likely know exercise is good for you, but an Oxford University study revealed simply swapping 30 minutes of sitting with low-intensity physical activity can reduce your risk of death by 17%. Mortality aside, in its Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services noted physical activity offers numerous benefits to improve health, including a lower risk of diseases, stronger bones and muscles, improved mental health and cognitive function and lower risk of depression. The greatest impacts come from getting the recommended amount of activity: at least 150 minutes of moderate activity, 75 minutes of vigorous activity or a combination of those activities per week. Be sure to discuss with your doctor which activities may be best for you.

Reduce stress

Constant or chronic stress can have real consequences on both emotional and physical health. In fact, research shows chronic stressors like long work hours, financial stress and work-life conflict may be as risky for health as secondhand smoke, according to a report by the Behavior Science and Policy Association. Aside from the toll on your body — including elevated risk for heart disease and stroke from high blood pressure, depression or anxiety — stress can lead to unhealthy habits like overeating, physical inactivity and smoking. Exercise is an effective way to keep your body healthy and release stress. You might also consider incorporating meditation and mindfulness practices into your day to allow yourself a few minutes to distance yourself from daily stress. Research compiled by the American Heart Association suggests meditation can reduce blood pressure, improve sleep, support the immune system and increase your ability to process information. Learn more about managing your cholesterol and habits to protect your heart health at heart.org/cholesterol.

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Career wins at Notre Dame for Brian Kelly, a school record he set this season. Kelly is leaving the Irish to coach LSU.



Brian Kelly

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Elder, 1st Black golfer to play Masters, dies

Carved a path for Tiger Woods and others

PAUL NEWBERRY
AP national writer

Lee Elder played through the scourge of racism. He broke down enormous barriers. He carved a path for Tiger Woods and others to follow.

Finally, in the waning months of his life, he took his rightful place at Augusta National.

Alongside the greats.

Elder, who fought through numerous obstacles to become the first Black golfer to play in the Masters, died at the age of 87, the PGA Tour announced Monday.

"The game of golf lost a hero," 18-time major champion Jack Nicklaus said.

His death was first reported by Debert

Cook of African American Golfer's Digest. No cause was given, but Elder had been in poor health and wore an oxygen tube when he attended the Masters in April.

The tour said he died early Sunday in Escondido, California.

At this year's Masters, Elder was given the honor of hitting a ceremonial opening tee shot alongside Nicklaus, a six-time Masters champion, and Gary Player, who won the green jacket three times.

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Honorary starter Lee Elder, left, is applauded by fellow honorary starters Gary Player, center, and Jack Nicklaus during introductions for the ceremonial tee shots to begin the Masters golf tournament April 8, 2021, at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. Elder, who broke down racial barriers as the first Black golfer to play in the Masters, has died at the age of 87.

CURTIS COMPTON/Atlanta Journal-Constitution



Long time coming

Pirates earn rare win over Hurricanes

MATT PFIFFNER
Sports editor

CRYSTAL RIVER — First-year head coach Kent Edwards wasn't sure how long it had been since the Crystal River boys soccer team defeated county rival Citrus, he just knew it had been a while.

"We tried to look it up. It's been 10 to 15 years, maybe since we've beat Citrus," he said. "We told this team at the beginning of the year we're looking for a lot of firsts. And this is one of the firsts that we wanted to achieve."

The Pirates jumped on top 2-0 in the opening 10 minutes, led 4-1 at halftime and cruised to a 6-2 victory over the Hurricanes.

It was the first time since a 3-3 tie in the 2012-13 season that the Hurricanes did not walk away victorious against Crystal River.

"We have a strong team. We have a good group of players who have played together for a couple years now," coach Edwards said. "They're making some good passes and really working together as a team. We love to see when they work the ball up, make the right passes, make the right choices and then make the right shots."

Carson Edwards was credited with the first goal of the match when he fired a free kick toward the goal and it went in after it may have glanced off a Hurricane defender.

Moments later, Pirate standout Naed Rivera scored his first of three goals in the opening half to make it 2-0.

Henry Trochez of Citrus scored on a long free kick

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MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Crystal River's Carson Edwards, left, and Roger Sherman of Citrus battle for the ball during Monday night's soccer match at Bramlett Stadium in Crystal River. The Pirates defeated the Hurricanes for the first time in several years, 6-2.

SPORTS BRIEFS

LSU hires Kelly away from Notre Dame

LSU is hiring Brian Kelly away from Notre Dame, a stunning move by one of the most accomplished coaches in college football jumping from the sport's most storied program to an Southeastern Conference powerhouse.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Monday night that Kelly was leaving Notre Dame for LSU. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because neither school was prepared to make an official announcement. Yahoo! Sports first reported the move.

Notre Dame just completed an 11-1 season on Saturday and still is in contention to reach the College Football Playoff for the third time in the last four years.

In 12 seasons with the Fighting Irish, Kelly is 113-40.

Scherzer, Seager get big-money deals

NEW YORK — Right-hander Max Scherzer agreed to a record-setting \$130 million, three-year contract with the New York Mets and shortstop Corey Seager struck a \$325 million, 10-year deal with the Texas Rangers on Monday as players and teams rushed to reach agreements before an expected lockout.

The pair are among eight players who in recent days have agreed to contracts totalling \$1.268 billion in guaranteed pay.

Both Scherzer and Seager are leaving the high-spending Los Angeles Dodgers for free agent riches elsewhere with teams that have aggressively added players before what likely will be Major League Baseball's first work stoppage since 1995.

Scherzer's \$43.33 million average salary under Monday's agreement is 20% higher than the previous mark, the \$36 million Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole is averaging in his \$324 million, nine-year contract with New York.

Free agent left-hander Robbie Ray, the AL Cy Young Award winner, agreed to a \$115 million, seven-year contract with Seattle.

— From wire reports

Super Bowl champions end two-game road slide

FRED GOODALL
AP sports writer

TAMPA— So much for the notion that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were beginning to show some signs of vulnerability.

The defending Super Bowl champions not only have won two games in a row to improve the NFC's third-best record to 8-3, they are confident they're progressing toward becoming the dominant team they're capable of being.

"It shows who we could be," said linebacker Shaquil Barrett, whose strip-sack and fumble recovery was the turning point Sunday in a 38-31 come-from-behind victory over the Indianapolis Colts, who were up 10 points and threatening to score again when Barrett swung momentum early in the third quarter.

