

TUESDAY
TODAY & next morning
HIGH 60
LOW 44
Partly sunny and cooler. Breezy.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus County COVID-19 update

According to the Florida Department of Health, 19 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update. One new death was reported, for a total of 363.

To date in the county, 9,348 people have tested positive (including 75 non-residents).

One new hospitalization was reported, for a total of 608 hospitalized.

Totals reflect preliminary reports received by the state, and are subject to later revision.

No freeze, but expect a cool Tuesday

It was a frigid 23 degrees below zero in Kingsford, Michigan, on Monday morning, prompting school closings throughout that state.

The arctic blast hitting much of the rest of the nation won't reach as far south as Citrus County. But, it will be rainy and significantly cooler on Tuesday. Look for temperatures about 20 degrees colder when you wake up Tuesday morning.

The National Weather Service is forecasting a high of 65 on Tuesday, with rain chances 30%. The cool snap should be gone by Wednesday, as temperatures rise to around 75. The rain chances will increase Wednesday to 50%.

Former mayor of Crystal River dies

Former Crystal River mayor, business owner and resident Curtis A. Rich Sr. died the night of Sunday, Feb. 14. He was 92, according to his daughter, Alana Rich.

Before moving roughly 16 years ago to Highlands, North Carolina, where he died, Rich was Crystal River's mayor from 1991 to 2000.

In 1960, Rich founded Curtis Tool Company — later renamed CURTCO Inc. by his son — in Miami before moving the company to Crystal River, and was a member of the Rotary Club of Kings Bay up until his death.

Vaccine registration system open

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 65 and older and frontline health care workers is now available.

Individuals can now be added to a waiting list for vaccine appointments and be notified when appointments are available by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-0442; TTY is 833-476-1036.

Each county has a designated number that individuals can call and pre-register with if they do not have internet access. Citrus County's designated number is 866-201-0442.

— From staff reports

More than just a farm



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Vincent Pantica, left, Jon Terry, center, The Path of Citrus County's men's case and kitchen manager, along with Ted Hambel cut fresh vegetables in the Path kitchen in Beverly Hills. The Path has a large farm in Hernando where they work to cultivate much of the food those living at the mission consume.

The Path's 'farm to table' program helps mend lives while filling bellies

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

In the restaurant industry, "farm to table" is a growing trend using local produce in your dishes, knowing the name of the person you get your arugula from.

At The Path rescue mission, farm to table is part of the whole-person recovery program, encompassing

nutrition, work therapy, job skills — and eating fresh, good-tasting food.

It's something DuWayne Sipper, The Path of Citrus County executive director, began envisioning since he planted a garden behind one of the shelter's houses on Melbourne Street in Beverly Hills about 16 or so years ago and using the vegetables he grew to help feed the clients.

Then around 2006,

when the Church of the Nazarene in Hernando offered him the use of 15 acres of its land, Sipper jumped on it and 15 or so years later at least

70 varieties of fresh vegetables are being planted, cultivated, harvested, cooked and eaten — farm to table — by the people who come to The Path hoping to change their lives.

"When we first

started the farm, I knew from watching the guys in the garden getting fresh air ... and many, if they didn't eat breakfast and got hungry, they'd eat the vegetables out in the garden, and we began to see differences (in their behavior)," Sipper said.

"They were getting off drugs and alcohol and sugar, and the combination of the fresh air, the physical work and

the fresh food, they were changing," he said.

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Every morning between 3 and 4 a.m., clients on kitchen crew for the day come to the on-site cafeteria to start preparing for the day's meals, said Jon Terry, the men's case manager and also kitchen manager at The Path.

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County's COVID-19 positivity rate drops

Figures also show nearly 20,000 vaccinations

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Citrus County's COVID-19 positivity rate continues to fall as the number of its cases surpass 9,300 and almost 20,000 locals have been vaccinated.

According to the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) on Monday, Feb. 15, the county totaled 9,348 cases, an increase of 290 infections since Feb. 8, at an average 41 cases a day.

Also on Monday, according to the FDOH, the county's average positivity rate from Feb. 8-14 for its Florida Residents was at 8.45% — a decrease from the 9.55% average of Feb. 1-7.

It's the goal of health officials to have a positivity rate — the number of positive test results out of total results — under 10%.

Since Feb. 8, six more county residents were hospitalized for COVID-19, totaling 608, and no deaths were reported,

leaving the count at 363, according to the FDOH.

COVID-19 data from the FDOH is subject to change as epidemiological investigations reveal new information on cases.

A Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) report from Monday stated Citrus County had 42 people in hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19, down five from Feb. 8.

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Gas prices down 2.2 cents

Expert say drop temporary

MICHAEL D. BATES
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Gas prices in Citrus County and the state fell 2.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.44 per gallon, according to GasBuddy.

That's still 14.9 cents higher than a month ago and 10.7 cents per gallon more than a year ago.

GasBuddy's Patrick De Haan said it's not surprising prices continue to follow increased oil prices. Also, demand for gas is higher right

now, he said.

"The rise in gas prices continues to be driven by improving demand in the United States," he said. "(It) has nothing to do with who sits in the White House, but rather how many motorists are filling their tanks on a daily basis," De Haan said.

Prices, he said, will continue to trend higher and the situation will last as long as OPEC continues to restrain its oil production, "creating

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Local man accused of shooting BB gun at deputies

Suspect was allegedly upset about cruiser emergency lights

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Emergency lights from Citrus County Sheriff's Office patrol cars in his neighborhood bothered an Inverness man to the point he allegedly fired an airsoft rifle at a pair

of their drivers.

Michael Joseph Patton, 32, was arrested the night of Feb. 11 for shooting a BB gun earlier at the two deputies down the street from his home off of East Kirk Street.

Patton faces two third-degree felony counts of aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon. He was jailed under a \$4,000 bond.

During Patton's first court appearance on Feb. 12, court records show, a judge increased his bond to \$10,000 and ordered him not to have weapons, including pellet guns.

According to Patton's

arrest report, obtained Monday, sheriff's office deputies were responding to an unrelated incident at around 8:44 p.m. and were parked on the 3700 block of East Kirk Street, by Highland Park, with their cruisers' light bars on.

Dispatchers then

radioed deputies to say a 911 caller was complaining about the number of vehicles in the area, including one with its high-beams shining into their house.

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Presidents Day SALE

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Around the COUNTY

Schedule virtual visit with senator

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio's staff is resuming Citrus County Mobile Office Hours starting Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Schedule a "virtual visit" by registering at www.eventbrite.com/e/citrus-county-virtual-mobile-office-hours-tickets-141164770629.

The purpose is to assist with issues involving federal agencies. These office hours will allow Citrus County residents the opportunity to seek assistance directly from Sen. Rubio's staff.

UF/IFAS Extension sets spring seminar

The February UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension Master Gardener Library Plant Seminar will identify new plants (especially flowering ones) to consider for spring planting.

This free online seminar will run from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, via Zoom. Attendees must pre-register no later than Sunday, Feb. 21. To register, visit www.SpringColor.eventbrite.com. A link will be emailed after registration is complete.

For information, call the UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension office at 352-527-5700.

Code review board sets public meeting Feb. 23

The Citrus County Code Review and Appeals Board will conduct a public meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

Agenda items include swearing in new members, electing a president and vice president and any other business concerns.

For information, call 352-527-5310.

Conservative Women meet for lunch Feb. 24

The Conservative Women's Political Network (CWPNC) will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Los Magueyes Mexican Restaurant, 3887 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills.

Please arrive at noon to order lunch. The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Sabrina Watson, District Captain, Florida House Dist. 34, Senate Dist. 10. Convention of States.

All Conservatives welcome. Donations for CASA will be collected.

For information, contact Peggy Simon, president, or Rosalie Matt, vice president, at 352-746-7143.

Watch movie 'I Still Believe'

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Monthly Movie Matinee feature is "I Still Believe." Starring K.J. Apa, Britt Robertson, Shania Twain and Gary Sinise, it will be presented at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right), in Homosassa Springs.

Discussion follows the movie. Monthly Movie Matinees are open to the public and observe CDC guidelines. Since space may be limited, reserve your seat in advance by calling 352-249-1470.

For details about Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast, call 352-249-1470 or visit www.friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

From staff reports

Employers asked for input

Chamber wants local businesses to weigh in on workforce needs

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The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Florida Chamber on a survey to understand local companies' workforce needs and the impact that the pandemic is having on their recruiting and training.

"A high-quality workforce is Florida's best long-term economic development strategy and is crucial to becoming the 10th largest economy by 2030," according to the chamber survey.

The results of the survey will go into the Florida Chamber Foundation's 2021 Florida Workforce

Needs Study.

Some of the questions asked of local employers include:

■ Over the next year, do you expect to hire new employees?

■ Generally speaking, when you hire new employees, are they ready to work or do they need additional skills training?

■ How have you modified your talent development and/or strategies due to technology changes?

■ How concerned are you about the lack of employee skills as a threat to your business?

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, employers responded in a Florida Chamber survey that a skilled workforce was a

top priority in 2020.

Then the pandemic hit.

"While vaccines are being distributed, a return to some sense of normality will take time and we anticipate Florida's workforce needs will continue to be a top issue," according to the Florida Chamber.

To learn more about the Florida Chamber Foundation's 2021 Florida Workforce Needs Study, visit <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6192410/Citrus-County-Chamber-of-Commerce-2021-Workforce-Needs-Survey>

Construction workers create a new, single-family home in Crystal River. The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Florida Chamber for the 2021 Florida Workforce Needs Study.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file



Family Resource Center gets grant

Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation gives \$11K

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Staff writer

Recently, the Citrus County Family Resource Center (CCFRC) received a grant for \$11,000 from the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation Inc. (CCCF).

"With this grant, we're able to expand our services and help more people in three specific programs," said Ginger West, Family Resource Center executive director.

Grant funds are being used at the medical clinic at the center's Connections Homeless Outreach for medications and supplements.

"This is very important at this time to aid in protecting their health during the COVID pandemic," West said. "One of our main goals is to keep people from going to the emergency room."

West said between 12 and 20 homeless people come for services and have a meal at the Connections center at 3848 E. Parsons Point in Hernando each day.

Connections is a place where homeless people can take a shower, wash their clothing, use the computer to look for a job or sign up for benefits.



Family Resource Center Executive Director Ginger West, left, stands in the center's headquarters in Hernando.

Meals are served at lunch time every day except Saturday.

"It also provides a place for them to watch a movie, make a puzzle or get out of the elements during the daytime hours, serving as the daytime half of a cold weather shelter until the Salvation Army opens at night," West said.

For the remainder of the grant, \$1,000 is going toward supplying hygiene products

such as deodorant, razors, women's health items, etc. to homeless clients at the Outreach Center, and \$5,000 is for diapers and baby care items for

the families served through the center's Baby Care program.

In a recent news release, West wrote:

"The Citrus County Family Resource moved to our new location at 3660 N. Florida Avenue, Hernando, FL in September of 2020. CCFRC

programs include but are not limited to: a year-round food

pantry, clothes closet, a Bike to Work program, parenting classes, a Baby Needs program, ID's, a free 'rummage sale' give away once a month for clients as well as our annual Christmas Project.

"All CCFRC's programs are community funded, relying totally on donations from individuals, corporations and organizations as well as grants throughout the year.

"Without these donations, we would cease to exist. We thank all of you who help us continue our mission to provide services, resources and nurturing assistance to children and families in Citrus County so they may live in health, safety and security."

"We can be reached at 352-344-1001 or visit our website at ccfr.org."

FHP releases details of overturned-vehicle crash on US 19

Names still withheld

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Details were released about a traffic crash on a stretch of highway in Homosassa where a vehicle overturned onto its roof within the median.

Each of three motorists in the two-vehicle collision were hospitalized with non-incapacitating injuries, according to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), which has yet to release the names of those involved in the 5 p.m. crash from Tuesday, Feb. 25.

According to FHP, a blue Honda CRV and its driver were northbound on U.S. 19's outside lane

approaching West Green Acres Street.

At the same time, traveling ahead of the Honda, a white Chevy Blazer and its two occupants were slowing for traffic in front of them.

According to FHP, the Honda's driver didn't brake for the Chevy, and tried to swerve right to avoid a collision with the vehicle.

However, the Honda's front-left corner struck the rear of the Chevy, which spun counterclockwise into the highway's center median, where it overturned onto its right side and then onto its roof, according to FHP.

FHP troopers cited the Honda's driver for careless driving, and the Chevy's driver for driving without a valid license.

Due to the coronavirus

Ash Wednesday services to include COVID precautions

Chronicle staff

As Catholics prepare to

observe Ash Wednesday

on Feb. 17, which marks

the start of the Church's

liturgical season of Lent

culminating with Easter

Sunday, Bishop Gregory

Parkes of the Diocese of

St. Petersburg has deter-

mined that the distribu-

tion of ashes can be done

in a safe manner as long

as certain protocols are in

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Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Make adjustments that encourage a better home life. An organized household will help you reach your long-term goals. Negotiate with finesse when dealing with someone who can affect your prospects. Stick to your plans.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Spend more time taking care of personal matters. How you handle domestic responsibilities will affect the way others treat you.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Keep your secrets to yourself. An emotional incident can affect your reputation and your chance to advance.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Keep your eyes on your objective. It doesn't matter what everyone else is doing; what does matter is that you take care of your responsibilities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Update a license, contract or personal identification. Don't take an unnecessary risk that may leave you in a precarious position.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — You stand to get ahead if you share your ideas and follow through. Someone will be eager to take credit for what you do; be prepared to stick up for yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Put your creative imagination to the test at work, and you'll come up with a great idea that leads to a transformation.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Do what's best for you. Help yourself instead of putting your time and effort into something that benefits someone else. Pledge to do your own thing and to work alongside people who have as much to offer as you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Look for ways you can use your skills and knowledge to open a conversation that can lead to an exciting position. Don't sell yourself short.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be creative without overspending. You can find a way to overcome any obstacle. Laziness and relying on others will be your downfalls.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Use your charm to avoid getting into an argument. Listen attentively, and go about your business.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll spin heads with your outgoing, spirited nature. A romantic encounter will encourage you to nurture a meaningful relationship.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You will be tempted to make a change. Take precautions before you spend money. Refuse to buy into someone's plans.

ENTERTAINMENT

Michael Jordan gives \$10M for North Carolina health clinics

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Basketball legend Michael Jordan is donating \$10 million to launch two medical clinics in underserved communities near his hometown in North Carolina, a regional health care system announced Monday.

The Novant Health clinics are set to open in early 2022 in New Hanover County along North Carolina's southeastern coast, according to a statement from the system. The gift marks one of the largest ever from the Basketball Hall of Fame athlete, news outlets reported.

Jordan previously gave \$7 million to open Michael Jordan Family Clinics in Charlotte in 2019 and 2020. Those clinics have since seen more than 4,500 patients and have administered nearly 1,000 COVID-19 vaccines, Novant Health said.

"I am very proud to once again partner with Novant Health to expand the Family Clinic model to bring better access to critical medical services in my hometown," Jordan said in a statement. "Everyone should have access to quality health care, no matter where they live, or whether or not they have insurance."

