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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus County COVID-19 update

According to the Florida Department of Health, 89 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update. Two new deaths were reported, for a total of 386. To date in the county, 9,585 people have tested positive (including 75 non-residents). Two new hospitalizations were reported, for a total of 629 hospitalized. Totals reflect preliminary reports received by the state, and are subject to later revision.

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 in Citrus County by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-0442; TTY is 833-476-1036. As part of the statewide preregistration system, each county has a designated number that individuals can call and preregister with if they do not have internet access. Citrus County's designated number is 833-540-2058. Vaccine supply remains limited and appointments may not be available for several weeks.

Local vet to lead statewide board

KC Nayfield, a local veterinarian, was elected as president of Conservation Florida's board of directors, having served with the organization since 2018, including the past year as vice president. He said his reason for service stems from his commitment to carrying out Conservation Florida's mission to protect Florida's natural and agricultural landscapes for future generations. He has even protected his own property, Nayfield Acres, with a conservation easement held by the organization. Nayfield spent his veterinary career as a surgeon to pets in Crystal River, where he developed an appreciation for his state's native species, delicate environment, and striking beauty. He and his wife, Marybeth, brought their two children up to cherish the great outdoors as lifelong sailors, explorers and wildlife fans. Through all of this Nayfield has become a passionate advocate for the conservation of environmentally sensitive lands, especially those in Citrus County. As the head of Conservation Florida's board of directors, he will continue to support the organization's statewide efforts and lead the growing team to new heights. For information about Conservation Florida, email info@conserveflorida.org. — From staff reports

County to mull fee hike

Officials to look at a range of suggested options for changing impact fees

MICHAEL D. BATES Staff writer

A consultant hired by county commissioners is recommending a series of changes to the county's impact fee structure which, if fully implemented at 100%, could involve thousands of additional costs for residents buying new homes.

But if commissioners stick to the current fee structure policy, the hikes would be much less. The consultant, Duncan Associates, will present the numbers at a public hearing set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness. One example: If commissioners choose to

implement impact fees at 100%, the fee for a single-family detached home would increase from \$4,809 to \$10,169. But that's at 100%. Currently, the county's adopted impact fee policy is at 50% of the full amounts for two categories: transportation and schools. Should the board continue with that fee structure, the increases would be much less and, in

some categories, even decrease. Using the single-family detached example, impact fees would only rise \$1,370 — from the current \$4,809 to \$6,179. Another example: the fee increase — using the 5% model — for retail/commercial would increase from \$2,343 to \$2,700. Commissioners can set the percentage at

anything between 0% and 100%. Impact fees help local government fund infrastructure necessitated by new growth. They are one-time fees on new development and are to be used for capital construction. They may not be used for operational expenses. See FEES/Page A3

Dunnellon couple charged in riot



In this Jan. 6 file photo, protesters loyal to President Donald Trump try to break through a police barrier at the Capitol in Washington.

Two are among many facing jail time for their role in Capitol protests

FRED HIERS Staff writer

There will be no freedom before the trial for the Dunnellon couple indicted on four counts they planned and coordinated with others as part of the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., to halt the transition of presidential power. The indictment for both Kelly Meggs, 52, and Connie Meggs, 59, of Dunnellon in Marion County, and seven



others was filed Feb. 19. The husband and wife were both arrested Wednesday, Feb. 17. A federal judge ruled the couple was a danger to society and a flight risk and ordered them kept behind bars awaiting trial.

"Parts of that (election) process were challenged, first through the courts, our third branch, but then directly, by regular citizens, on Jan. 6," said federal magistrate Judge Philip Lammens in his Monday ruling to keep the couple locked up before trial. "That attack wasn't just one on an entire branch of our government (including a member of the executive branch), but it was an attack on the very foundation of our democracy. "This case isn't just

about breaking the law. We see those cases every day. This case is different," he wrote as part of his ruling. "It is more. It is about challenging the very existence of the law. It is about a challenge to the very institution responsible for making the law, while it was in the process of carrying out its lawful duty. They were carrying out a duty that their oath required them to fulfill. "That very Congress has established that one

of the violations of law that you are charged with is so serious that the court must presume you are a danger to the community when you are charged with violating it," Lammens said. "When the court considers then the seriousness of the charges against you and the weight of the evidence, there is only one conclusion. You are a danger to the community and must be detained," he wrote. See COUPLE/Page A2

COVID-19 mutation found in Citrus County

FRED HIERS Staff writer

Citrus County is among the near half of Florida counties that now report at least one person infected with the more contagious United Kingdom mutated COVID-19 strain. But thus far, the current vaccine for the original coronavirus, first spotted in Citrus County a year ago, is effective against this new variant of the virus. The Florida Department of Health on Friday, Feb. 19, disclosed the new information about which counties have the U.K. variant. The mutated virus has also been spreading across the United States.