"The game is 60 minutes long. It's not 30, it's not 25. We go and play 60 and see what happens," coach Bruce Arians said. "We came out and we made what we needed to. We needed something good to happen to us, and we did, and it snowballed."

The team's two-game winning streak comes on the heels of a pair of road losses wrapped around a bye week that made the skid seem longer.

Turnovers and costly penalties largely were to blame for losses at New Orleans and Washington. The win at Indianapolis evened Tampa Bay's road record at 3-3.

"It wasn't pretty in the first half. It never is on the road," Arians said Monday. "You've just got to find ways to keep winning games."

That didn't happen at New Orleans or Washington, where Tampa Bay didn't play well enough or — in Arians' words — smart enough or with the sense of urgency needed to be successful.

The Bucs forced five turnovers, four after half-time against the Colts. They were flagged for just four penalties, a season low on the road.

"We know what we can be," Barrett said. "It's just ... been a challenge to get it done on the road."

Leonard Fournette rushed for 100 yards and three touchdowns, including the clinching score with 20 seconds remaining. He also caught Tom



Associated Press

Tampa Bay's Leonard Fournette (7) celebrates a rushing touchdown during the second half Sunday against the Indianapolis Colts in Indianapolis.

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BASKETBALL

Men’s AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press’ college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Duke (51)	7-0	1513	5
2. Purdue (9)	6-0	1442	3
3. Gonzaga (1)	6-1	1428	1
4. Baylor	7-0	1324	6
5. UCLA	6-1	1253	2
6. Villanova	4-2	1147	7
7. Texas	4-1	1115	8
8. Kansas	5-1	1027	4
9. Kentucky	5-1	1002	10
10. Arkansas	6-0	960	13
11. Arizona	6-0	851	17
12. BYU	6-0	791	18
13. Tennessee	4-1	730	15
14. Florida	6-0	681	23
15. Houston	5-1	631	12
16. Alabama	6-1	456	10
17. UConn	6-1	437	22
18. Memphis	5-1	435	9
19. Iowa St.	6-0	403	-
20. Southern Cal	6-0	380	24
21. Auburn	5-1	325	19
22. Michigan St.	5-2	295	-
23. Wisconsin	5-1	224	-
24. Michigan	4-2	177	20
25. Seton Hall	5-1	151	21
Others receiving votes: Illinois 111, St. Bonaventure 106, LSU 93, Ohio St. 75, Indiana 63, Colorado St. 59, Xavier 46, Texas Tech 34, Marquette 23, North Carolina 9, Iowa 9, San Francisco 7, Loyola Chicago 3, Virginia Tech 3, Louisville 2, Wake Forest 2, Ohio 1, Iona 1.			

Women’s AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press’ women’s college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (30)	7-0	750	1
2. UConn	3-1	704	3
2. NC State	6-1	704	5
4. Stanford	5-2	607	7
5. Baylor	6-1	593	6
6. Indiana	5-1	577	4
7. Arizona	7-0	540	9
8. Maryland	6-2	526	2
9. Iowa	4-0	517	8
10. Louisville	5-1	483	10
11. Tennessee	6-0	461	11
12. Michigan	7-0	430	12
13. South Florida	5-2	417	18
14. Iowa St.	7-0	394	13
15. Texas	4-1	342	14
16. Kentucky	4-1	234	20
17. Texas A&M	7-0	221	23
18. Ohio St.	5-0	204	21
18. Oregon	3-2	204	15
20. Georgia	6-0	167	-
21. BYU	7-0	148	-
22. Florida Gulf Coast	7-0	141	25
23. Oregon St.	3-2	78	16
24. Notre Dame	6-1	52	-
25. Florida St.	4-2	51	17
Others receiving votes: West Virginia 46, Virginia Tech 37, Colorado 30, UCLA 29, Georgia Tech 21, Duke 15, Arkansas 11, Gonzaga 7, DePaul 2, North Carolina 2, Washington St. 2, Purdue 1, Missouri St. 1, Oklahoma 1.			

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	14	6	.700	—
New York	11	9	.550	3
Boston	11	10	.524	3½
Philadelphia	11	10	.524	3½
Toronto	9	12	.429	5½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	13	8	.619	—
Washington	13	8	.619	—
Charlotte	13	10	.565	1
Atlanta	11	10	.524	2
Orlando	4	18	.182	9½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	8	.636	—
Milwaukee	13	8	.619	½
Cleveland	11	10	.524	2½
Indiana	9	14	.391	5½
Detroit	4	16	.200	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	10	9	.526	—
Memphis	10	10	.500	½
San Antonio	6	13	.316	4
New Orleans	5	17	.227	6½
Houston	4	16	.200	6½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	13	7	.650	—
Minnesota	11	10	.524	2½
Denver	10	10	.500	3
Portland	10	10	.500	3
Oklahoma City	6	14	.300	7
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	18	2	.900	—
Phoenix	17	3	.850	1
L.A. Clippers	11	9	.550	7
L.A. Lakers	11	11	.500	8
Sacramento	8	13	.381	10½
Monday’s Games				
Philadelphia 101, Orlando 96				
Denver 120, Miami 111				
Houston 102, Oklahoma City 89				
Chicago 133, Charlotte 119				
Minnesota 100, Indiana 98				
Cleveland 114, Dallas 96				
San Antonio 116, Washington 99				
Portland at Utah, late				
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, late				
Today’s Games				
Memphis at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.				
New York at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.				
Detroit at Portland, 10 p.m.				
Golden State at Phoenix, 10 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.				

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Brady’s only TD pass, finishing with seven receptions for 31 yards.

Teammates were impressed, too, with a brief speech the fifth-year running back delivered in the locker room with the defending champs trailing 24-14 at halftime.

Without providing details, tight end Rob Gronkowski said Fournette’s words “got everyone fired up ... and he went out there and backed it up, too.”

“Just to come together as a team and get a road victory like that definitely brings the team together,” Gronkowski added. “It brings us closer. And from there, you just have to keep building and stacking them.”