Novant said the new clinics would bring services to "more rural and rural-adjacent communities" and to those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Jordan grew up in Wilmington before going on to play at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He later played 15 seasons in the NBA, winning six championships with the Chicago Bulls.



Associated Press

Basketball legend Michael Jordan speaks during a press conference ahead of an NBA basketball game between the Charlotte Hornets and Milwaukee Bucks in Paris, in this 2020 file photo. Jordan is donating \$10 million to launch two medical clinics in underserved communities near his hometown in North Carolina.

Royal occasion: Oprah Winfrey to interview Meghan and Harry

NEW YORK — Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will be

speaking with Oprah Winfrey, their first major television interview since quitting royal duties and buying a home in the U.S.

The 90-minute "Oprah With Meghan and Harry: A CBS Primetime Special" will air March 7, CBS announced Monday.

"Winfrey will speak with Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex, in a wide-ranging interview, covering everything from stepping into life as a Royal, marriage, motherhood, philanthropic work to how she is handling life under intense public pressure," according to CBS. "Later, the two are joined by Prince Harry as they speak about their move to the United States and their future hopes and dreams for their expanding family."

On Sunday, a spokesperson for Meghan and Harry confirmed that they were expecting a second child. Their first son, Archie, was born in 2019.

William McRaven adapts bestseller 'Make Your Bed' for kids

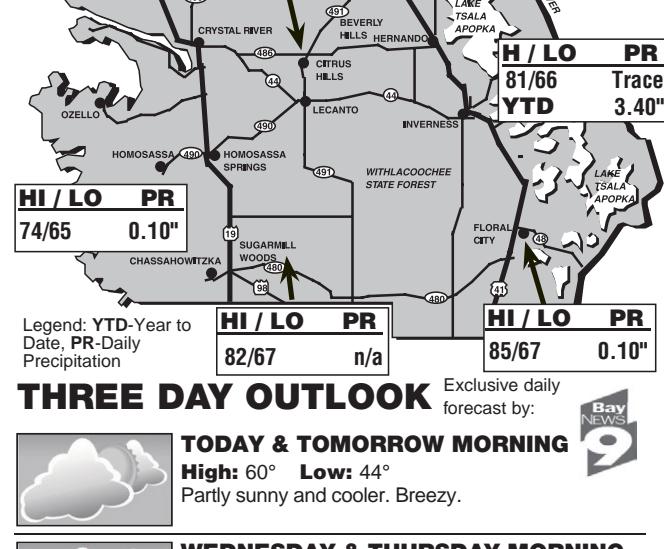
NEW YORK — The retired U.S. Navy admiral who directed the raid that killed Osama bin Laden is continuing his career as an author.

William McRaven is adapting his best-selling "Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life ... And Maybe the World" for younger audiences. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers announced Monday that McRaven's "Make Your Bed With Skipper the Seal" will come out Oct. 12.

Financial terms for his new book were not disclosed. McRaven was represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 60° Low: 44°
Partly sunny and cooler. Breezy.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 66° Low: 63°
Partly sunny with scattered storms.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 81° Low: 55°
Mostly cloudy, breezy and warmer. Scattered storms late.

ALMANAC

Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday 80/62
Record* 87/18
Normal 73/45
Mean temp. 59
Departure from mean 12

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday 0.03"
Total for the month 2.15"
Total for the year 2.83"
Normal for the year 4.60"

*Official record values from Tampa International

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

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

29.89

SOLUNAR TABLES

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DATE DAY

MINOR (MORNING) **MAJOR (AFTERNOON)**

02/16 TUESDAY 7:06 4:06 6:20 4:27

02/17 WEDNESDAY 7:05 4:47 6:21 5:08

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 6:20 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:05 am

MOONRISE TODAY 10:04 am

MOONSET TODAY 10:55 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

0 - 1 Monday 6 - 7 Thursday

2 - 3 Tuesday 8 - 9 or- Friday

4 - 5 Wednesday

TIDES

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

TUESDAY

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Phillips, 75 INVERNESS

Elizabeth Ann Phillips, also known as Jill, of Inverness, FL passed away on February 10, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness at the age of 76.

She was born to the late Leo and Lillian Stanton Shuley on June 16, 1944 in Newark, OH. She made Citrus County her home after moving from Ohio. She retired from the United States Postal Service and about 5 years ago, married her beloved, Ed Reese in a simple but beautiful church ceremony at the First Christian Church of Inverness. She enjoyed boating and traveling with Ed, as well as going on Alaskan trips, camping, and visiting the Ocala Forest and she absolutely adored her dog, Gena.

Along with her parents, Elizabeth is preceded in death by her brother, Terry. Those left to cherish her memory are her four children, Richard "Rick" Boley (Kristy) of Newark, OH, Jackie Berger (Dan) of Dunnelon, FL, Margaret Kidwell "Peggy" of Inverness, FL, and Lisa Dodson of Newark, OH; her many cherished grandchildren; and her several adored great-grandchildren. She was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

Arrangements for Jill are private. Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

OBITUARIES

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Elizabeth Phillips

Blanche Yandle, 94 CHASSAHOWITZKA

Mrs. Martha Blanche McCorkle Yandle, known as Blanche, of Chassahowitzka passed peacefully on Friday 5, 2021 at the age of 94. Prior to her passing she was a resident of Grand Living at Citrus Hills in Hernando, Florida.



Blanche Yandle

Blanche was born on June 5, 1926 in Jacksonville, Florida and was the daughter of Bertie Mae Hutson Algar. Blanche moved from Cedar Key to Inverness when she was six years old and graduated from Citrus High School in 1944. She began her professional career in the Clerk's office and with the Ration Board before her appointment as Secretary and Deputy for the former Sheriff of Citrus County, Frank Morris. Later in life she was the Bookkeeper for KEY Tire Company. Mrs. Yandle's hobbies and enjoyments included fishing, gardening, cooking and especially spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth E. Yandle, mother, Bertie Mae Hutson Algar, and stepfather, Muriel "Mose" Algar. Survivors include two daughters: Martha E. Yandle of Rockland, Maine, and B. Suzanne Hancock (Skip, deceased) of Inverness, Florida. Three grandchildren: Martianne (Josh) Renninger of Woodstock, Georgia, Robert Hancock (Keri) or Port Charlotte, Florida, and Livka Farrell of Rockland, Maine. Great-grandchildren: Luke Renninger, Lilah Renninger, Cole Hancock, and Logan Hancock.

A private family service will be held at Hooper Funeral Home in Inverness on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. In lieu of condolences, the family requests donations be made to Citrus County Blessings in Mrs. Yandle's name (www.citruscountyblessings.org).

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Top state official resigns

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A top Florida official responsible for his state's handling of the coronavirus outbreak is stepping down.

Jared Moskowitz, who heads Florida's Division of Emergency Management, told the USA TODAY NETWORK that an official announcement of his departure is expected by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The Republican governor was scheduled to hold a news conference at the state Capitol on Monday afternoon, where he will likely be asked questions about the pending departure.

"My departure won't be

imminent," Moskowitz told the newspaper chain, adding that it would be a "gradual transition." He did not give a precise timeline.

Moskowitz, a Democrat and former member of the state House, assumed the role shortly after DeSantis, a Republican, took office in 2019.

As director of emergency management, Moskowitz likely expected to focus on such events like hurricanes.

During his tenure, Moskowitz has instead overseen the emergency response to the coronavirus outbreak, including setting up testing sites — and now vaccination facilities — across the state.

The task has proven to be a logistical nightmare — as well as politically fraught, as Florida became an early epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak.

It's been a demanding and stressful role that, he said, has taken a toll on his family life.

"My kids are 7 and 4. When I started this job, they were 5 and 2," Moskowitz said. "I've been in this job for 50% of my younger one's life."

It's not unusual for high-level officials to leave their posts.

Last week, the governor's chief of staff, Shane Strum, said he would be departing the DeSantis administration to helm Broward Health.

Snake hunter works at night

Former real estate agent now searches for predators

SONIA OSORIO
The Miami Herald

MIAMI — For most people, encountering an 18-foot-long python can be a terrifying experience. For Donna Kalil, who left her lucrative job as a real estate agent to become a hunter of the powerful snakes, it's "a very exciting thing."

Kalil decided to start capturing Burmese pythons in the Everglades after reading a story in the Miami Herald about one of the snakes blowing up when it swallowed a 6-foot alligator after a confrontation in 2005.

She realized there was a problem with these snakes, although she did not know how big it was, and she turned her life upside down to help remove pythons in the fragile Everglades ecosystem, where they are an invasive species.

Pythons have a tremendous impact on native Florida wildlife. They prey on 24 species of mammals and 43 species of birds. They also eat alligators, according to data from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Burmese pythons established themselves in Florida as a result of escaped or released pets and were first discovered in the Everglades nearly two decades ago. They have become the Everglades' top predator, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Scientists estimate that there are about 300,000 pythons in the Everglades.

"You make much more money in real estate than capturing pythons. I now earn the minimum wage plus an amount for the snakes that I capture, but what I am currently doing



Associated Press

In this Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, photo, a 14-foot, 95-pound, female Burmese python is held tightly by wildlife biologist Ian Bartoszek after he captured it in Naples, Florida. The snake was in the process of shedding a layer of skin, making handling the creature especially challenging. Pythons have a tremendous impact on native Florida wildlife. They prey on 24 species of mammals and 43 species of birds. They also eat alligators, according to data from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

is much more satisfactory. And it's a way to give back to the community where I grew up," Kalil said.

She does not regret her decision, saying she has one of the best views in the world, the Everglades, and there's always the adrenaline rush of knowing that at any moment she can run into an 18-foot giant.

"It's very exciting every time you come across a python and you know that every time you catch one you are helping to preserve the native wildlife of the Everglades. Despite becoming a problem in South Florida, pythons are majestic animals," said the 58-year-old hunter.

Even though Kalil had a career in real estate, she says she has captured snakes all her life and has had a fascination with them since she was 5. She was living with her family in Caracas, Venezuela, when her brothers brought home a snake they didn't realize was venomous. Luckily, she says, it didn't bite her.

"Even though I had been told not to, I found her fascinating, and thank God she didn't bite me. The snake was

possibly a coral because I remember that it had very beautiful rings," she recalled.

Living in Venezuela, where her father was stationed for the U.S. Air Force, she was exposed to all kinds of animals, she says. Many wandered through the family's yard, and a wooded area behind her house helped her discover animals in nature.

When she first set out to capture pythons it didn't go very well, Kalil said. But since then she has become an avid catcher, using her hands to snag 481 of the constrictors to date.

Kalil was the first woman hired by the South Florida Water Management District for its python eradication program in 2017. It has been her full-time job since.

There are currently 15 women who are certified python capturers, but she was the first woman in that first season, which brought out a total of 25 hunters.

The "first monster" she encountered, she says, she found after midnight in the Everglades and was in trouble if they wrap around your neck."

"They are very, very powerful. Not only do you have to grip them very well, you have to know what you are doing because it can be very dangerous," she said. "Even a small one can wrap around you. They're constrictors, and you can get in trouble if they wrap around your neck."

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CONQUERING CANCER IN CITRUS COUNTY

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Breakfast is served between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. — cereal, oatmeal, pancakes, eggs fresh from the 10 chickens at the farm.

Lunch is sandwiches or leftovers.

Dinners go by a daily theme: Monday: Mexican; Tuesday: pizza; Wednesday: casseroles; Thursday: meatloaf; Friday: pasta; Saturday: "All-American"; and Sunday: chicken.

And there's always a salad bar — fresh from the farm.

"Our goal for the salad bar is to make it like a restaurant salad bar, with lots of fresh vegetables," Terry said.

He also wants to incorporate the daily harvest in a variety of ways.

Casseroles, sauces, stews — made with veggies from the farm.

"I've got cooks here, and we go online and look up recipes. Sometimes it's as simple as boiling a bunch of broccoli, adding some butter and some parmesan cheese," Terry said. "It's cool that the clients are getting the nutrition they need, and the food is actually tasty."

Terry, 38, who grew up in Citrus County, had moved to Michigan where he pastored a church for 10 years. When he decided to come back to Florida, he contacted Sipper, whom he has known for years, and they talked about being a part of The Path staff.

"I'm still a pastor, but in a different way," he said. "I also worked for Winn-Dixie as store manager, so here I'm using that experience as kitchen manager organizing, scheduling, storage, making sure the food quality is good."

He came on staff about a year ago, spending the first two months working alongside the men at the farm, getting dirt under his fingernails.

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A few years ago, DuWayne Sipper incorporated hydroponic gardening into his farming and recently



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Fresh produce, like broccoli and cauliflower, are prepared to be served Thursday, Feb. 11, at The Path of Citrus County.

completely upgraded and overhauled the farm.

"We may start raising our own chicks here (at the shelter), to add to our work therapy program," Sipper said.

He added, "As the clients get involved, they're taking ownership; they're doing food service work, so it's job training."

It's more than just food, but that's where it starts.

"Hope begins with a meal," said Kathryn Sipper, The Path development director. "If people are starving, they will never get past hunger or their addictions, and they'll be stuck. But if you stabilize people with basic needs, especially with kids, with a safe place to sleep and food in their belly and they know it will be there tomorrow, they can progress to a place where they can start focusing on life skills and on tomorrow."

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The Path of Citrus County Case Manager Jon Terry also runs the kitchen at the mission.

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VIRUS

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There was also 25% of hospital beds available in the county, according to the AHCA, and 20% of local adult intensive care units was open.

According to the FDOH, 19,903 county residents have been vaccinated for COVID-19 — an increase of 3,191 since Feb. 8 — with 8,618 of them completing their two-dose series.

Since starting school Aug. 20 for the 2020-21 school year, the Citrus County School District recorded 547 cases — 159 staff, 388 students — as of Feb. 15, an increase of 38 since Feb. 5.

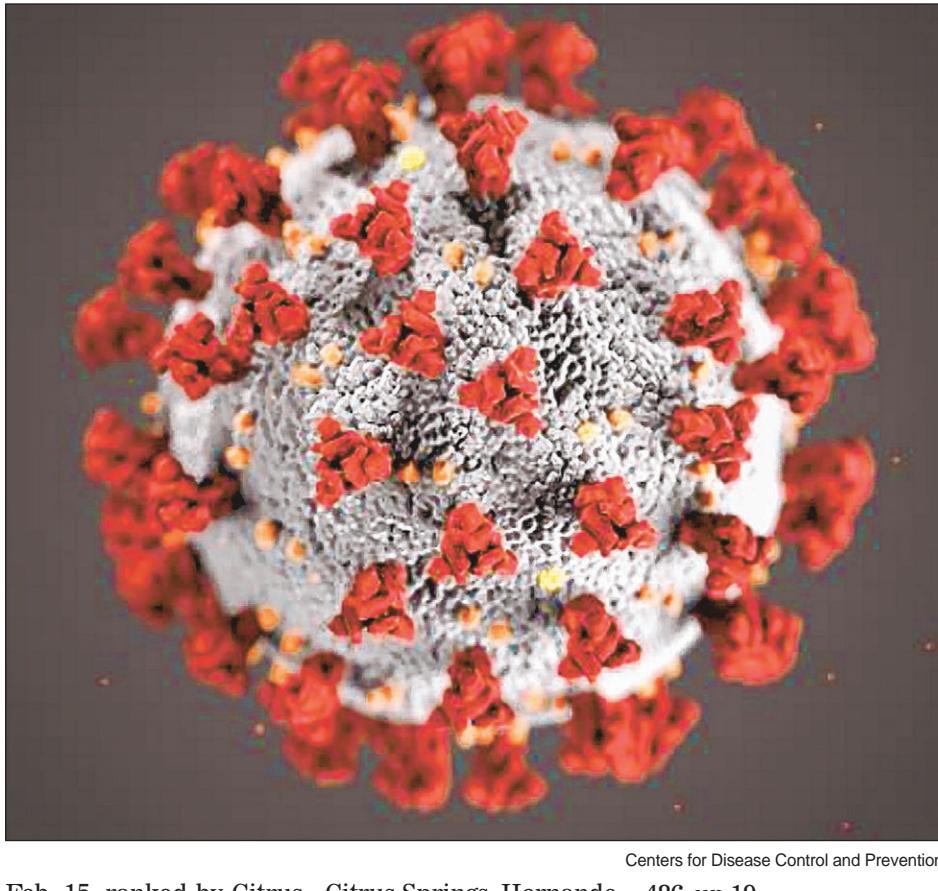
Long-term care facilities in the county have documented a total 1,431 cases, up 16 since Feb. 8, according to the FDOH.

COVID numbers for inmates and staff at the Citrus County Detention Facility in Lecanto remain unchanged since Feb. 8 at 147 and 19, respectively, with 100% recovery.

Those with questions about someone in the jail's custody can contact CoreCivic's Operations Concern Center by either calling 877-834-1550 or emailing Operations@CoreCivic.com.

For information about CoreCivic's response to COVID-19, visit corecivic.com/covid-19-response.

Here are the number of COVID-19 cases reported



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Feb. 15, ranked by Citrus County's 15 ZIP codes:

34452 (Inverness, Floral City, Inverness Highlands North and Inverness Highlands South): 1,060, an increase of 30 since Feb. 8.

34461 (Black Diamond, Citrus Hills, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto, Pine Ridge and Sugarmill Woods): 1,030, up 15.

34465 (Beverly Hills, Black Diamond, Citrus Springs, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 987, up 34.

34446 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Sugarmill Woods): 906, up 30.

34442 (Citrus Hills,

Citrus Springs, Hernando, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 869, up 50.

34429 (Crystal River, Ozello, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Black Diamond): 790, up 17.

34453 (Inverness, Citrus Hills, Hernando, Inverness Highlands North and Lecanto): 663, up 20.

34428 (Crystal River, Red Level and Inglis): 590, up eight.

34434 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): 587, up 15.

34450 (Inverness and Inverness Highlands South): 486, up 19.

34448 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Sugarmill Woods, Lecanto and Crystal River): 484, up 13.

34433 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs and Pine Ridge): 367, up 11.

34436 (Floral City): 323, up 15.

34445 (Holder, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): 11, no change.

34449 (Inglis and Yankeetown): six, up one.

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who later was identified as Patton roughly 100 yards from them.

Patton told deputies before his arrest he had fired something, but the rest of his statements are redacted from his arrest report. His arraignment in court was set for March 8.

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the situation we're in where demand is recovering faster than demand.

"The situation won't get better," he said. "Just wait until spring. It's likely the national average will rise another 10 to as much as 50 cents per gallon if oil production doesn't respond to the continued recovery in demand."

By comparison shopping, Citrus Countians can find prices lower than the state

average, at least on the west side.

The Chevron off U.S. 19 in Crystal River, for example, was reporting regular unleaded at \$2.39 as of Sunday, according to GasBuddy.

Inverness had the highest prices, with some stations exceeding the state average.

To find out what the price of gas is at your local station, visit www.GasBuddy.com

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ARREST

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Dispatchers told deputies the caller was threatening to confront whoever was there, prompting deputies to say they were the ones parked there.

While deputies continued to investigate, they heard what sounded like a pellet or BB round whizzing by them. Deputies looked around to find

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Repeal of no-fault insurance backed in state Senate

JIM SAUNDERS
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida senators continued moving forward Monday with a proposal to do away with the state's longstanding no-fault auto insurance system, with trial attorneys and insurers closely watching the debate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill (SB 54) that would eliminate no-fault — and its requirement that motorists carry personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage — and mandate bodily injury coverage.

Sponsor Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, said the bill would make Florida like 48 other states that have bodily-injury insurance systems. He said he thinks it would help ensure that motorists have adequate coverage.

Before giving approval, the committee made

changes to the proposal, including reducing required coverage levels for low-income people and students and raising the possibility that motorists could pay deductibles to have windshields repaired.

The windshield change to the bill came after insurers have complained in recent years about auto-glass businesses offering incentives, such as gift cards, to have motorists replace windshields. Currently, insured motorists do not have to pay to get windshields repaired.

Under the proposal, insurers would be allowed to offer policies with deductibles up to \$200 for windshield repairs. Senate Judiciary Chairman Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, said motorists would be able to choose whether to buy policies with deductibles — which could be cheaper than policies that don't have deductibles.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF YANKEETOWN - 2021 ELECTION CANVASSING BOARD EVENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Yankeetown Canvassing Board will hold the following meetings:

Tuesday, February 23, 2021/ Election Day
Unofficial Audit
Canvassing of Election begins at 7:01 p.m.
Location: Inglis / Yankeetown Lions Club
22 59th Street
Yankeetown, Florida

Friday, February 26, 2021 / Election Official Audit
Canvassing of Election begins at 11:00 a.m.
Location: Yankeetown Town Hall
6241 Harmony Lane
Yankeetown, Florida

One or more other elected or appointed officials may be in attendance at this meeting. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 286.0105. Any handicapped or person with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the Town Clerk at (352) 447-2511 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 286.26.

Posted on Town of Yankeetown bulletin board and website 2/05/2021.
Advertised in Citrus County Chronicle on 2/16/2021.

9024-0216 MXDCRN PUBLIC NOTICE THE TOWN OF YANKEETOWN INFORMATION ON THE 2021 ELECTION

ELECTION DATE/TIME:
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021
7:00am - 7:00pm

ELECTION LOCATION:
Inglis / Yankeetown Lions Club
22 59th Street, Yankeetown, Florida

CANDIDATES:

The following individuals qualified for the Election.

Three (3) Council Seats Open:

- 1) Danny Pearson (incumbent)
- 2) Eddie Redd (incumbent)
- 3) Jeffrey St.John (incumbent)
- 4) Adam McNiece
- 5) Charles Stanek Jr.
- 6) Angela Tutino

TO VOTE ABSENTEE, YOU MAY REQUEST A BALLOT:

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Newspaper advertisement on 1/24/2021 & 2/16/2021

Posted by Sherri MacDonald, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF YANKEETOWN - 2021 ELECTION

NOTICE TO THE VOTER

A candidate in the race for the office of Town Council has withdrawn, such that:
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AVISO PARA EL VOTANTE

Un candidato de la carrera para el cargo de el concejo municipal se ha retirado,
de manera que:
Un voto para Charles Stanek Jr.
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Posted 1/26/2021 on bulletin board and website by Sherri MacDonald-Town Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator
Advertisement in Chronicle 2/16/2021
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3538-0216 TUCRN

CITRUS COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Lecanto Government Building
3600 West Sovereign Path
Room 166
Lecanto, Florida 34461

MICHAEL FACEMYER, CHAIR	KURT STONE
DAVID BRAMBLETT, 1ST VICE CHAIR	STACEY WORLINGTON
ROBERT BASS, 2ND VICE CHAIR	WILLIAM BURDA (Alternate)
RICHARD BARMES	CAROLE SCRAGG (Alternate)
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. PLAT VACATION

a. PV-20-04 Guy Newman

REQUEST: This request is to vacate a portion of the platted drainage and utility easements between Lots 14 and 15, Block 1340, Unit 20 of Citrus Springs.

LOCATION: Section 1, Township 17 South, Range 18 East; more specifically, Lots 14 and 15, Block 1340, Citrus Springs Unit 20, as recorded in Plat Book 7, Pages 52 through 66, public records of Citrus County, Florida, which addresses are 11564 and 11560 N. Kenlake Cir., Citrus Springs, Florida. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Joe Hochadel, Principal Planner, Land Development Division

2. LAND USE APPLICATION

a. CU-21-01 Jim Pena for James Housh

REQUEST: This request is for a Conditional Use to allow for a halfway house, pursuant to Section 2402, Rural Residential District (RUR), as specified in the LDC.

LOCATION: Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 17 East; more specifically, unrecorded tracts described in OR BK 221 PG 542 & OR BK 2063 PG 27, which address is 4881 N. Arid Pt, Crystal River, FL. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Amy Bidwell, Senior Planner, Land Development Division

b. V-20-10 Maurice and Christina Ryman

REQUEST: This request is for a Variance from the Citrus County Land Development Code (LDC) to allow for the construction of a pool and pool deck having less than the required 50-foot minimum building setback from the Mean High Water Line and the Jurisdictional Wetland Line (35-foot with a berm or swale), pursuant to Section 3501, Surface Water Protection Standards, as specified in the LDC.

LOCATION: Section 25, Township 19S, Range 16E; Lot 12 of Riverhaven Village, PB 9, Pg 31, (AK 1012261), which address is 12070 W Broad Jump Ct., Homosassa, FL.

STAFF CONTACT: Miranda Anaya, Planner I, Land Development Division

K. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

L. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

M. ADJOURN

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Judge to mull class-action suit

Legal moves target state's unemployment compensation system

JIM SAUNDERS
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Nearly a year after the COVID-19 pandemic began tossing people out of work, a circuit judge is again poised to consider a potential class-action lawsuit stemming from major problems in Florida's unemployment compensation system.

"DEO (the department) breached its fiduciary duty to the hundreds of thousands of Floridians who now await their life-sustaining funds and encounter roadblock after roadblock to payment," said the revised lawsuit, filed Nov. 16 by plaintiffs' attorneys Gautier Kitchen and Marie Mattox. "The damages flowing from defendants' breach multiply daily as people lose homes, cars, savings and dignity."

But in motions to dismiss the case, attorneys for the department and

version of the lawsuit but gave the plaintiffs an opportunity to file a revised complaint. The case seeks damages and raises several arguments, including that the department and Deloitte were negligent and breached a fiduciary duty.

Deloitte said the plaintiffs

are repeating arguments that were in the version of the case rejected by Cooper in September.

They contend Cooper should also dismiss the latest version for a series of reasons, including the constitutional separation of powers between courts and the executive branch of government; sovereign immunity, which helps shield government agencies from lawsuits; and a lack of a legal basis for showing a fiduciary duty.

"Simply put, the (version of the case filed in November) is substantially indistinguishable from the one the court has already found to be deficient and provides no basis for the court to revisit its prior conclusions,"

3533-0216 CRN

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF YANKEETOWN - 2021 ELECTION

NOTICE TO THE VOTER

A candidate in the race for the office of Town Council has withdrawn, such that:
A vote cast for Charles Stanek Jr.
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CITRUS COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Lecanto Government Building
3600 West Sovereign Path
Room 166
Lecanto, Florida 34461

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- 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. PLAT VACATION

a. PV-20-04 Guy Newman

REQUEST: This request is to vacate a portion of the platted drainage and utility easements between Lots 14 and 15, Block 1340, Unit 20 of Citrus Springs.

LOCATION: Section 1, Township 17 South, Range 18 East; more specifically, Lots 14 and 15, Block 1340, Citrus Springs Unit 20, as recorded in Plat Book 7, Pages 52 through 66, public records of Citrus County, Florida, which addresses are 11564 and 11560 N. Kenlake Cir., Citrus Springs, Florida. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Joe Hochadel, Principal Planner, Land Development Division

2. LAND USE APPLICATION

a. CU-21-01 Jim Pena for James Housh

REQUEST: This request is for a Conditional Use to allow for a halfway house, pursuant to Section 2402, Rural Residential District (RUR), as specified in the LDC.

LOCATION: Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 17 East; more specifically, unrecorded tracts described in OR BK 221 PG 542 & OR BK 2063 PG 27, which address is 4881 N. Arid Pt, Crystal River, FL. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

STAFF CONTACT: Amy Bidwell, Senior Planner, Land Development Division

b. V-20-10 Maurice and Christina Ryman

REQUEST: This request is for a Variance from the Citrus County Land Development Code (LDC) to allow for the construction of a pool and pool deck having less than the required 50-foot minimum building setback from the Mean High Water Line and the Jurisdictional Wetland Line (35-foot with a berm or swale), pursuant to Section 3501, Surface Water Protection Standards, as specified in the LDC.

LOCATION: Section 25, Township 19S, Range 16E; Lot 12 of Riverhaven Village, PB 9, Pg 31, (AK 1012261), which address is 12070 W Broad Jump Ct., Homosassa, FL.

STAFF CONTACT: Miranda Anaya, Planner I, Land Development Division

K. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

L. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

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Sound OFF

Dogs barking disturb the peace

Well, it's Monday morning, the beginning of another beautiful day, and once again we can't open our windows or doors or sit outside because of the incessant barking of dogs. ... The dogs, both large and small, bark off and on all day and many times at night. Neighbors are concerned about saying anything because the owners may go off on them. They're frustrated, tired and are trying to avoid the virus, so they are closed into their homes much of the time. All they can hear, day and many nights, are the dogs. Has it occurred to these inconsiderate neighbors that there are people who work at night and, therefore, are trying to sleep during the day? You may love your animals, but we don't. Our nerves are on edge and your animals are making it worse. Please, people, be more considerate of your neighbors. Take control of your animals. If you can't or won't, it may be necessary to call in Animal Control. We desperately need a break.

Start enforcing litter laws

I have made and read numerous comments in the (Sound Off) about the litter and trash along our roadways here in Citrus County. I made a number of efforts to see if we could resolve this problem. It has come to my attention from sources inside government that the sheriff's department and deputies pay little mind to this problem. There's been incidences where deputies have actually been behind trucks with trash flying out of them and had no concern. This needs to change. The sheriff's department is tasked with cleaning up Citrus County and in some areas, they've

done a great job when it comes to drug enforcement and crime. But cleaning up Citrus County also means cleaning up Citrus County. And right now, Citrus County is a dump. Sheriff's department: You need to enforce the litter laws in this county.

I applaud Mulligan's column

Mr. Mulligan: In the past, at various times, I've been critical of you and voicey, but let me tell you; today's Sunday paper (Jan. 24, 2021, Page C1), what you wrote about "The world loves a critic," is tremendous and I applaud you for it. Thank you.