WHAT’S WORKING

Fournette has always been known as a punishing runner. He’s taken on a bigger role in the passing game in his second year playing with Brady. Through 11 games, he’s rushed for 621 yards and seven TDs and is second on the team with 51 receptions for another 354 yards and one TD.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

With guard Ali Marpet sitting out with an abdominal injury, things got worse for

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 3 - 2	PICK 5 (late) 7 - 9 - 2 - 9 - 8
PICK 2 (late) 7 - 3	FANTASY 5 4 - 27 - 29 - 30 - 35
PICK 3 (early) 0 - 7 - 9	CASH 4 LIFE 9 - 35 - 48 - 53 - 58
PICK 3 (late) 2 - 2 - 8	CASH BALL 2
PICK 4 (early) 1 - 5 - 7 - 0	POWERBALL 18 - 26 - 28 - 38 - 47
PICK 4 (late) 6 - 6 - 4 - 5	POWER BALL 17
PICK 5 (early) 3 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 9	

Sunday’s winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 6 – 16 – 18 – 21 – 27	5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-5 2 winners \$82,416.60	5-of-5 No winner
4-of-5 237 \$112	
3-of-5 7,521 \$0.50	
Cash 4 Life: 2 – 9 – 18 – 35 – 41	Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.
Cash Ball: 2	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY’S SPORTS	
MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
5 p.m. (FS1) Saginaw Valley State at Butler	
7 p.m. (ESPN2) Indiana at Syracuse	
7 p.m. (ESPN) Minnesota at Pittsburgh	
7 p.m. (SEC) Presbyterian at Tennessee	
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Clemson at Rutgers	
9 p.m. (ESPN) Northwestern at Wake Forest	
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) Duke at Ohio State	
NBA	
7:30 p.m. (TNT) New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets	
10 p.m. (TNT) Golden State Warriors at Phoenix Suns	
NHL	
7 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Lightning at St. Louis Blues	
SOCCER	
3:10 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League: Leeds United vs Crystal Palace	
7:30 p.m. (FS1) MLS: New York City FC at New England Revolution	
TENNIS	
8 a.m. (TENNIS) Sao Paulo-ATP Challenger	
2:30 p.m. (TENNIS) Sao Paulo-ATP Challenger	

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY’S PREP SPORTS	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
7:30 p.m. Central at Lecanto	
7:30 p.m. Springstead at Crystal River	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
7:30 p.m. Lecanto at Central	
7:30 p.m. Crystal River at Springstead	
7:30 p.m. Nature Coast at Citrus	
GIRLS SOCCER	
6:30 p.m. Fivay at Seven Rivers	
BOYS SOCCER	
4 p.m. Seven Rivers at Real Life	
7:30 p.m. Citrus at Hernando	

FOOTBALL

NFL scores

Thursday's Games										New Jersey 19 9 6 4 22 57 58									
Chicago 16, Detroit 14										Philadelphia 20 8 8 4 20 49 40									
Las Vegas 36, Dallas 33, OT										N.Y. Islanders 17 5 10 2 12 32 52									
Buffalo 31, New Orleans 6										WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Sunday's Games										Central Division									
Atlanta 21, Jacksonville 14										GP W L OT Pts GF GA									
Cincinnati 41, Pittsburgh 10										Minnesota 21 14 6 1 29 78 64									
Miami 33, Carolina 10										St. Louis 21 11 7 3 25 71 59									
N.Y. Giants 13, Philadelphia 7										Winnipeg 22 10 8 4 24 60 61									
N.Y. Jets 21, Houston 14										Colorado 18 11 6 1 23 73 56									
New England 36, Tennessee 13										Nashville 21 11 9 1 23 58 63									
Tampa Bay 38, Indianapolis 31										Dallas 19 10 7 2 22 53 55									
Denver 28, L.A. Chargers 13										Chicago 21 7 12 2 16 45 67									
Green Bay 36, L.A. Rams 28										Arizona 22 5 15 2 12 40 77									
San Francisco 34, Minnesota 26										Pacific Division									
Baltimore 16, Cleveland 10										GP W L OT Pts GF GA									
Open: Kansas City, Arizona										Edmonton 20 15 5 0 30 77 58									
Monday's Game										Calgary 21 12 4 5 29 70 42									
Washington 17, Seattle 15										Anaheim 22 11 8 3 25 70 61									
HOCKEY										Vegas 21 12 9 0 24 66 64									
NHL standings										San Jose 21 11 9 1 23 55 58									
EASTERN CONFERENCE										Los Angeles 20 9 8 3 21 53 54									
Atlantic Division										Seattle 22 7 13 1 17 65 77									
GP W L OT Pts GF GA										Vancouver 23 8 14 2 16 53 74									
Toronto 23 16 6 1 33 66 49										Monday's Games									
Florida 21 14 4 3 31 77 56										Seattle 7, Buffalo 4									
Tampa Bay 20 12 5 3 27 64 56										Arizona 1, Winnipeg 0									
Detroit 22 10 9 3 23 61 71										Vancouver 2, Montreal 1									
Boston 18 11 7 0 22 56 51										Pittsburgh at Calgary, late									
Buffalo 22 8 11 3 19 64 77										Today's Games									
Montreal 24 6 16 2 14 55 85										Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.									
Ottawa 19 4 14 1 9 46 73										N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, ppd									
Metropolitan Division										San Jose at New Jersey, 7 p.m.									
GP W L OT Pts GF GA										Washington at Florida, 7 p.m.									
Washington 22 14 3 5 33 78 52										Arizona at Minnesota, 8 p.m.									
										Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.									
										Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 8 p.m.									
										Carolina at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.									
										Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.									

Carolina	20	15	4	1	31	66	43
N.Y. Rangers	20	13	4	3	29	60	54
Columbus	19	12	7	0	24	67	59
Pittsburgh	21	10	7	4	24	62	59
New Jersey	19	9	6	4	22	57	58
Philadelphia	20	8	8	4	20	49	61
N.Y. Islanders	17	5	10	2	12	32	52
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	21	14	6	1	29	78	64
St. Louis	21	11	7	3	25	71	59
Winnipeg	22	10	8	4	24	60	61
Colorado	18	11	6	1	23	73	56
Nashville	21	11	9	1	23	58	63
Dallas	19	10	7	2	22	53	55
Chicago	21	7	12	2	16	45	67
Arizona	22	5	15	2	12	40	77
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	20	15	5	0	30	77	59
Calgary	21	12	4	5	29	70	42
Anaheim	22	11	8	3	25	70	61
Vegas	21	12	9	0	24	66	64
San Jose	21	11	9	1	23	55	58
Los Angeles	20	9	8	3	21	53	54
Seattle	22	8	13	1	17	65	77
Vancouver	23	7	14	2	16	53	74
Monday's Games							
Seattle 7, Buffalo 4							
Arizona 1, Winnipeg 0							
Vancouver 2, Montreal 1							
Pittsburgh at Calgary, late							
Today's Games							
Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.							
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, ppd							
San Jose at New Jersey, 7 p.m.							
Washington at Florida, 7 p.m.							
Arizona at Minnesota, 8 p.m.							
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.							
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 8 p.m.							
Carolina at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.							
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.							