Rethink weekend closures

I saw the Sound Off in the paper about most of the businesses in the city of Crystal River being closed on weekends (Page A8, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, titled "Close on Monday, and I go elsewhere"). I, too, am a local and I had a weekend and tried to patronize a restaurant and all the shops and they were not open. Not only did I try to patronize the shops, but so did the tourists walking around about them. You may want to rethink the weekend closures; especially during the tourist season, they should be open. I work during the week. I would love to patronize your business, but unfortunately you're closed. So I still haven't been to some of the restaurants and shops and I've lived here over 10 years. Sure would be nice if you were open for the locals.

Start ticketing bad drivers

The sheriff better get some deputies out in these roads here to get these people that pull out in front of you as you're



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driving down the road at a reasonable speed, then they drive in front of you and if you hit them, it's your fault. I think the sheriff better get his people out here to ticket these people. And also, if the speed limit's 55 mph and you're in the left lane doing 35, you should be ticketed for that for going so slow.

Airboats produce horrible noise

I spent an entire day watching my husband paint the house outside and there was nothing but tremendous, horrible noise on the Homosassa River from those horrible air-boats that are roaring their engines over the sea grass out there and disturbing all of the wildlife, the gators and everything that's trying to nest out there in the sea grass in what a horrible din all day long. Isn't there some sort of conservation effort to protect the sea grasslands, etc.? I mean, if they want a thrill ride, these tourists should be going to Orlando to Disney (World).

Turn pool into bocce ball court

(Re the Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, Page A3 story, "Schlabach to seek BH ideas on former pool site"): In response to the pool closing in Beverly Hills and Ruthie Schlabach wanting ideas or people to attend a meeting on what to do with that pool on that pool site, I would say build a bocce ball court.

We already have pickleball tennis, but we don't

have bocce ball and that's such an up-and-coming sport. I know people would really, really use that and it costs less money for upkeep than building a splash pad or a fountain.

Just think about it. A bocce ball court — build it and they will come.

Christmas card took seven weeks

I just want to say something else about the post office. Our son in Wisconsin sent a Christmas card to us on Dec. 9. We got it yesterday, which was Jan. 25. There's something definitely wrong. I don't know how to fix it, but I hope somebody does.

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Tire of late mail delivery

Getting tired of receiving mail after 6:30 in Homosassa.

Give money to local food banks

I read with absolute disgust the half-page article on CARES funds going to the Riverwalk (front page, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021). What is wrong with

our local people? That money was supposed to go to people who couldn't pay their bills, who couldn't feed their kids and it's going to Riverwalk? They don't care about Riverwalk right now. They want to feed their family. At least you could have put the money into some of the local food banks or something that could assist these people. I will be watching our commissioners when it comes to vote time. They won't get my vote this time.

Absurd to open more school events

(Re the Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, front-page story): After reading the Citrus County School Board's decision and the superintendent's decision to open up more school events, it makes me shake my head. This is absurd that at the height of COVID outbreak, our educational leaders somehow think that this is the time to start relaxing restrictions. I question the motivation and the reason behind it. I wonder why they aren't considering the educators that have to supervise and organize these added events that they're discussing. And these are supposed to be educators or leaders of education and we choose to ignore the data and the death that is happening around us.

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That's what they look like

I'm responding to the (Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021) Sound Off, "The mugshots are less than pleasing." Really? Apparently, I guess you don't look at many mugshots. I'm retired law enforcement and, yes, those are the mugshots. That is what they actually look like. Those are the people that we're dealing with in the streets. So when you see that they're frightened or they're under the influence of drugs, now you know what they look like. Their hair is not neatly combed, nor do their facial hairs look nice and trimmed. It's not always like that. That is reality. That is how they look. So now maybe you might have a different perspective. You need to wake up and smell the roses.

Use a paddlecraft, take a safety class

This Sound Off is about paddlecraft and paddle-boats. I think it should be mandatory that the people that use them have a safe boating course because 90% of them don't know what they're doing.

I won't wear a mask or get a vaccine

I'm responding to (the Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021) Sound Off, "Getting vaccine without a mask," where the person makes the statement that they'll be the first in line to run to get that vaccine. Well, I totally disagree with you. I don't wear a mask and I will not run and get the vaccine, nor am I going to get the vaccine and that's my prerogative. So if you want to get the vaccine, you go right ahead, but don't make statements for me because I will not go get the vaccine. So don't speak for everyone that don't wear a mask. Speak for yourself.

Love the Amish Cook

Just wanted to say my favorite day of the week for reading the Chronicle is Thursday with "The Amish Cook" (by Gloria Yoder). Her article's always so happy and uplifting and I'd just like to thank you guys for publishing it because it's one of the things I look forward to that's not negative in any way, but again, thank you.

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MULLING MASKS

Masks still the recommended fashion choice, per the CDC

As maskless Tampa Bay Buccaneers fans took to the streets to celebrate the NFL's first-ever Super Bowl win at a home stadium, some government leaders and health officials in central Florida metaphorically (and maybe even some quite literally) face palmed as their efforts to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus seemed that night, for naught.

Many across the state continue to shrug off mask wearing, one of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) prominent and ongoing recommendations to curb the spread of COVID-19, to the dissatisfaction of many.

Tampa Mayor Jane Castor expressed frustration at videos that surfaced on social media showing mostly unmasked fans cramming into the streets and bars of Tampa following the big game. Some called the day Super Spreader Sunday.

Health professionals constantly tell us the situation is dire as American deaths continue to mount and pages of local newspapers bulk up with additional obituaries. So, why do we encounter the continuance of a mask denying culture?

In Citrus County, COVID-19 cases have surpassed 9,000 and deaths are nearing the

400 mark. Some local citizens are diligent in their mask-wear, and some refute the effectiveness of the cloth layer.

Face masks continue to be a hot topic, and a point of contention, in just about every county in the state. And as the pandemic pushes closer to past the yearlong mark, more and more people just want to go back to their normal, mask-free way of living life.

While we are getting there, we are not at the finish line yet.

Citrus County, consider the health and safety of others, and mask up and avoid large crowds when you can. Get creative, and spend more time outdoors this year until the masses that want to get vaccinated complete their shot rounds and the general populace moves closer to herd immunity.

Through the remainder of this pandemic, take care of both your physical and mental health, and move forward with intelligence and smart caution. Do what's right for you and those you encounter along the way, and remember to be kind. Practice responsibility as a citizen or even as a business owner, and take your wins (like the Bucs' first Super Bowl win since 2003) with a level head.

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Take your mattress to the dump

I'd like to say to the person that dropped the mattress off on Deerstalker Terrace: You do know that is somebody's property. We don't do things like that around here. If you'd have come to my door, I'd have gladly given you the \$4 to take it to the dump. Please come and get it so that it doesn't pile up there. Thank you.

Make new boat ramps a reality

Progress at last. After two years of consideration several times, the BOCC has finally decided to invoke launch fees at four county boat ramps to cover maintenance costs and maybe some expansion. The nonresidents of our county will be paying the greater share of these new fees. Potential for extending boat ramps in the county is

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limited due to the current values of nearby property. The best way the BOCC can serve Gulf boaters going forward is a large ramp area at the "Ditch of Dreams" north of Crystal River. The future of trailer boaters' access to the Gulf depends on the consideration of the proposed Nature Coast boat ramps at the 50-year-old barge canal.

Time for the county commissioners to get to work on making these new boat ramps a reality.

Help elderly get vaccinated

Getting to the end of my rope on this virus thing. Seventy-five years old, have rheumatoid arthritis, on the border of diabetes, we've got diabetes 2. ... So let's get your act together, everybody in this town — all the businesses, all the drugstores — and let's help the people who are old and need the virus shot.

Comments

Comments will be edited for length, libel, personal or political attacks and good taste.

► "We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams."

Jimmy Carter

Teen dating violence can happen to anyone

As a parent, we worry about everything. When our children are young we worry about their growth and development, their nutrition, next their performance in school, bullying, making friends, making the team. The list is quite literally endless.

Being a parent is increasingly challenging because our children face so many more challenges than we remember facing as a teen and young adult. Our children practice regular drills to keep them safe from school violence and for the time being are making so many changes in response to the pandemic. When I was in school and had a problem with a peer I at least had the ability to escape them once the school day was done; through social media bullying and harassment can be inescapable.

Also of concern, social media is a constant barrage of messages and marketing that is influencing and shaping their minds, sometimes for the worse. These are probably obvious concerns we share as parents. How many of us parents are honestly checking in with our children to make sure they are safe in their dating relationship? Are we paying attention to the subtle and sometimes not so subtle clues that there are red flags in our child's relationship?

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "1 in 11 females and approximately 1 in 15 male high school students report having experienced physical dating violence in the past year. About 1 in 9 female and 1 in 36 male high school students report having experienced sexual dating violence in the past year. Twenty-six percent of women and 15% of men who were victims of contact sexual violence, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime first experienced these or other forms of violence by that partner before age 18" (Centers for Disease Control, 2021).

Even more shocking than the numbers is the fact that most instances of dating violence are not reported.



Sunshine Arnold
GUEST COLUMN

I mention this now because February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Being a parent is a huge responsibility and we need to recognize our responsibility to raise our children to engage in healthy relationships. Teen dating violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors that one person will use to gain and maintain power and control over their dating partner. These behaviors can include physical violence, sexual violence, verbal aggression, mental/emotional abuse,

digital abuse, and stalking. Dating violence is nondiscriminatory, so it can happen to anyone regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, sexual identity, gender, social status, financial status, etc., and it is much more common than you think. If we don't teach them what a healthy partner is, who do we think will?

CASA is here to help parents feel prepared to talk about healthy relationships. From 6-7 p.m. Feb. 23, we invite parents, grandparents, foster parents, adoptive parents, and the like to join us virtually for our informational event, Teen Dating Violence: It Can Happen to Anyone, for an hour of knowledge to give you the confidence to talk to your teen about dating. Just log on to www.zoom.us on your computer or through the Zoom app on your phone or mobile device. Enter the meeting ID: 309 761 1910 and passcode: CASA4teens

In order to prevent teen dating violence and intimate partner violence, the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association Inc. (CASA) has adopted a healthy relationships and communication curriculum that is facilitated in high schools, middle schools and elementary Schools by our Primary Prevention Advocate. Prevention is any action or strategy that will ultimately prevent someone from becoming a perpetrator or a victim of dating violence. This is an eight session curriculum that only takes about an hour of time per session and is taught to classes of all sizes. It involves group discussions, games, inclusive

activities, and it is developmentally appropriate, which means the information can be adapted to meet the capabilities and maturity of different age groups. It is not just a curriculum for dating relationships; the information is good for all relationships.

We also offer free training to coaches of youth and high school sports who are interested in implementing the programs, Coaching Boys into Men and Athletes as Leaders. These two programs are designed for coaches to be able to talk to their teams about communication, boundaries, and respect both on and off the field. The reason this program targets athletes is because they come from many social circles and the information and values that this program will instill will trickle down through the youths' social circles and friends.

CASA also works with community partners to discuss prevention strategies and take action to involve the youth of our community in local events. We have participated in several teen-focused events such as Cinderella's Closet, Teen Town Hall, Friday Night Done Right, and more. Our outreach office also provides one-on-one services with teens and caregivers, such as crisis counseling, court advocacy, injunction assistance, referrals, etc. Teens can receive most of the same services that we offer adults.

Teen dating violence is dangerous and prevalent, but it can be prevented. If you are interested in implementing our curriculum into your classroom, youth group or organization, or if you would like to attend a coaches training, please contact our Primary Prevention Advocate Jessica Monaghena at 352-344-8111 or by email jess@casaf.org

If you or someone you know is experiencing dating violence or intimate partner violence commonly known as domestic violence, please contact our 24-hour hotline, 352-344-8111. For more information about teen dating violence, visit www.casaf.org and follow us on Instagram, @casacitrus4teens.

Sunshine Arnold is CASA CEO. Jessica Monaghena, CASA primary prevention advocate, also contributed to the column.

LETTERS to the Editor

A cringe and a chuckle

Despite months of health officials urging Americans to take the most basic proven steps to protect themselves and each other, the level of opposition to compliance is stunning. Several articles in the Feb. 7 paper highlight the big divide locally. I cringed then chuckled, comforted that I'm not alone in my incredulity.

An owner and two bartenders went on the record inviting people to watch the Super Bowl at their bars, informing us that guests would not be required to wear masks. One owner advertised that her employees would also be mask-less. She wanted to give "like-minded people" a place to watch the game together. I bet those like-minded people had a good time exercising their free will to not mask up as if it were a badge of honor. I hope they didn't endanger the lives of others, but statistically they probably did. Obviously, one can't drink beer through a mask, but to welcome defiance in the name of free will is ignorant and reckless.

A Chamber of Commerce committee chairman in another article espoused support for Florida legislation to limit liability for businesses from frivolous COVID-19 lawsuits. That law would protect businesses "that have worked

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diligently to keep us safe." I agree with Mr. Murphy that residents must be allowed to earn a living without the fear of frivolous lawsuits, but that implies they take precautions "and require customers and employees to use PPE and socially distance themselves...." Doubtful that the four bars mentioned in Beer, Bucs in bars would meet that standard. Hopefully nobody sues them for reckless endangerment. There is reasonable middle ground between lockdowns and politically inspired first amendment arguments that mask mandates infringe on personal freedom. It's not that hard to find.

Mr. Mulligan's article that day about the ridiculousness

of people taking medical advice from politicians and Mr. Hiaasen's tongue in cheek report about how our governor has vaccinations 100% under control, made me chuckle after the front-page cringe.

The optimist in me hopes that people will wise up, listen to the public health experts, and do the bare minimum to help us all get to the other side of this pandemic and political divide with our lives, livelihoods and sanity intact.

Patricia Derman
Hernando

Take masks off for photographs

Two things for today: Keep your opinions to yourself. Just post unbiased news and let people think for themselves. And, why can't people have their pictures taken without their masks on? I'll bet that if the photographer is ready, we can hold our breath, drop the mask, and get our beautiful faces for all to see. What, maybe 5/10 seconds? Then put your masks back on, breathe, and I'll bet no one gets infected!

I miss seeing the faces of people in photos who have done something good. I can't see who they are with masks on. Come on, man!

Thomas Spross
Homosassa Springs

Texas-style chilly



Traffic is sparse on the snow-covered I-45 near The Woodlands Parkway following an overnight snowfall Monday, Feb. 15 in The Woodlands, Texas. Temperatures plunged into the teens Monday with light snow and freezing rain.

Lone Star State gets an unusual blast of winter weather

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Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A sprawling blast of winter weather across the U.S. plunged Texas into an unusually snowy emergency Monday that knocked out power for more than 2 million people, shut down grocery stores and air travel and closed schools ahead of frigid days still to come.

As nightfall threatened to plummet temperatures again into single digits, officials warned that homes still without power would likely not have heat until at least Tuesday, as frustration mounted and the state's electric grid came under growing demand and criticism.

"Things will likely get worse before they get

better," said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, the top elected official in the county of nearly 5 million people around Houston.

The toll of the worsening conditions included the delivery of new COVID-19 vaccine shipments, which were expected to be delayed until at least midweek. Massive power outages across Houston included a facility storing 8,000 doses of Moderna vaccine, leaving health officials scrambling to find takers at the same time authorities were pleading for people to stay home.