Tampa Bay’s offensive line at Indianapolis, when backup Aaron Stinnie left in the first quarter. That left third-stringer Nick Leverett to fill in. Leverett was far from perfect, but played well enough that Arians said he was given a game ball.

STOCK UP

The Bucs lead the NFL in run defense. They’ve been so good against the run that opponents rarely even attempt to test them. The Colts were no different, even though Indianapolis has league rushing leader Jonathan Taylor. Taylor finished with 83 yards on 16 attempts.

STOCK DOWN

It’s difficult to find fault with any aspect of the win over the Colts, who have been one of the hottest teams in the NFL over the past month. The Bucs did make the closing seconds more suspenseful than they needed to be, though, after Fournette’s fourth TD put Tampa Bay ahead for good.

Indianapolis’ Isaiah Rodgers returned the ensuing kickoff to the Bucs 32, giving Carson Wentz 10 seconds to try to get the ball into the end zone to force overtime.

NEXT STEPS

The defending champs visit Atlanta, eyeing a season-series sweep of the NFC South rival Falcons.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Karnik’s surge sends Boston College by USF

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — James Karnik scored six of his 12 points in a 1:23 span late in the game and Boston College pulled away for a 64-49 victory over South Florida on Monday.

After Javon Greene hit two free throws to pull South Florida within 51-44 with 4:43 remaining in the second half, Karnik answered with a rebound basket, a layup and a dunk and the Eagles (5-3) led 57-44 with 2:53 left. T.J. Bickerstaff added a three-point play and a dunk in the final 1:21 to finish off the Bulls (3-3).

Caleb Murphy led the Bulls with 11 points.

Tshiebwe helps No. 9 Kentucky rout Chippewas

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Oscar Tshiebwe had 20 points and 16 rebounds, TyTy Washington Jr. added 15 points and No. 9 Kentucky quickly overwhelmed Central Michigan for a 85-57 victory on Monday night.

The Wildcats (6-1) shot 60% in the first half before cooling off to finish 43% overall while dominating the rebuilding Chippewas (1-5) in most phases. They led 25-5 within seven minutes and maintained at least a 25-point cushion for much of the contest.

No. 7 Texas tops Sam Houston State

AUSTIN, Texas — Marcus Carr scored a season-high 19 points and No. 7 Texas beat Sam Houston State 73-57 Monday night.

Andrew Jones and Courtney Ramey each scored 14 points for Texas (5-1).

Savion Flagg, a graduate transfer from Texas A&M, led Sam Houston (2-5) with 16 points.

Messi and Putellas win Ballon d’Or awards

PARIS — Lionel Messi won the men’s Ballon d’Or for a record-extending seventh time on Monday, ending the year in style after a brilliant final season with Barcelona and earning his first major international trophy with Argentina.

Alexia Putellas became the third winner of the women’s award for an outstanding season with Barcelona and Spain.

The 34-year-old Messi led Argentina to

the Copa America title in July after losing in four major international finals.

Messi finished with

TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 30, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis													
	C	S	D/I	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30								
2 (WESH) NBC	19		19	News	NBC News	Ent. Tonight	Hollywood	The Voice (N) 'PG' ￼		La Brea "Topanga" '14'		New Amsterdam (N) '14'	News		J. Fallon								
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		World News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) ￼		Joe Bonamassa: Live From the Ryman Joe Bonamassa and his band perform.		Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Ghosts of Christmas Eve		Eat Your Medicine: The Pegan Diet With Mark Hyman, MD 'G' ￼											
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5	DW News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) ￼		Ken Burns: Muhammad Ali (In Stereo) 'G' ￼				Slavery by Another Name (In Stereo) 'PG, L,V' ￼											
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt	NewsChannel 8	Ent. Tonight	The Voice America votes through. 'PG'		La Brea "Topanga" (N) (In Stereo) '14' ￼ (DVS)		New Amsterdam (N) (In Stereo) '14' ￼ (DVS)	NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show									
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G' ￼	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	The Bachelorette (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼ (DVS)				Queens (In Stereo) '14' ￼ (DVS)	Eyewitness News 11PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!									
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Jeopardy! (N) 'G' ￼	FBI The CEO of a brokerage firm is killed. '14'		FBI: International "The Soul of Chess" '14' ￼		FBI: Most Wanted "Hustler" (In Stereo) '14' ￼	10 Tampa Bay	Late Show-Colbert									
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		FOX13 6:00 News (N)	FOX13 6:30 News (N)	Access Hollywood 'PG'	TMZ (N) 'PG' ￼	The Resident (N) (In Stereo) '14' ￼ (DVS)		Our Kind of People "Sistervention?" (N) '14'		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) ￼	FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) ￼	News (N) (In Stereo) ￼									
20 (WCJB) ABC			11	TV20 News	World News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Ed.	The Bachelorette (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼ (DVS)				Queens '14' ￼ (DVS)	News at 11	J. Kimmel									
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	Christian	Bridges	Praise	Great Awakening with	Word	Contending	Andrew	Perry Stone	Watch	Purpose	The Great A									
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash	Citrus	Business Brew	Al Berstein	This Corner	Al Berstein	900 Series	Citrus Court	Citrus									
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Inside Ed.	The List (N)	The Bachelorette (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼ (DVS)				Queens '14' ￼ (DVS)	News	J. Kimmel									
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mom '14' 'Mom '14'	Last Man	Last Man	Creek	Creek	Big Bang	Sheldon									
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	Extra 'PG'	Ent. Tonight	Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8	Noticias	Seinfeld	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼											
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21	Vic Show	The 700 Club ￼		Babers	SkyWatch	Perry Stone	Action/Life	Beacon	Ang. Courte	Jewish Voi	Faith Build.	Prince								
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	'Mike & Molly '14'	'Mike & Molly '14'	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Flash "Armageddon, Part 3" (N) 'PG' ￼		Riverdale (N) (In Stereo) '14' ￼		CW44 News (N) ￼	CW44 News (N) ￼	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14' ￼									
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Noticias	Noticiero	¿Qué le pasa a		La Rosa de Guadalupe	Vencer el pasado (N)		La desalmada (N)	Noticias	Noticiero										
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	Fox 51 at 6	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Resident (N) '14'		Our Kind of People '14'		FOX 51 News	Dateline (In Stereo) ￼										
63 (WXPX) ION			17	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼	Chicago Fire '14' ￼										
A&E	54	48	54	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage								
ACCN			99	College Football	College Football	Three Day	Three Day	College Basketball South Florida at Boston College.				Three Day	Three Day	College Football									
AMC	55	64	55	** "Snow Day" (2000) Chris Elliott. 'PG' ￼										*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. 'PG-13' ￼									
ANI	52	35	52	Finding Bigfoot 'PG'		Finding Bigfoot 'PG'		Finding Bigfoot: Uncovered (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'				Finding Bigfoot 'PG'	Finding Bigfoot 'PG'										
BET	96	71	96	2021 Soul Train Awards '14' ￼				Payne	As. Living	Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)		Games People Play '14'	Klutch Academy (N) '14'										
BIGTEN	742	809		B1G Football in 60 ￼	B1G Today ￼			Big Ten	B1G Mom.	B1G Football in 60 ￼		Big Ten	B1G Football in 60 ￼	B1G Show									
BRAVO	254	51	254	Housewives/OC		Below Deck (N) '14' ￼		Vanderpump Rules '14'		Vanderpump Rules '14'		Watch What	Vanderpump Rules '14'	Overserved									
BSFL	35	39	35	Panthers	Panthers	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Florida Panthers. (N) ￼				Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	World Poker									
CC	27	61	27	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office "Diwali" '14'	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	Seinfeld								
CMT	98	45	98	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'								
CNN	40	29	40	Situation Room With Wolf		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)										
ESPN	33	27	33	SportsCenter ￼		Top 25	College Basketball			College Basketball Duke at Ohio State. (N) (Live)		SportsC.											
ESPN2	37	28	34	To Be Announced		College Basketball Teams TBA. (Taped)				College Basketball Clemson at Rutgers. (N) (Live)		Don't Ever Give Up											
FBN	106	149	106	The Evening Edit (N)		Kennedy (N) ￼		Home	Home	Mansion	Mansion	Home	Home	Mansion	Mansion								