Temperatures nose-dived into the single-digits as far south as San Antonio, and homes that had already been without electricity for hours had no certainty about when the lights and heat would come back on, as the state's overwhelmed

power grid began imposing blackouts that are typically only seen in 100-degree Fahrenheit summers.

The storm was part of a massive system that brought snow, sleet and freezing rain to the southern Plains and was spreading across the Ohio Valley and to the Northeast. The Southwest Power Pool, a group of utilities across 14 states, called for rolling outages because the supply of reserve energy had been exhausted. Some utilities said they were starting blackouts, while others urged customers to reduce power usage.

"We're living through a really historic event going on right now," said Jason Furtado, a professor of meteorology at the University of Oklahoma, pointing to all of Texas under a winter storm warning and the

extent of the freezing temperatures.

State officials said surging demand, driven by people trying to keep their homes warm, and cold weather knocking some power stations offline had pushed Texas' system beyond the limits.

"This weather event, it's really unprecedented. We all living here know that," said Dan Woodfin, senior director of system operations at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. He defended preparations made by grid operators and described the demand on the system as record-setting.

"This event was well beyond the design parameters for a typical, or even an extreme, Texas winter that you would normally plan for. And so that is really the result that we're seeing," Woodfin said.

Pelosi: Panel will probe upheaval

HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday that Congress will establish an independent, Sept. 11-style commission to look into the deadly insurrection that took place at the U.S. Capitol.

Pelosi said the commission will "investigate and report on the facts and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex ... and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power."

In a letter to Democratic colleagues, Pelosi said the House will also put forth supplemental spending to boost security at the Capitol.

After former President Donald Trump's acquittal at his second Senate impeachment trial, bipartisan support appeared to be growing for an independent commission to examine the deadly insurrection.

Investigations into the riot were already planned, with Senate hearings scheduled later this month in the Senate Rules Committee. Pelosi, D-Calif., asked retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré to lead an immediate review of the Capitol's security process.

In her letter Monday, Pelosi said, "It is clear from his findings and from the impeachment trial that we must get to the truth of how this happened."

She added, "As we prepare for the Commission, it is also clear from General

NC GOP votes to censure Sen. Burr after vote

RALEIGH, N.C. — The North Carolina Republican Party unanimously approved a resolution Monday to censure Sen. Richard Burr over his vote to convict former President Donald Trump during Trump's second impeachment trial.

Michael Whatley, the state party chairman, said the central committee's decision serves as a symbolic gesture of the party's opposition to Burr's action.

"It's important for the party to go ahead and put out a vote and a statement that it disagrees with Senator Burr's vote, but in terms of practical impacts, it is just that. It's a resolution," Whatley said.

Burr, who has been in Congress for 26 years, including the last 16 as a

Honoré's interim reporting that we must put forth a supplemental appropriation to provide for the safety of Members and the security of the Capitol."

Lawmakers from both parties, speaking on Sunday's news shows, signaled that even more inquiries were likely. The Senate verdict Saturday, with its 57-43 majority falling 10 votes short of the two-thirds needed to convict Trump, hardly put to rest the debate about the Republican former president's culpability for the Jan. 6 assault.

"There should be a complete investigation about

what happened," said Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, one of seven Republicans who voted to convict Trump. "What was known, who knew it and when they knew, all that, because that builds the basis so this never happens again."

Cassidy said he was "attempting to hold President Trump accountable," and added that as Americans hear all the facts, "more folks will move to where I was." He was censured by his state's party after the vote.

An independent commission along the lines of the one that investigated the

did not do, President Trump violated his oath of office to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Ultimately, Trump was acquitted of the charge because the 57-43 vote fell short of the two-thirds majority needed for conviction.

Since the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol that claimed the lives of five people, Trump has continued to hold influence over state parties.

Amid harsh critiques from Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and a growing number of investigations into Trump's role in sowing discord following his electoral defeat, the former president remains popular with his a vocal segment of the Republican Party, which party officials will need if they want to reclaim the House or Senate in the upcoming midterms.

— From wire reports

Sept. 11 attacks would probably require legislation to create. That would elevate the investigation a step higher, offering a definitive government-backed accounting of events. Still, such a panel would pose risks of sharpening partisan divisions or overshadowing President Joe Biden's legislative agenda.

"There's still more evidence that the American people need and deserve to hear and a 9/11 commission is a way to make sure that we secure the Capitol going forward," said Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., a Biden ally.

Nation/World BRIEFS

Venezuela



Associated Press

Children play in an inflatable pool during carnival in the Pinto Salinas neighborhood of Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Feb. 15.

Right-wing friendly Parler announces re-launch

BOSTON — The right-wing friendly social network Parler, which was forced offline following the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump, said it is re-launching.

The Twitter alternative has been struggling to return online since Amazon stripped it of web-hosting service on Jan. 11 over its unwillingness to remove posts inciting violence. Google and Apple removed Parler's app from their online stores for the same reason.

An interim CEO, Mark Meckler of the Tea Party Patriots movement, said in an emailed statement Monday that Parler would be brought back online for current users this week with new users being able to sign up next week.

COVID back on US ship that saw outbreak last year

WASHINGTON — Three sailors aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt have tested positive for COVID-19, the Navy said Monday, less than a year after a massive outbreak on the ship sidelined it in Guam for nearly two months.

The Navy said the three sailors have not had any symptoms, and they and others who were exposed to them are currently isolated on the aircraft carrier, which is conducting operations in the Pacific. They tested positive Sunday.

In a statement, the Navy said it is "following an aggressive mitigation strategy," including masks, social distancing, and proper hand-washing and hygiene measures.

"U.S. Pacific Fleet is committed to taking every measure possible to protect the health of our force," the fleet said in the statement.

The outbreak on the ship last year was the largest the military has seen so far, with more than 1,000 sailors testing positive. One sailor died. Eventually all of the 4,800 crew members were sent ashore in Guam for weeks of quarantine, in a systematic progression that kept enough sailors on the ship to keep it secure and running.

Fauci wins \$1M for 'defending science'

TEL AVIV, Israel — Dr. Anthony Fauci has won the \$1 million Dan David Prize for "defending science" and advocating for vaccines now being administered worldwide to fight the coronavirus pandemic.

The Israel-based Dan David Foundation on Monday named President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser as the winner of one of three prizes. It said he had earned the recognition over a lifetime of leadership on HIV research and AIDS relief, as well as his advocacy for the vaccines against COVID-19.

In its statement, the private foundation did not mention former President Donald

The soldiers and police then attacked the protesters with sticks, and police could be seen aiming long guns into the air amid sounds that resembled gunfire. Local media reported that rubber bullets were fired into the crowd and that a few people were injured. Police also were seen pointing guns toward protesters.

In the capital, Naypyitaw, protesters gathered outside a police station, demanding the release of a group of high school students who were detained while joining anti-coup activities.

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Hospital offers heart care seminar

Citrus Memorial Hospital is offering a free heart seminar at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA in Lecanto. "Advances in Heart Care" will feature a presentation from cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon Dr. Bao Hoang. The discussion will focus on advancements in cardiac surgery with a highlight on minimal incision surgeries.

Seating is limited, so an RSVP is required by calling 352-637-3337 or visiting citrusmh.com.

The Citrus Memorial Heart and Vascular Center recently began offering transcatheter aortic valve repair, electrophysiology, transcatheter mitral valve repair, and left atrial appendage closure.

Living will workshop Feb. 18 at Friends center

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast will present a Five Wishes Workshop from 2-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right), in Homosassa Springs.

"Five Wishes" is free and easy-to-complete. It is used in all 50 states, meets legal requirements for advance directives in 42 states and Washington, D.C., and is available in 28 languages and braille at agingwithdignity.org.

Provided as a community service and offered to all at no charge, this workshop will observe CDC guidelines, and space may be limited; reserve a seat by registering in advance at 352-249-1470.

Visit www.friendsofcitrus.org.

Donate blood, save a life

The Knights of Columbus Council 6168 will host a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Council Hall, 2389 W. Norwell

Bryant Highway. A light continental breakfast of coffee and wrapped pastries will be available, as well as tokens of appreciation for all donors.

For information, call Life-South at 352-527-3061.

Libraries can help with vaccine questions

The Citrus County Department of Health encourages citizens who would like additional information on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution in Citrus County to phone any of the local library branches. Staff is on hand to answer questions and provide the required paperwork necessary to receive the vaccine.

Citizens can also download paperwork at the Department of Health, such as the COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent and the Moderna Fact Sheet, which has information on what to expect during and after the injection will also be given before receiving the vaccine. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5ue5ax4> (<http://citrus.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/COVID19InfoCitrusCounty/index.html>).

Phone numbers for COVID-19 vaccination distribution information are as follows:

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Citizens are asked to be patient as the COVID-19 vaccination program continues in the months to come. Locations, dates and times will be announced as the vaccine becomes available.

Camp Good Hope, Teen Encounter Mini-Camp

Children and teens who have experienced the loss of

HEALTH NOTE GUIDELINES

- To submit information about upcoming seminars, health-related events open to the public or support group meetings, email community@chronicleonline.com attn: Health Notes; or write to: Health Notes c/o Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429.

■ Information relating to professional advancement, training or seminars attended by those in the health care industries are considered business briefs, and would appear in the Business Digest listings of Sunday's Business section.

■ It is the responsibility of each organization to inform the Chronicle about changes to existing Support Group listings.

■ To submit story ideas for feature sections, call 362-563-5660. Be prepared to leave a detailed message with your name, phone number and the address of the news event.

■ Approval for story ideas must be granted by the Chronicle's editors before a reporter is assigned.

■ The Chronicle reserves the right to edit submissions.

■ Publication of submitted information or photos on specific dates or pages cannot be guaranteed.

a loved one will discover ways to address their grief and learn to cope at the Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter Mini-Camp on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Wings Grief Center in Homosassa Springs.

Mini-Camps, held from 9 a.m. to noon, bring together grief professionals and caring volunteers to help children learn about loss and healing through interactive stations of arts/crafts, music, nature and wellness.

To register a child for the Camp Good Hope (for ages 6 through grade 5) or Teen Encounter (for middle and high school students) Mini-Camp, call 352-249-1470 or email info@friendsofcitrus.org.

Camper applications must be completed by Feb. 22. A \$10-per-kid registration fee reserves your space(s). Scholarships are available upon request.

Camps observe CDC guidelines. Space limited.

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast is a charitable organization providing community grief support workshops for anyone who has experienced a loss; telephone

support; grief support resources for all ages; educational materials for parents and teachers; social support activities; wellness support programs and children's grief support camps.

For details about these programs or for ways you can help, call 352-249-1470 or visit www.friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

Women of Sugarmill Woods sponsor Caring Concerns

Do you live alone and sometimes worry that, if something happens in your home to you, someone might not know it, or do you just miss some contact each day?

Women of Sugarmill Woods is starting a volunteer group called Caring Connections, a free, opt-in, wellness check telephone service to check on our residents.

Every day, a telephone call will be placed to a participant at a regularly scheduled time.

These calls will take place as close as possible to the one-hour time block pre-

selected by the participant.

If the participant does not answer the first call or return the message within an hour, they will be tried one more time. If that call is not answered, an additional call will be made to notify an alternative person who is selected by the participant during program enrollment. This could be an adult child, a neighbor, or another loved one.

The alternate who has a key for the participant's house will then be encouraged to check on the adult program participant. The alternate will call 911 if medical help is needed. If we still can't reach the participant, we will call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number and request a wellness check.

This program only provides a daily phone wellness check. Participants can call 211 for information on who to call for other services provided by the community. For more information on how to apply for this service or to volunteer to make the daily wellness calls,

email slmrn@hotmail.com or call 503-3237.

CHIPS to offer free hearing screenings

Are you having a difficult time hearing certain sounds? Do conversations frustrate you and require extra effort to understand? Are you asking people to repeat information more frequently? Hearing loss can affect anyone. It can be caused by loud noise exposure and illness, as well as the natural aging process.

Citrus Hearing Impaired Program Services (CHIPS) is offering free hearing screenings at the old train depot (the green, beige, and red-striped train car) at 109 NE Crystal St., Crystal River.

Screenings are by appointment only. To reserve a time, call Maureen at 352-795-5000. Low-income hearing aid assistance is available.

CHIPS is a nonprofit organization and the screenings are for information only. Information about CHIPS programs will also be available.



Easter Services

On Sunday, March 21 and 28, the Chronicle will publish the annual Easter Worship Pages! This is a great place to advertise Community Outreach, Church Picnics and Special Easter Worship!

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Dentures, implants, what?

Q: I just moved down to the area and have just finished settling in. It was time to find a dentist so I asked a few neighbors who they went to.

I went to that dentist who only gave me one idea on what to do to fix my mouth. I was surprised that there were no options so I asked him if there was any other way things could get done.

He then gave me a few ideas and left the room when the assistant took over things.

Needless to say, I am now confused and was not able to ask the dentist any questions because he went to see another patient.

I feel like my options were to remove the remaining teeth and make dentures, remove a few teeth and save others in order to make teeth that come in and out, as well as remove my teeth and use implants to hold in teeth.

I have some money set aside for this but it is more important that I make the right decision.

If it makes sense, I can get ahold of the money to fix things properly.

I know I am being vague but that is why I am confused. I feel like I really do not have all the answers.

Thanks for any help you can give me. You always seem to be able to make sense out of things in a way I can understand. Thanks for your column in the Chronicle.

A: Thanks for your questions. I am sorry you are so confused. Confusion does not need to be a part of the dental decision process. There are great explanations for everything we do in dentistry.

I do not often say this outright but I feel like this is a situation that warrants it. I really think you need to seek out a second opinion. Your situation is not straight forward and I would question the end result of your restorative work based on your first experience. Unfortunately, you were not able to give me specifics to deal with so I will answer this in general terms.

Regarding the removable teeth, or partial dentures—I have seen this method work very satisfactorily for patients that want to save as many of their own teeth as they could and keep cost down as much as possible.

Though the partial denture can be viewed as a foreign object in someone's mouth, they can be very functional and comfortable.

I had a patient this week that came to me complaining about his partial denture, stating that he could not wear it at all. It ended up in his drawer after only a few weeks of wearing it.

I asked him to bring it to me to see how it was made and low and behold, it turned out to be what I would have used as a temporary denture. It was all acrylic and had clasps that could deform easily.

He had very little chance of this type of denture working over the long term. Once I saw this and had a conversation with him he felt as though a partial denture made the way I was going to

would be impossible for a patient to choose what is best for them.

This is why you are writing to me for guidance. You did not have a discussion like I am talking about.

Let's talk about the extractions and dentures first. This is a big step—one, which when taken, cannot be reversed. If you do not have the means or desire to have implants placed, you are stuck with the dentures.

If you do not like them you

may be able to get a new set elsewhere that might be better; however, you are still stuck with dentures.

I have seen dentures be a great solution for some people, but I have also seen patients dislike them, wishing they had made a different choice. It is hard to know where you would stand with this without having talked with you face to face.