FLIX			118 170	*** "United 93" (2006) David Alan Basche. 'R'										*** "Rescue Dawn" (2006) Christian Bale. 'PG-13'									
FNC	44	37	44	Special Report		FOX News Primetime (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity (N) (Live) ￼		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Gutfeld! (N) ￼											
FOOD	26	56	26	Chopped 'G' ￼		Chopped 'G' ￼		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Well Done	Well Done	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby								
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	Casper 'PG'	*** "Tarzan" (1999) Voices of Tony Goldwyn. 'G'			*** "Coco" (2017) Voices of Anthony Gonzalez. 'PG' ￼				The 700 Club ￼											
(FS1)	732	112	732	College Basketball	Pregame	MLS Soccer	TBA at Colorado Rapids. (N) (Live) ￼			2021 FIFA Arab Cup Qatar vs Bahrain. ￼		MLS Soccer											
(FX)	30	60	30	** "Ride Along 2" (2016) Ice Cube. 'PG-13' ￼		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) Dwayne Johnson.						"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" ￼											
GOLF	727	67	727	Golf Central 'G' ￼		Lessons	PGA TOUR	Masters Highlights 'G'		Masters Highlights 'G'		Golf Central 'G' ￼		The Open Highlights 'G'									
HALL	59	68	39	"The Nine Kittens of Christmas" (2021) 'NR' ￼		"Christmas CEO" (2021) Marisol Nichols. 'NR' ￼		"A Kiss Before Christmas" (2021) Teri Hatcher. 'NR'															
HBO	302	201	302	REAL Sports Gumbel	*** "Inside Man" (2006) Denzel Washington. 'R'		"Life of Crime 1984-2020" (2021) 'NR' ￼					Succession 'MA' ￼											
HBO2	303	202	303	"Moonrise Kingdom" ￼	Enthusiasm	Insecure	The 2021 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (In Stereo) 'MA' ￼																
HGTV	23	57	23	Fixer to Fabulous 'G'		Fixer to Fabulous 'G'		Fixer to Fabulous (N) 'G'		Fixer to Fabulous (N) 'G'	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hunters	Hunters Int'l									
HIST	51	54	51	The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		Digging Deeper		The Curse of Oak Island	Escapes With Morgan	The Curse of Oak Island											
LIFE	24	38	24	"Radio Christmas" (2019) Keshia Knight Pulliam. 'NR'		"Saying Yes to Christmas" (2021) Erika Prevost. 'NR'		"Dancing Through the Snow" (2021) 'NR' ￼															
(LMN)	119	50	119	"I Was Lorena Bobbitt" (2020) Dani Montalvo. 'NR'		"Secrets of a Marine's Wife" (2021) Sadie Calvano.																	
(MSNBC)	42	41	42	The Beat With Ari Melber		The ReidOut (N) ￼		All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word	The 11th Hour											
(NBCSN)	448	26	730	DRL Drone Racing ￼		DRL Drone Racing ￼		Caffeine	Caffeine	Off the Grid 'Carcass' 'G'	Chess	Chess	Caffeine	Caffeine									
(NGEO)	109	65	109	Life Below Zero 'PG'		The Hot Zone: Anthrax		The Hot Zone: Anthrax		The Hot Zone: Anthrax	The Hot Zone: Anthrax	The Hot Zone: Anthrax											
(NICK)	28	36	28	Loud House	Loud House	Loud House	Loud House	Loud House	Loud House	*** "Ice Age" (2002) 'PG' ￼	'Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'										
(NWSNTN)	18	18	18	The Donlon Report (N)		On Balance		Dan Abrams Live (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)	Banfield (N) ￼	On Balance											
(OWN)	125	24	103	Dr. Phil '14' ￼		Big Holiday Food Fight		Big Holiday Food Fight		"A Chestnut Family Christmas" (2021, Drama) 'NR'		Big Holiday Food Fight											
(OXY)	123	44	123	Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Unforgettable		Dateline: Unforgettable		911 Crisis Center ￼		Dateline: Unforgettable		Dateline: Unforgettable									
(PARMT)	37	43	37	Two Men	Two Men	*** "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				College Basketball at Tennessee. (N)	College Basketball	SEC Inside	SEC Now	SEC Now									
(SEC)	745	72		The Paul Finebaum Show																			
(SHOW)	340	241	340	"Close Encounters of the Third Kind"	**** "Aliens" (1986) Sigourney Weaver. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼							Yellowjackets 'MA' ￼	Dexter: New Blood 'MA'										
(SUN)	36	31	36	AVP Pro Beach Volleyball	AVP Pro Beach Volleyball	College Football Miami at Duke. From Wallace Wade Stadium in Durham, N.C.						Under	Inside HEAT										
(SYFY)	31	59	31	"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island"	** "Clash of the Titans" (2010) Sam Worthington. 'PG-13' ￼							Chucky "An Affair to Dismember" 'MA'	Clash-Titans										
(TBS)	49	23	49	Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last O.G.	Last O.G.	Sheldon								
(TCM)	169	53	169	*** "Wuthering Heights" (1939) Merle Oberon.		*** "Father Goose" (1964) Cary Grant. 'NR'		*** "An Affair to Remember" (1957) Cary Grant.															
(TDC)	53	34	53	Airplane Repo '14' ￼		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold (N) '14'	Master Distiller		Moonshiners	Moonshiners											
(TLC)	50	46	50	I Am Jazz 'PG'		I Am Jazz (In Stereo) 'PG'		7 Little Johnstons 'PG'		I Am Jazz (In Stereo) 'PG'	Addicted to Marriage '14'	Sister Wives 'PG'											
(TMC)	350	261	350	*** "Dangerous Liaisons" (1988) Glenn Close.		**** "Psycho" (1960) Anthony Perkins. 'R' ￼						*** "Hereditary" (2018) Toni Collette. 'R' ￼											
(TNT)	48	33	48	"Kong: Skull Island"		NBA Tip-Off	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets. (Live) ￼					NBA Basketball: Warriors at Suns											
(TOON)	38	58	38	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	King of Hill	King of Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad								
(TRAV)	9	106	9	Unexplained: C		Unexplained: C		Unexplained: Caught on Camera (N) 'PG' ￼				Haunted Hospitals 'PG'	Unexplained: C										
(truTV)	25	55	25	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers								
(TVL)	32	49	32	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King								
(USA)	47	32	47	** "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" (2011) ￼		*** "The Ex" (2006) Jennifer Love Hewitt. 'PG' ￼		WWE NXT (N) (In Stereo Live) 'PG' ￼				Chucky (N) 'MA'	Law & Order: SVU										
(WE)	117	69	117	Law & Order 'PG' ￼		Law & Order 'PG' ￼		Law & Order 'PG' ￼		Law & Order 'PG' ￼		Law & Order "Virtue" '14'	Law & Order 'PG' ￼										

Peanuts



Garfield



Pickles



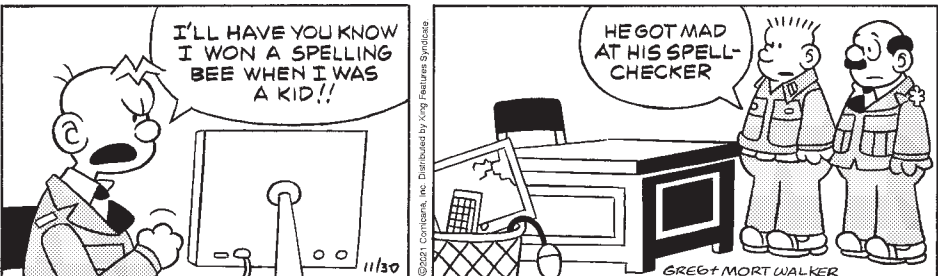
For Better or For Worse



Sally Forth



Beetle Bailey



Dilbert



The Grizzwells



The Born Loser

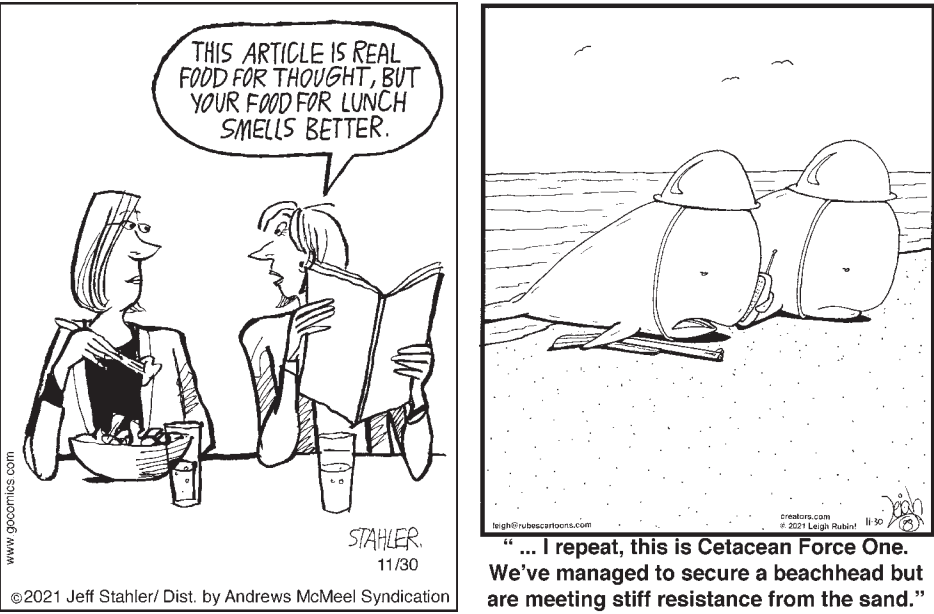


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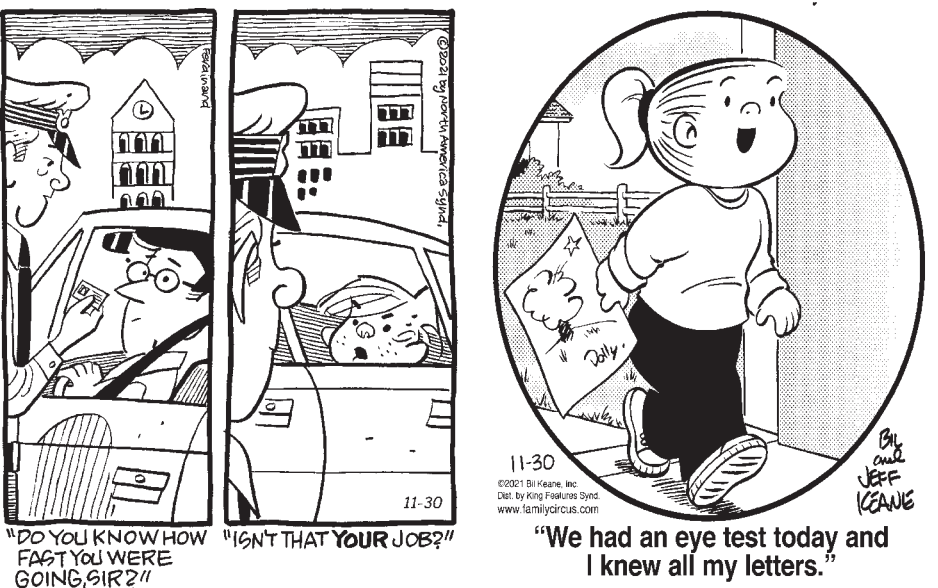
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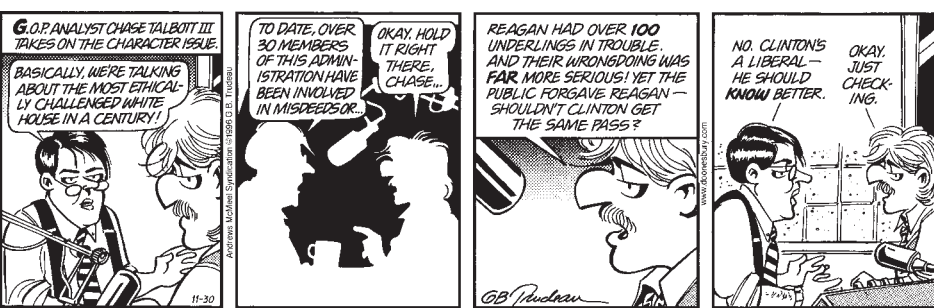


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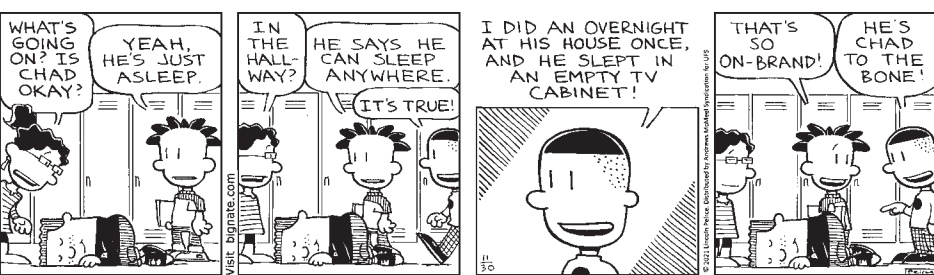
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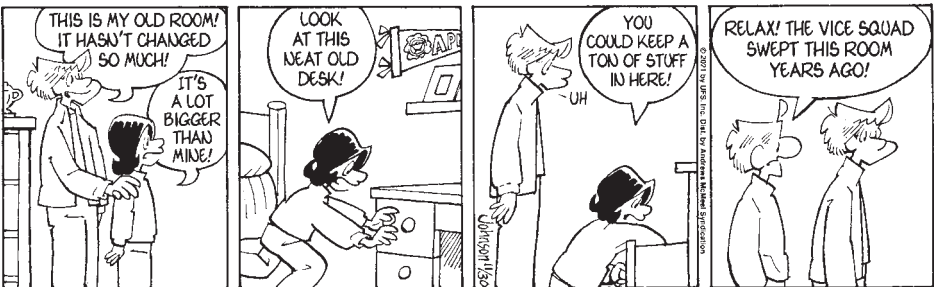
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: H equals V

"WUG BDTO GX AUKO VDWA DSV
COOZ GEZW. ... M DJJOXL LIDL M'K
SUL XONCOJL DSV ML'A UT — M JDS
ALDNL UHON DEDMS LUKUNNUB."
— TDZOW JGUJU

Previous Solution: "Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." — Anne Frank

76ers hold off 4-win Magic

Nuggets top Heat to snap slide

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Seth Curry scored 24 points, Tobias Harris had 17 and the Philadelphia 76ers needed free throws in the final minute to beat the four-win Orlando Magic 101-96 on Monday night.

The Magic showed grit in a fiery second half and rallied from 16 down to tie it 93-all on Mo Bamba's dunk with 57 seconds left. The Magic bench erupted with the team on the brink of upset.

The Sixers just hung on from the line. Ty Maxey made two for the lead, Joel Embiid hit 3 of 4 and Maxey added two more to help the Sixers avoid an embarrassing defeat. Embiid scored 16 points on 4-for-16 shooting.

Franz Wagner led the Magic with 27 points and Jalen Suggs had 17.

Nuggets 120, Heat 111

MIAMI — Nikola Jokic returned and scored 24 points, Aaron Gordon added 20 and the Denver Nuggets snapped their longest losing streak in nearly six years by beating the short-handed Miami Heat 120-111.

Bones Hyland scored 19 and Will Barton added 14 for the Nuggets, who had dropped six straight.

Bam Adebayo finished with 24 points and 13 rebounds for Miami, which was without its two leading scorers — Jimmy Butler was out with a bruised tailbone, and Tyler Herro missed the game with what the Heat called general body soreness.

Bulls 133, Hornets, 119

CHICAGO — Lonzo Ball and the Chicago Bulls won the battle of the Ball brothers, riding a stellar performance by Nikola Vucevic to a 133-119 victory over LaMelo Ball and the Charlotte Hornets.

Lonzo Ball improved to 2-1 in three NBA meetings with the youngest of his two brothers. He had 16 points and eight assists, and LaMelo Ball had 18 points and 13 assists.

Rockets 102, Thunder 89

HOUSTON — Christian Wood had 24 points and a career-high 21 rebounds as the Houston Rockets won their third



Associated Press

Orlando's Jalen Suggs dunks the ball Monday during the second half against the Philadelphia 76ers in Philadelphia. The Magic lost 101-96.

straight game with a 102-89 victory over the struggling Oklahoma City Thunder.