Regarding implants—dental implants work, and they work well. Often they are one of the most expensive routes and may entail considerable surgery.

Dental implants can be used in many ways. They can replace one tooth, several teeth, or all of your teeth. They can be used to replace teeth permanently or via a removable prosthesis.

I have seen many cases where they were the obvious best choice; however, I have seen circumstance where saving your own teeth would serve you better.

In the case of full dentures, I have seen the implants used as a backup plan for someone who chose to remove all their teeth only to find out that they could not deal with dentures. Once again, only through conversation can it be determined if implants are the way to go.

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Clockwise from top are: Debbie Selsavage, Linda Burhans, Susan Straley and Vicki Veasey.

Writers talk journaling during dementia conference session

MARGO WILSON
For the Chronicle

Recipe for a caregiver: Grab a piece of paper and pencil, a computer, a phone, or an audio recorder, and put your thoughts down.

If your thoughts are scattered or you don't think they're profound, fine. Jot them down anyway.

One thing you might do is, at the end of the day, write down three emotions you've had, or three things for which you're grateful. Do this each day. Keep at it.

Pretty soon you'll be actively journaling, a form of writing, therapy, and self-realization that three Florida authors recommended for caregivers attending the virtual Family Care Partner Conference Friday.

The four-day conference, sponsored by Coping With Dementia of Inverness, attracted 770 registrants, said Ed Youngblood, marketing and communication director with Coping With Dementia.

Speaker Susan Straley of Inverness said one thing journaling does is "gives you empathy for yourself." She said it also helps you remember the good times when you read through your entries.

Straley has been journaling since she was 16. She said after her husband was diagnosed with dementia, she moved her journal online to help her family and friends keep abreast of what was happening.

She has published "Alzheimer's Trippin' With George," about the couple's three-month

tour of the United States on reclining tricycles, and "The Journey Continues: Alzheimer's Trippin' With George."

Speaker Vicki Veasey of Homosassa said journaling "will help you confirm you're a much better caregiver than you give yourself credit for."

Veasey has published, "Good Morning, I Love You: Maintaining Sanity & Humor Amidst Dementia, Caregiving and Alzheimer's." Veasey took care of both her parents when they had dementia and during this time, her husband died. Now, she cares for an uncle who has Parkinson's disease.

Speaker Linda Burhans said journaling "is inviting you to come home to yourself." She said caregivers need to dedicate at least five minutes at the end of their days—or really at any time of the day—to be just for themselves. Journaling can help stay calm.

She told of one caregiver who said, "I'm just so damn mad." But the woman journaled about her anger and later reported, "In four days, I wrote away my anger."

Burhans is a national speaker and radio host who has published "Good Night and God Bless: Celebrating Love, Laughter & the Lessons of Loss." She was a caretaker for her mother, who had cancer. Burhans' husband passed away in October after a terminal illness.

Veasey said journaling doesn't have to be anything fancy. She said when she started, she put her mother's doctor's appointments at the top of a notebook page and jotted notes about her mom's behavior on the bottom. Later, when her father also developed dementia, she could note differences in his behavior around the full moon. The notebooks helped her see patterns.

Burhans said jotting thoughts

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Dr. Frank Vascimini



Dr. Frank
Vascimini
**SOUND
BITES**

time to find a dentist so I asked a few neighbors who they went to.

I went to that dentist who only gave me one idea on what to do to fix my mouth. I was surprised that there were no options so I asked him if there was any other way things could get done.

He then gave me a few ideas and left the room when the assistant took over things.

Needless to say, I am now confused and was not able to ask the dentist any questions because he went to see another patient.

I feel like my options were to remove the remaining teeth and make dentures, remove a few teeth and save others in order to make teeth that come in and out, as well as remove my teeth and use implants to hold in teeth.

I have some money set aside for this but it is more important that I make the right decision.

If it makes sense, I can get ahold of the money to fix things properly.

I know I am being vague but that is why I am confused. I feel like I really do not have all the answers.

Thanks for any help you can give me. You always seem to be able to make sense out of things in a way I can understand. Thanks for your column in the Chronicle.

A: Thanks for your questions. I am sorry you are so confused. Confusion does not need to be a part of the dental decision process. There are great explanations for everything we do in dentistry.

I do not often say this outright but I feel like this is a situation that warrants it. I really think you need to seek out a second opinion. Your situation is not straight forward and I would question the end result of your restorative work based on your first experience. Unfortunately, you were not able to give me specifics to deal with so I will answer this in general terms.

Regarding the removable teeth, or partial dentures—I have seen this method work very satisfactorily for patients that want to save as many of their own teeth as they could and keep cost down as much as possible.

Though the partial denture can be viewed as a foreign object in someone's mouth, they can be very functional and comfortable.

I had a patient this week that came to me complaining about his partial denture, stating that he could not wear it at all. It ended up in his drawer after only a few weeks of wearing it.

I asked him to bring it to me to see how it was made and low and behold, it turned out to be what I would have used as a temporary denture. It was all acrylic and had clasps that could deform easily.

He had very little chance of this type of denture working over the long term. Once I saw this and had a conversation with him he felt as though a partial denture made the way I was going to

would be impossible for a patient to choose what is best for them.

This is why you are writing to me for guidance. You did not have a discussion like I am talking about.

Let's talk about the extractions and dentures first. This is a big step—one, which when taken, cannot be reversed. If you do not have the means or desire to have implants placed, you are stuck with the dentures.

If you do not

like them you

may be able to get a new set elsewhere that might be better; however, you are still stuck with dentures.

I have seen dentures be a great solution for some people, but I have also seen patients dislike them, wishing they had made a different choice. It is hard to know where you would stand with this without having talked with you face to face.

Regarding implants—dental implants work, and they work well. Often they are one of the most expensive routes and may entail considerable surgery.

Dental implants can be used in many ways. They can replace one tooth, several teeth, or all of your teeth. They can be used to replace teeth permanently or via a removable prosthesis.

I have seen many cases where they were the obvious best choice; however, I have seen circumstance where saving your own teeth would serve you better.

In the case of full dentures, I have seen the implants used as a backup plan for someone who chose to remove all their teeth only to find out that they could not deal with dentures. Once again, only through conversation can it be determined if implants are the way to go.

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NASCAR Cup Series starts it took for Michael McDowell to get a win, but it was a big one, in Sunday's Daytona 500.



Michael McDowell

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Former Buccaneers WR Vincent Jackson was found dead Monday.

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All-US quarterfinal set up in Australia

*Friends Pegula,
Brady advance
past seeded foes*

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — After Jessica Pegula earned her first trip to a Grand Slam quarterfinal, the daughter of the owners of Buffalo's NFL and NHL franchises scribbled on the screen of an Australian Open courtside TV camera: "Hi Mom, Hi Dad. See u next rnd Jen B."

In addition to a shoutout to her parents, that was a message for Jennifer Brady, a good pal of Pegula's whose fourth-round match was up next in Rod Laver Arena on Monday.

And after Brady won, too, setting up an all-American matchup against Pegula with a berth in the final four at stake, she used a blue

marker to respond in kind, writing: "Bring it Jess!"

"It's an opportunity for both of us," Pegula said, recalling that she and Brady became close after playing doubles together for the United States in the team competition now known as the Billie Jean King Cup. "I'm just happy I'm here; she's been playing some good tennis, solidifying herself as a top player."

The 61st-ranked Pegula beat No. 5 seed Elina Svitolina of Ukraine 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, before the 22nd-seeded Brady, a Pennsylvanian who played college tennis at UCLA, had a 6-1, 7-5 victory over No. 28 Donna Vekic of Croatia.

Brady was one of the 72 players who had to go through a hard lockdown — two weeks stuck in a hotel room, not allowed to leave for any reason — after flying to Australia in January because someone on their flight tested positive for COVID-19 upon arrival.

"A lot of people were complaining, and I told myself I wasn't going to complain," Brady said. "I mean,

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Associated Press
Jessica Pegula celebrates Monday after defeating Elina Svitolina in their fourth round match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia.

Unlikely outcome

Associated Press
Michael McDowell celebrates early Monday morning after winning the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach. It was his first win in 358 Cup starts.

McDowell beats 100-1 odds for upset Daytona 500 victory

JENNA FRYER
AP auto racing writer

DAYTONA BEACH — Michael McDowell was glued to Brad Keselowski's bumper, watching and waiting for his chance to win the Daytona 500.

Joey Logano was the leader, the laps were winding down and yet no one had the nerve to pull out of traffic. McDowell was certain Keselowski would go for it eventually, and when he did, McDowell would play his hand.

On the final lap, Keselowski attempted to dart around Logano, but Logano threw a block on his teammate that crashed them both. McDowell stayed right where he was, flat in the gas, and drove through a crash scene for a stunning upset.

"I knew he would go for a race-winning move and my plan was to let him make that move," McDowell said. "I knew I didn't want to make my move too early, so I was committed to the (Keselowski) bumper and when he made the move, the hole opened up."

A 100-1 underdog when the race began Sunday afternoon, McDowell won for the first time in 358 Cup starts when the checkered flag finally flew about 15 minutes after midnight. The race was stopped by rain for almost six hours and ended nine hours after the green flag waved at Daytona International Speedway.

"There's been lots of years where I was wondering what the heck am I doing and why am I doing it?" McDowell said. "I always knew if I just kept grinding that one day everything will line up and go right."

NASCAR's season opener was stacked with storylines. Denny Hamlin was trying for a record third-consecutive Daytona 500 victory, and the team he started with Michael Jordan was debuting with driver Bubba Wallace.

Kyle Larson was back after nearly a year in exile for using a racial slur, and reigning Cup champion Chase Elliott was going for his first Daytona 500 win.

And all the way at the back of the field,

1990 Daytona 500 winner Derrike Cope made what he said would be his final NASCAR start. At 62 he was the oldest driver in the field, and his upset victory 31 years ago was considered the biggest in race history.

McDowell didn't take that title from Cope, partly because McDowell is a strong superspeedway racer capable of mixing it up with the usual suspects. If he could ever find himself in the right place at the right time, McDowell figured he could steal a win.

"It's been a tough road for me. I've had to spend a lot of years grinding it out," McDowell said. His career has been stabilized by four seasons driving for Front Row Motorsports, a tiny team in the Ford family that can hold its own at Daytona.

McDowell was in the mix even before the two Penske cars derailed the finish. His Ford was strong enough to push Keselowski, and McDowell figured with the checkered flag in sight, he'd try to pass Keselowski as they exited the final turn.

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UCF
hires

Malzahn
Former Auburn
coach to lead
Knights

RALPH D. RUSSO
AP college football writer

Gus Malzahn had planned to take a season off from coaching and maybe do some TV work.

Then the UCF job opened up.

"I truly believe that this is a program of the future in college football," Malzahn said. "The reason I believe that is the foundation has been built."

Central Florida hired Malzahn as its coach Monday, a little more than two months after he was fired by Auburn.

Malzahn received a five-year deal with an annual salary of \$2.3 million.

The 55-year-old Malzahn was 68-35 in eight years with the Tigers, never having a losing season and going 39-27 in the Southeastern Conference. He led Auburn to the BCS title game in his first season as head coach in 2013, and was offensive coordinator at Auburn in 2010 when Cam Newton powered the Tigers to the national championship.

Malzahn said UCF can reach those lofty heights, too.

"The goal is very simple: Win championships and get into the College Football Playoff," he said.

Auburn fired Malzahn in December, paying a \$21.5 million contract buyout to the coach, after the Tigers went 6-4 in 2020. The buyout had no mitigation clause and is not decreased by Malzahn taking another job.

UCF lost both its athletic director (Danny White) and football coach (Josh Heupel) to Tennessee last month. UCF hired Terry Mohajir as AD last week. Mohajir was the athletic director at Arkansas State during Malzahn's one season at the Sun Belt school. Arkansas State won a conference title that season before Malzahn returned to Auburn as head coach.

Mohajir said he called Malzahn even before he was officially announced as UCF's new athletic director to gauge his interest in becoming the Knights' head coach.

Malzahn was very interested.

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AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

Daytona 500

Sunday

At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, United States.
Lap length: 2.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (17) Michael McDowell, Ford, 200 laps, 44 points.
2. (12) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200, 42.
3. (4) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 48.
4. (8) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 200, 42.
5. (25) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 200, 52.
6. (11) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 200, 40.
7. (34) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 200, 32.
8. (19) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 200, 29.
9. (16) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 200, 28.
10. (13) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200, 37.
11. (27) Cole Custer, Ford, 200, 27.
12. (9) Joey Logano, Ford, accident, 199, 33.
13. (24) Brad Keselowski, Ford, accident, 199, 25.
14. (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 199, 25.
15. (39) Austin Cindric, Ford, accident, 199, 0.
16. (5) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 199, 26.
17. (6) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, accident, 198, 32.
18. (21) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 198, 19.
19. (30) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 197, 18.
20. (28) Joey Gase, Ford, 196, 17.
21. (35) Cody Ware, Ford, 196, 16.
22. (20) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 195, 15.
23. (38) BJ McLeod, Ford, 195, 0.
24. (37) Josh Bilicki, Ford, 194, 13.
25. (26) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 193, 12.
26. (2) William Byron, Chevrolet, 191, 11.
27. (29) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 188, 10.
28. (40) Kaz Grala, Chevrolet, garage, 115, 9.
29. (33) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, accident, 37, 8.
30. (14) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 14, 7.
31. (22) Chris Buescher, Ford, garage, 14, 6.
32. (36) Anthony Alfredo, Ford, garage, 14, 5.
33. (23) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, garage, 14, 4.
34. (3) Aric Almirola, Ford, accident, 13, 3.
35. (1) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, accident, 13, 2.
36. (15) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, accident, 13, 1.
37. (18) David Ragan, Ford, accident, 13, 1.
38. (7) Ryan Newman, Ford, accident, 13, 1.
39. (31) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, accident, 13, 1.
40. (32) Derrick Cope, Chevrolet, accident, 3, 1.

BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (59)	20-0	1595	1
2. Baylor (5)	17-0	1541	2
3. Michigan	14-1	1469	3
4. Ohio St.	17-4	1402	4
5. Illinois	14-5	1311	6
6. Houston	17-2	1170	8
7. Virginia	15-3	1129	9
8. Alabama	17-5	1085	11
9. Oklahoma	13-5	1071	12
10. Villanova	13-3	1060	5
11. Iowa	15-6	910	15
12. Texas	13-5	885	13
13. West Virginia	14-6	836	14
14. Creighton	16-5	793	19
15. Texas Tech	14-6	791	7
16. Florida St.	11-3	624	17
17. Southern Cal	17-3	586	20
18. Virginia Tech	14-4	513	18
19. Tennessee	14-5	452	16
20. Missouri	13-5	412	10
21. Wisconsin	15-7	274	21
22. Loyola of Chicago	0-0	166	22
23. Kansas	15-7	140	-
24. Arkansas	16-5	111	-
25. San Diego St.	15-4	75	-

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma St. 71, Rutgers 49, Belmont 47, Louisville 40, Colorado 31, Oregon 30, Drake 22, Purdue 20, Clemson 17, LSU 16, Florida 16, UCLA 10, VCU 10, Saint Louis 5, Xavier 4, Toledo 2, Western Kentucky 2, North Carolina 2, UC Santa Barbara 1, BYU 1, Wichita St. 1, Wright St. 1, Utah St. 1.