Kevin Porter Jr. contributed a triple-double of 11 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, and Garrison Mathews scored 19 points for the Rockets.

Timberwolves 100, Pacers 98

MINNEAPOLIS — Karl-Anthony Towns scored 16 of his 32 points in the third quarter and Anthony Edwards added 21 as the Minnesota Timberwolves rallied for a 100-98 win against the Indiana Pacers.

Domantas Sabonis had 16 points, a career-high 25 rebounds and 10 assists for Indiana.

Cavaliers 114, Mavericks 96

DALLAS — Jarrett Allen and Lauri Markkanen notched season highs with 28 and 24 points respectively, and the Cleveland Cavaliers dominated the Dallas Mavericks for a 114-96 win — their most lopsided win of the season.

Spurs 116, Wizards, 99

SAN ANTONIO — Derrick White had 24 points, Dejounte Murray had 22 points and 10 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Washington Wizards 116-99 to win consecutive games for the first time this season.

Duke jumps to No. 1 in AP poll

AARON BEARD
AP basketball writer

Mike Krzyzewski's final team at Duke has reached a familiar milestone: No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 men's college basketball poll.

The Blue Devils jumped four spots to the top of Monday's poll following a win against Gonzaga that knocked the Bulldogs from the top spot. That adds to a record haul of top rankings both for the Duke program and for Krzyzewski, who is set to retire after the season.

This is the 127th week at No. 1 for Krzyzewski and the 145th for the Blue Devils, ahead of the late John Wooden (121) and UCLA (134).

The Blue Devils are No. 1 for the first time since spending two weeks there in November 2019, and it comes after a tumultuous season amid the pandemic that saw the program fail to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995.

Duke (7-0) reloaded with a top-tier recruiting class featuring 6-foot-10 star Paolo Banchero and is back among the nation's elite.

When the Blue Devils visit Ohio State on Tuesday in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, it will mark Duke's 255th game as a top-ranked team under Krzyzewski compared with 161 games as an unranked team.

"It's not about me, it's about us," Krzyzewski said after Friday night's win against Gonzaga in Las Vegas. "This is our moment together, not my moment."

No. 2 Purdue earned nine first-place votes and moved up a spot behind Duke in a reshuffled poll

that saw no team hold its spot from the previous week and three new teams join the rankings. It is the Boilermakers' highest ranking since last reaching No. 2 late in the 1987-88 season.

Gonzaga fell to third, while reigning national champion Baylor rose two spots to No. 4 after winning the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas. UCLA fell three spots to No. 5 after a 20-point loss to Gonzaga last week, while Villanova, Texas, Kansas, Kentucky and Arkansas round out the top 10.

Florida made the week's biggest jump by climbing nine spots to No. 14 after beating California, Ohio State and Troy last week.

Memphis had the week's biggest tumble, sliding nine spots to No. 18 after losing to now-ranked Iowa State by 19.

Women's AP Top 25 gets shakeup

Maryland dropped six spots to No. 8 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday after losing two games in a week that saw eight of the top 10 teams change places behind unanimous No. 1 South Carolina.

UConn reclaimed the No. 2 spot — up one spot and shared with N.C. State — after the Terrapins were blown out by the Wolfpack and new No. 4 Stanford.

Baylor was No. 5 while Indiana fell two places to sixth after losing to the Cardinal.

South Florida made the biggest jump this week, moving up five spots to No. 13 after beating then-No. 7 Stanford.

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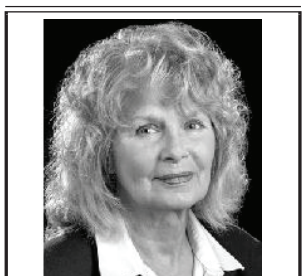
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Jacqueline A. McCraner Amended Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
CASE NO. 2021-DR-947

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

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Dated: 11/10/2021

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

Solution to Monday's puzzle 11/30/21

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

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

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Tuesday, November 30, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- OPPUGNED

(OPPUGNED: uh-PYOOND: Opposed or called into question.)

Average mark 16 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 22 or more words in OPPUGNED?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- GULLIBILITY

gill	guiltily	lilt	built
gilt	guilty	lily	bulgy
glib	gull	lull	bull
glibly	gullibly	illy	bully
glut	gully	bill	till
guilt	ugly	billy	

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

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ACROSS

1 Lahore language
5 Mrs. Charles
9 Modern-day cash giver
12 Skinny
13 Sheik's cartel
14 Yes, to Rob Roy
15 Identification
16 Head scarf
18 Duds
20 Thought on
21 — ammoniac
22 Final letter
23 Reserved
26 Awe
29 Jacques' pal
30 Zen question
32 Mild oath
34 Tropical tree
36 "Carpe —!"
38 Raw metal
39 Walk (2 wds.)
41 Surgical tool
43 "Grand — Opry"

DOWN

1 Humerus neighbor
2 Cut grain
3 Foggy
4 Creepy feeling

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

5 Peace Prize founder
6 Gemstone
7 Yiddish "Mr."
8 Shrewdness
9 Long sighs
10 Youngster
11 Hoover Dam lake

17 Soft leather
19 Prioritize
22 Sector
23 Kind of dance
24 Asian nanny
25 About 2.2 lbs.
26 Hang on
27 They're easily bruised
28 Seldom seen
31 Comics dog
33 German article
35 Cash, casually
37 Mme.'s daughter
40 Afire, in a restaurant
42 Make bubbly
44 Invisible swimmer (Var.)
45 Links org.
46 Like the Gobi
47 Desires
48 Vitality
49 Made mellow
50 Breathing organ
51 Sticky fruit
53 Quick lunch

11-30

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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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- Guided travel enticement (1)
[][][][][][][][][]
- Lightly kiss a person from Prague (1)
[][][][][][][][][]
- Chorus' contracted paid singers (1)
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- Rescues Native American warriors (1)
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- Golf course area flyover route (2)
[][][][][][][][][][][]
- Gruffer and ruder some hours ago (3)
[][][][][][][][][][][][]
- Affection for the property of golden hair (2)
[][][][][][][][][][][][]

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5. FAIRWAY AIRWAY 6. SURLIER EARLIER 7. BLONDNESS FONDNESS

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