Women's AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (26)	16-1	746	2
2. South Carolina (2)	17-2	700	1
3. Louisville	19-1	675	3
4. NC State	13-2	642	4
5. Texas A&M (1)	19-1	639	6
6. Stanford (1)	18-2	627	5
7. Baylor	16-2	564	7
8. UCLA	12-3	530	8
9. Maryland	14-2	515	9
10. Arizona	14-2	505	10
11. Michigan	11-1	432	12
12. South Florida	11-1	386	14
13. Oregon	12-4	377	11
14. Indiana	13-4	332	15
15. Ohio St.	12-3	303	12
16. Gonzaga	18-2	272	17
17. Kentucky	14-5	260	20
18. Arkansas	15-7	248	18
19. DePaul	11-4	174	22
20. West Virginia	16-3	174	19
21. Tennessee	12-5	172	16
22. Georgia	16-4	139	24
23. South Dakota St.	17-2	130	23
24. Northwestern	11-4	92	21
25. Missouri St.	13-2	79	25

Others receiving votes: Rutgers 10, Stephen F Austin 7, Oklahoma St. 6, Florida Gulf Coast 5, Georgia Tech 3, Mississippi St. 2, Virginia Tech 2, Rice 2.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	18	9	.667	—
Brooklyn	16	12	.571	2 1/2
Boston	13	13	.500	4 1/2
New York	14	15	.483	5
Toronto	12	15	.444	6

Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Charlotte	13	15	.464	—
Miami	11	15	.423	1
Atlanta	11	16	.407	1 1/2
Orlando	10	18	.357	3
Washington	8	17	.320	3 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	16	11	.593	—
Indiana	14	14	.500	2 1/2
Chicago	11	15	.423	4 1/2
Cleveland	10	18	.357	6 1/2
Detroit	8	19	.296	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	16	11	.593	—
Memphis	11	15	.500	2 1/2
Dallas	13	15	.464	3 1/2
New Orleans	11	15	.423	4 1/2
Houston	11	16	.407	5

Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	22	5	.815	—
Portland	16	10	.615	5 1/2
Denver	15	11	.577	6 1/2
Oklahoma City	11	15	.423	10 1/2
Minnesota	7	20	.259	15

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	21	7	.750	—
L.A. Clippers	20	8	.714	1
Phoenix	17	9	.654	3
Golden State	14	13	.519	6 1/2
Sacramento	12	14	.462	8

Monday's Games				
W	L	Pct	GB	

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2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	ET	Holly	Rock	Kenan	This Is Us (N) '14'	Nurses (N) 'PG'			News	J. Fallon	
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)	Finding Your Roots With Henry	The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song The roots of Black religion. '14'	Jazz 'PG'							
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	BBC	PBS NewsHour (N)	Finding Your Roots	The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This	BBC	House						
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	Ent. Tonight	Young Rock '14'	Kenan 'PG'	This Is Us "In the Room" (N) '14'	Nurses "Mirror Box" (N) 'PG'						
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	To Tell the Truth (N) '14'	black-ish (N) '14'	mixed-ish (N) 'PG'	Big Sky "Let It Be Him" (N) '14'	EyeWit. News		Jimmy Kimmel		
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Evening News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	NCIS (In Stereo) '14'	FBI "Unreasonable Doubt" '14'	FBI: Most Wanted "Execute" '14'					10 Tampa Bay	Late-Colbert	
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Ac. Hollywood	TMZ (N) 'PC'	The Resident (N) '14'	Prodigal Son "Head Case" (N) '14'	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)				FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo)		
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			News	ABC	ET	Inside Ed.	To Tell the Truth '14'	black-ish	mixed-ish	Big Sky (N) '14'	News	J. Kimmel			
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Kenneth Hagan	Great Awakening with Word Excellence	Contending, Andrew Wom	Perry Stone 'G'	Watch Therefore	Purpose for Life		The Great Awake			
24 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Vegas Unveiled	Daily Flash 'G'	Citrus Today	Jim Parker's Song Writers Series	Heartland Poker Tour	Vegas Unveiled: A Virtual Vegas				Citrus Court	Citrus Today		
28 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Inside Edition	The List (N) 'PG'	To Tell the Truth (N) '14'	black-ish (N) '14'	mixed-ish (N) 'PG'	Big Sky "Let It Be Him" (N) '14'	ABC Action News	Jimmy Kimmel			
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14'	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'		
38 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Seinfeld	Seinfeld				
40 (WAXX) TBN	21			21		Vic Show	The 700 Club	Babers	SkyWatch	P. Stone	Action	Let's Go!	Angela S. Channel	Faith	Prince			
44 (WTGQ) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Horror Stories	Trickster "Episode 6" (In Stereo) '14'	CW44 News (N)	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls '14'				
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe	Te doy la vida 'PG'	Amor eterno (N) 'PG'	Como tú no hay dos				Noticias	Noticiero		
61 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Resident (N) '14'	Prodigal Son (N) '14'	FOX 51 News	Dateline 'PC'					
66 (WXPX) ION				17		NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans						
A&E	54	48	54	25	27	The First 48 (In Stereo) '14'	The First 48 (In Stereo) '14'	The First 48 "Uncommon Valor" '14'	The First 48 "Uncommon Valor" '14'	The First 48 "Graveyard Love" '14'	The First 48 "Graveyard Love" '14'	The First 48 "Wrong" '14'						
ACCN		99				College Basketball		College Basketball		In Play	In Play	In Play						
AMC	55	64	55			*** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007, Action) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles. 'PG-13'		*** "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams. A sinister board game puts its players in mortal jeopardy. 'PG'		** "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003)								
ANI	52	35	52	19	31	Animal Cribs "Dragons' Den" 'PG'	Animal Cribs (In Stereo) 'PG'	Insane Pools: Deeper Dive A cabana; a Tuscan-inspired pool. (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		Treehouse Masters: Ultimate Builds Glamper's paradise; summer camp. (N)								
BET	96	71	96			Tyler Perry's Sistas "Just For Me" '14'	Tyler Perry's Sistas '14'	Tyler Perry's Madea's Farewell Play Madea and her family gather for a party. (N) (In Stereo)		Tyler Perry's The Oval '14'	T. Perry's Sistas							
BIGTEN	742	809				To Be Announced	College Soccer		College Soccer		Ohio State Football Classic							
BRAVO	254	51	254			Housewives of NJ	Real House.	Real House.	Real House.	Watch	Real House.	Chrisley						
CC	27	61	27		33	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History '14'	The Office '14'	The Daily Show	South Park 'MA'				
CMT	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'		
CNN	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room	Erin Burnett OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight							
ESPN	33	27	33	21	17	College Basketball	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)									
ESPN2	37	28	34	43	49	Final Wager (N)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	2021 Australian Open Tennis Men's and Women's Quarterfinals										
FBN	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)	Fox Business	Kennedy (N)	The Evening Edit	Fox Business	Kennedy							
FLIX		118	170			**½ "Rules of Engagement" (2000) Tommy Lee Jones. (In Stereo) 'R'	**½ "Alfie" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Jude Law, Omar Epps. (In Stereo) 'R'	**½ "Crocodile Dundee" (1986) Paul Hogan. 'PG-13'	**½ "Cruelty and the Beast" (1985) "Seed of Chucky"									
FNC	44	37	44		32	Special Report	FOX News Primetime	Tucker Carlson	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News at Night							
FOOD	26	56	26			Chopped 'G'	Chopped 'G'	Chopped 'G'	Supermarket	Chopped 'G'								
FREEFORM	29	52	29	20	28	* "Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby"	* "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'	* "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'	The 700 Club (In Stereo) 'PG-13'									
FS1	732	112	732			Hub	College Basketball		College Basketball Xavier at St. John's. (N)	Hoops	SmackDown							
FSNL	35	39	35			Pregame	MLB Baseball		Postgame	Hockey	Marlins	World Poker						
FX	30	60	30		51	*** "The Huntsman: Winter's War"	*** "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" (2018) Chris Pratt, Owen and Claire try to save the dinosaurs from a volcano. 'PG-13'	*** "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" (2018) Chris Pratt. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'										
GOLF	727	67	727			Golf Central 'G'	Lessons	Golf	Golf's Greatest Rounds (N) 'PG'	Golf Central 'G'	Golf							
HALL	59	68	39	45	54	"Winter Castle" (2019) Emilie Ullerup.	"Just My Type" (2020, Romance-Comedy) Bethany Joy Lenz, Brett Dalton. 'NR'	"Playing Cupid" (2021, Romance) Laura Vandervoort, Nicholas Gonzalez. 'NR'	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls							
HBO	302	201	302	2	2	C.B. Strike	Real Time With Bill Maher 'MA'	Axios '14'	*** "Just Mercy" (2019) Michael B. Jordan. Lawyer Bryan Stevenson fights to save a man on death row.	Euphoria: F...	30 Coins "Sacrifice" (In Stereo) 'MA'							
HBO2	303	202	303			** "Irresistible" (2020, Comedy) Steve Carell. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R'	Last Week To. '14'	Axios '14'	The Lady and the Dale '14'	30 Coins "Sacrifice" (In Stereo) 'MA'	Black Art: In the Absence of Light							
HGTV	23	57	23	42	52	Good Bones "Old Doors, New Wall" 'G'	Good Bones "The Boho Bungalow" 'G'		Fixer to Fabulous 'G' (DVS)	Home Again With the Fords (N)	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l						
HIST	51	54	51	32	42	The Curse of Oak Island (In Stereo) 'PG'	The Curse of Oak Island (In Stereo) 'PG'	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper	The Curse of Oak Island (N) 'PG'	The Food That Built America 'PG'	The Curse of Oak Island 'PG'							
LIFE	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles '14'	Rizzoli & Isles '14'	Rizzoli & Isles '14'	Rizzoli & Isles '14'	Rizzoli & Isles '14'	Rizzoli & Isles '14'							
LMN	119	50	119			"Murder In-Law" (2019, Suspense) Kristen Dalton, Tony Denison. 'NR'	"Psycho Sister-in-Law" (2020, Suspense) Andrea Bowen, Lydia Hearst. 'NR'	"Trapped by My Father's Killer" (2020, Suspense) Lindy Booth. 'NR'										
MSNBC	42	41	42			The Beat With	The ReidOut (N)	All In With	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The 11th Hour					</		

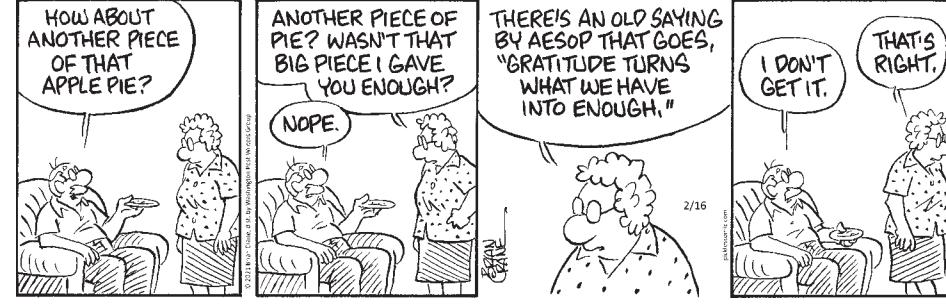
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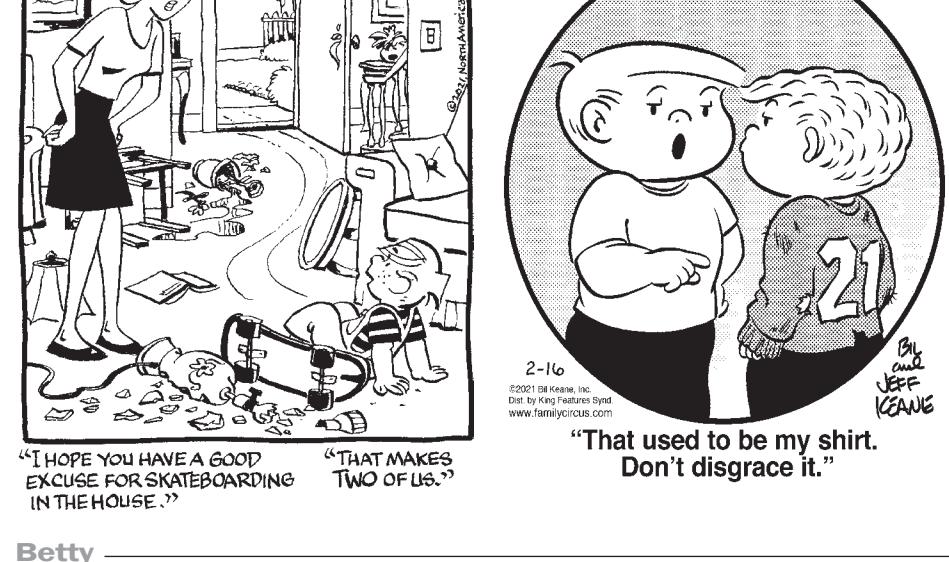
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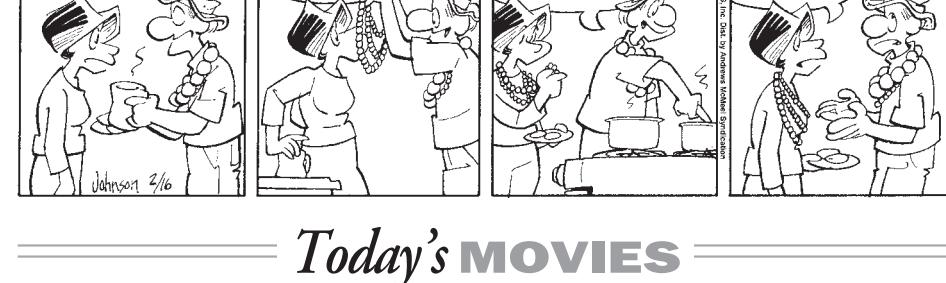
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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Today's clue: F equals M

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Previous Solution: "My father was not a failure. After all,

he was the father of a president of the United States."

—Harry S. Truman

Panthers close in on Lightning

Associated Press

TAMPA — Jonathan Huberdeau scored and led a balanced attack that included goals from six players, and the Florida Panthers gained on Central Division-leading Tampa Bay with a 6-4 victory over the Lightning on Monday night.

Florida won two of the three games between the teams in a five-day span and pulled within a point of the Lightning in the standings.

Aleksander Barkov, Anton Stralman, Owen Tippett, Anthony Duclair and Frank Vatrano also scored for Florida, which recorded its first win in Tampa Bay since March 26, 2016, a span of eight games.

Chris Driedger finished with 27 saves and Florida improved to 4-0 in games following a loss this season.

Alex Volkov scored twice for Tampa Bay, which had its six-game home winning streak halted. Steven Stamkos and Tyler Johnson also scored for the Lightning. Curtis McElhinney made 15 saves in his second start of the season.

Stamkos, back in the lineup after missing the two previous games, scored his team-leading eighth of the season to put Tampa Bay in front at 6:24 of the first period. Ondrej Palat won the puck below the goal line and found Erik Cernak in the slot. Cernak fed a pass to Stamkos, who dropped to a knee for a one-timer.

The lead didn't last long as Huberdeau pulled the Panthers even 1:32 later.

The Panthers started to pull away in the second period with three goals in 5:24.

Coyotes 1, Blues 0

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Darcy Kuemper stopped 24 shots, Clayton Keller scored and the Arizona Coyotes closed out their seven-game series against the St. Louis Blues with a 1-0 win.

The shifting dynamics of playing hockey in a pandemic led to the Blues and Coyotes playing seven straight games against each other, a first in NHL



Florida's Anthony Duclair (91) collides with Tampa Bay goaltender Curtis McElhinney as Ryan McDonagh defends Monday during the first period in Tampa. The Panthers won 6-4.

or NBA regular-season history.

The teams split the first six games.

Islanders 3, Sabres 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Semyon Varlamov stopped 20 shots and the New York Islanders extended their point streak to seven games with a 3-1 win over the COVID-19-depleted Buffalo Sabres, who were playing their first game in two weeks.

Buffalo still had six regulars sidelined, including three defensemen, in returning after a coronavirus-forced break, which began two days after a 5-3 loss to New Jersey on Jan. 31.

Senators 6, Maple Leafs 5 OT

TORONTO — Evgenii Dadonov scored his second goal of the game in overtime and the Ottawa Senators overcame a four-goal deficit to win for the first time in franchise history, stunning the

Toronto Maple Leafs 6-5.

Ottawa trailed 5-1 late in the second period before charging back, improving to 1-23-3 when trailing by at least four goals.

Hurricanes 7, Blue Jackets 3

RALEIGH, N.C. — Brock McGinn and Teuvo Teravainen scored 26 seconds apart in the second period as the Carolina Hurricanes erased an early deficit and beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 7-3.

Blackhawks 3, Red Wings 2 OT

DETROIT — Dominik Kubalik scored his second goal of the game 4:43 into overtime, and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Detroit Red Wings 3-2.

The surprising Blackhawks won for the fifth time in six games.

No. 16 Seminoles whip No. 7 Cavs

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — M.J. Walker scored 17 points and No. 16 Florida State built a big first-half lead, beating No. 7 Virginia 81-60 on Monday night in a showdown between the top two teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Raiquan Gray had 15 points for the Seminoles (12-3, 8-2), and Walker made five of Florida State's season-high 13 3-pointers — on 24 attempts.

Gray scored in double figures for the seventh straight game. Florida State has won 24 consecutive ACC home games dating to a victory over Clemson on Jan. 22, 2019.

Trey Murphy III had 13 points and Kihei Clark added 12 in the second half for Virginia (15-4, 11-2), which had won four in a row.

Florida State jumped on the Cavaliers early. Gray and Walker had nine points apiece as the Seminoles went 6 of 10 from 3-point range on the way to a stunning 45-25 halftime lead.

No. 17 Kentucky women defeat Florida

GAINSVILLE — Rhyne Howard scored 31 points and grabbed nine rebounds and No. 17 Kentucky turned back Florida 85-73.

Chasity Patterson and KeKe McKinney both had 13 points for Kentucky (15-5, 8-4 Southeastern Conference).

Kiara Smith had 23 points with 10 rebounds and Danielle Rainey scored 20 points for Florida (10-9, 3-8).

Gonzaga, Baylor still atop Top 25

Top-ranked Gonzaga and No. 2 Baylor remained atop Monday's latest AP Top 25, where they have been for all 13 polls this season.

Coach Mark Few's Bulldogs received 59 of 64 first-place votes in the new AP Top 25, while Scott Drew's Bears claimed the other five. Next came three straight Big Ten teams, No. 3 Michigan, No. 4 Ohio State and No. 5 Illinois.

UConn new No. 1 in women's Top 25

UConn is back in a familiar spot: at No. 1 in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll.

For the ninth consecutive season, the Huskies have reached the pinnacle of the women's AP Top 25, receiving 26 first-place votes from a 30-member national media panel Monday.

Coach Geno Auriemma's team beat previous No. 1 South Carolina in overtime a week ago in a 1-vs-2 matchup. The Gamecocks fell one spot to second in the poll.

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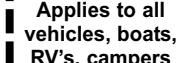
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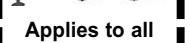
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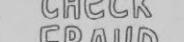
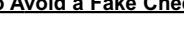
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1. NEVER ACCEPT A CHECK FOR
MORE THAN YOU ASK.

2. INSIST ON CASH

3. USE ANOTHER FORM OF PAYMENT.
(SUCH AS WIRE TRANSFER)4. IF POSSIBLE, GO TO THE BANK
WITH THE PERSON PAYING YOU.5. INFORM THE SELLER THAT
YOU'LL WAIT TWO WEEKS BEFORE
SENDING ANY MERCHANDISE6. AVOID
CASHIER'S
CHECK
FRAUD.

7. HOW TO AVOID A FAKE CHECK SCAM

INSIST ON CASH**Don't accept a check for more than the selling price. You****can bet it's a scam.****Inform the Buyer that you'll wait two weeks before sending****any merchandise.****Never use money from a check to send gift cards, money orders, or wire money to strangers or someone you just met. Many scammers demand that you send money through money transfer services like Western Union or MoneyGram, or buy gift cards and send them the PIN numbers. Once you wire money, or give someone the gift card PINs, it is like giving someone cash. It's almost impossible to get it back.****Toss offers that ask you to pay for a prize. If it's free, you****shouldn't have to pay to get it.****CLASSIFIEDS****Cars**CHRYSLER
2010 PT Cruiser, 80k mi., gd cond. must see to appreciate \$5200. 352-564-2756FORD
2017 FUSION SE
White, 23K LOW Mi.
\$17,262
Nick Nicholas Ford
352-726-1231FORD
2018 FIESTA SE
Blue, 10K Mi. \$11,968
Nick Nicholas Ford
352-726-1231**Lincoln Towncar**2006 garage kept
exc. cond., 121 K mi
back up camera,
good tires, \$6,000
OBO 352-341-5124**Mercedes**2002 SLK320, 2dr,
Red, New Tires,
HT Convertible, V6,
AT, 29 mi., \$12,500
703-405-7789**Nissan**2005 350 Z Convertible
White, blue top, ground
picks \$9,476 mi.
\$9,800 obo
(352) 270-8485**Toyota**2005 AVALON-160K mi
Sunroof, Leather, Digital
display, SPACIOUS.
\$5,000 352-621-3004**Classic Vehicles**89 MUSTANG
CONVERTIBLE 5.0
5sp - Older Restore
Many Extras! Too
Much to List - Discs, SS
Exhaust, etc., \$12,000
(352) 436-9718AMC 1968
JAVELIN290 V8, Auto, A/C, PS
**Multiple Award
Winner... Must See!
\$24K (352) 400-1430**Cadillac**1989 COUPE DEVILLE
91K mi., 1 Owner,
Gold Edition/ \$4,000
352-346-1053**Chevrolet**1969 CAMARO - 454
Engine / 700R4 trans.,
MANY upgrades! Call
for details! \$40,000
810-841-2692**Chevrolet**1993 Corvette Coupe,
C4, 5.7L, auto tran., new
plugs, AC, distrib. 111k
mi. \$3500 oboFORD 1930 Model A
5 Window Coupe, 76 K
mi./ EXCELLENT Cond.
\$16,000 352-795-3510**Ford**1977 Ranchero GT
auto, 351 V-8
104,000 mi., \$7,500
352-346-1053**Mercury**COMET 1974 302 V8
Auto Trans. Great
Collector Car! \$8,700
352-212-5747
Call for Appt.**Triumph**1973 TR6, 4 spd, 6 cyl,
2 Tops. Red w/ Black
Interior. \$15,000 Firm
352-503-6859**Chevrolet**2007 CAMARO - 454
Engine / 700R4 trans.,
MANY upgrades! Call
for details! \$40,000
810-841-2692**Chevrolet**2003 CORVETTE COUPE
100K mi., 1 Owner,
Red, 6spd, \$23,900
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352-726-1231**Lincoln**2017 MKC
Red, 34K LOW Mi.
\$23,968
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352-726-1231**Lincoln**2019 EXPEDITION XLT
White, 40K LOW Mi.
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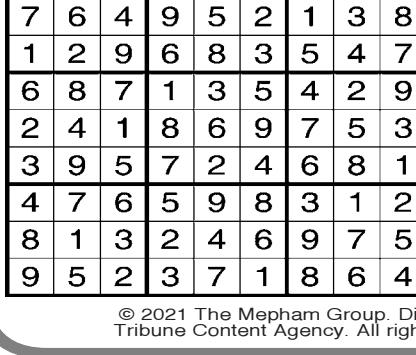
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Level 1 2 3 4



Solution to Monday's puzzle

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

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Tuesday, February 16, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- DIRTIES

(DIRTIES: DIRT-eez: Soils; befouls.)

Average mark 20 words
Time limit 25 minutes

Can you find 26 or more words in DIRTIES?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- SOLDER

sled	older	loser	redo
slo	lode	doer	resold
sold	lord	does	rode
sole	lore	dole	role
sore	lose	dose	rose

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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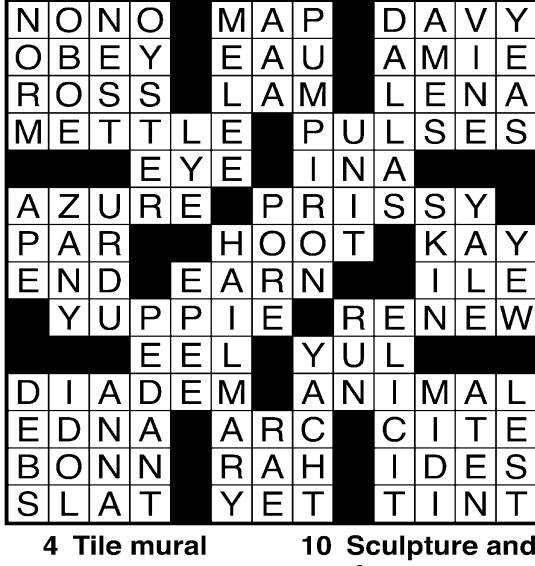
ACROSS

1 Junk email
5 Skating venue
9 Inadequate
12 Quasimodo's creator
13 Stratford's river
14 Before now
15 Periods
16 Steer
18 Bring charges
20 Pizza feature
21 Wall climber
22 Slalom need
23 "— when?"
26 Theater features
29 LAX info
30 Name in cheesecake
32 Past due
34 Heidi's mountains
36 Wordless actor
38 Rotating machine part

39 Drank like a cat

41 Kind of jacket
43 Charged atom
44 Actress — Longoria
45 Detectives' leads
48 James Joyce novel
52 Grip
54 Isle off Sicily
55 Relief
56 Ocean bird
57 Weird-sounding bird
58 Tennis instructor
59 Ocean sound
60 Thrill

Answer to Previous Puzzle

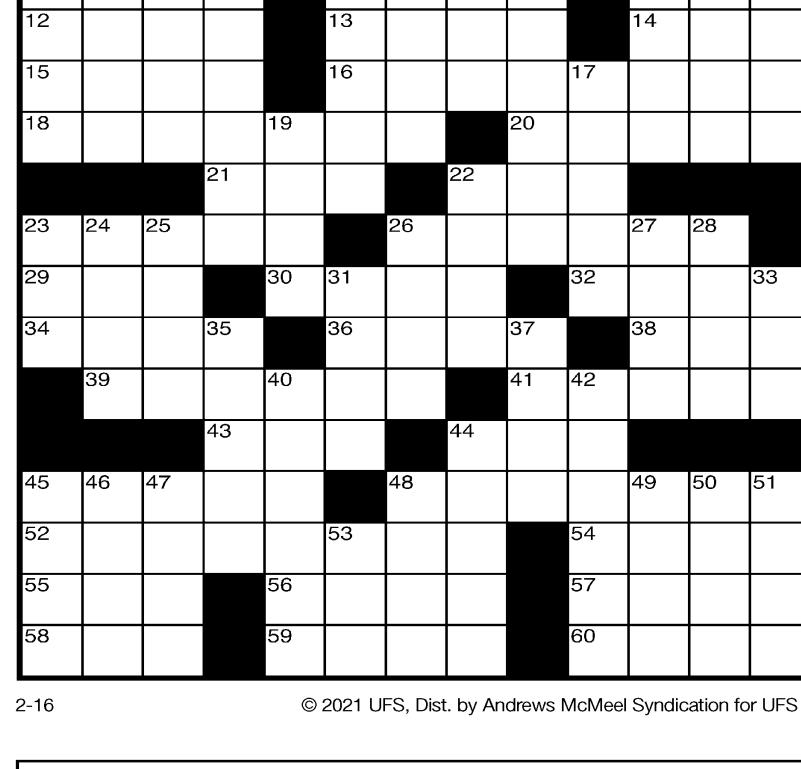


4 Tile mural
5 Tall and lanky
6 A Karamazov
7 Calendar abbr.
8 New York cagers
9 Boyfriend

DOWN

1 One-time Queens ballpark
2 Kitty's feedback
3 Petri dish contents

10 Sculpture and dance
11 Bug repellent
17 Barbecue
19 Famous lithographer
22 Yul's film realm
23 Ocean
24 "— cost you"
25 Winemaking valley
26 Bone-dry
27 Every
28 Headliner
31 Revival shout
33 Ostrich cousin
35 Was a scout
37 Greed's cousin
40 More luxurious
42 Studio stands
44 Of greater age
45 Bloke
46 Fox's abode
47 Disconnect
48 Arm bone
49 Kind of gin
50 Poet's black
51 Glass ingredient
53 Incan treasure



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WORDY GURDY®

1. Look longingly at a Starbucks tea (1)

2. Circus covering air duct (1)

3. Undulating mashed potatoes sauce (2)

4. Talking Heads David's game spins (1)

5. Psychiatrist's fur stole animals (1)

6. Helicopter made of penny metal (2)

7. 1920s Everest climber George's art salons (3)

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

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ANSWERS
1. EYE CHAI 2. TENT VENT 3. WAVY GRAVY 4. BYRNES TURNS
5. SHRINKS MINKS 6. COPPER CHOPPER 7. MAILDORYS GAILLIERIES

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Lien Notices

Date & Time of Sale - February 28, 2021 at 9:00 AM
VIN # 3FADP4B9DM223916
Year / Model Vehicle 2013 Ford NOVIN0201310145
2016 HMDE

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Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.

Lien Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **BEACH BASEMENT** located at 8269 W. Pebble Ln., Homosassa, FL 34448 in the County of Citrus, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.

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Lien Notices

Dated at Homosassa, FL, this 10th day of February, 2021.
/s/ Mark Bohlin
General Manager

Lien Notices

3540-0216 TUCRN PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Name

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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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