As of Thursday, Feb. 18, Broward County has the most cases, 115, followed by Miami-Dade County, with 68 cases of the U.K. strain. Citrus County has one case of the U.K. strain. That was confirmed for the Chronicle by Ernesto "Tito" Rubio, the administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County. While the U.K. mutation of the virus is more contagious, and as a result could result in more deaths, Rubio said that the same precautions many already take for the original strain will protect us from the new form of the virus. See MUTATION/Page A3

County's COVID-19 cases edge past 9,500; 23,500 vaccinated

BUSTER THOMPSON Staff writer

Citrus County's COVID-19 case count surpassed 9,500 over the week as the number of vaccinated locals neared 23,500. According to the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) on Monday, Feb. 22, the county totaled 9,585 cases, an increase of 238 infections since Feb. 15, at an

average 34 cases a day. From Feb. 15-21, the county's average positivity rate for its Florida residents was 7.59% — a decrease from the 8.45% average rate for Feb. 8-14, according to FDOH reports. It's the goal of health officials to have a desired positivity rate — the number of positive test results out of total results — under 10%. Also from Feb. 15-22, 21 more county residents

were hospitalized for COVID-19, totaling 629, and 23 more died, increasing the death toll to 386, 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 See VIRUS/Page A7

COUPLE

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The couple was charged with (aiding and abetting); conspiracy to defraud the United States (conspiracy); government or contracts (destruction of government property); harassment of a witness; and, restricted building or grounds access. "The offenses that the defendants are charged with, as well as the facts underlying these offenses, are extremely serious," prosecutors said in court documents. The defendants face up to 36 years in federal prison if convicted as charged in the complaint. "One of the counts — Destruction of Government Property — meets the criteria for a federal crime of terrorism."

According to the indictment, Kelly Meggs was the self-described leader of the Florida chapter of the paramilitary organization the Oath Keepers. According to the indictment, members of

the Oath Keepers were among those who stormed the Capitol in January. The organization accepts most who want to join, but focuses on recruiting current and former military, law enforcement and first responders, according to the indictment.

Kelly Meggs' lawyer, David Anthony Wilson, filed court documents Feb. 19 asking that his client be released before his trial and that he was no flight risk. Wilson cited for the court that Meggs was a 12-year resident of Dunnellon, owned his home along with his wife, and is employed in a senior leadership position with a national automotive dealership group.

The Dunnellon couple, along with the seven others, were indicted on conspiracy when they conspired to obstruct Congress' certification of the Electoral College vote. The indictment claims the Meggs and others traveled to Washington D.C. and coordinated their forced entry into the Capitol.

Prosecutors used security

video and other media to identify those who entered the Capitol illegally, according to court documents.

According to the indictment, Kelly Meggs wrote in a Facebook message in December: "Trump said It's gonna be wild!!!!!! He wants us to make it WILD that's what he's saying. He called us all to the Capitol and wants us to make it wild!!!"

The couple are also indicted on obstructing an official proceeding and aiding and abetting when the Meggs entered the Capitol and delayed Congress' Electoral College vote.

The couple were also indicted on destruction of government property and aiding and abetting when they forced their way into the Capitol.

The indictment also cited the couple and others for entering a restricted building.

The case against those affiliated with the Oath Keepers is the largest conspiracy case brought by the U.S. Justice Department so far in

the Jan. 6 insurrection, according to the Associated Press.

The indictment claims that the Meggs couple and seven others prepared for weeks ahead of the attack, attended training sessions and recruited others. They donned tactical vests and helmets, moved in an organized military fashion as they advanced on the Capitol, communicated with one another during the siege.

To date, federal charges have been filed in more than 200 cases involving the attack by a mob of supporters of former President Donald Trump, including many with ties to far right groups like the Oath Keepers.

Several members of the Proud Boys, a far-right group that seized on the Trump administration's policies, have also been charged with conspiracy and accused of working together during the siege.

Contact Chronicle reporter Fred Hiers at fred.hiers@chronicleonline.com or 352-397-5914.

= Around the COUNTY =

Code review board sets public meeting

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.

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee meets

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will conduct a public meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Citrus County Transit Center, 1300 S. Lecanto Highway.

Please note, masks are required in the Transit Center.

The agenda may be viewed online at www.hernandocounty.us/hernandocitrusmpo.

The public is welcome. Any questions about the meeting should be directed to Steve Diez, MPO executive director, Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL, 34601; 352-754-4082, ext. 28013, or email mpo@hernandocounty.us.

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CR Airport runway on BOCC agenda

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

The Crystal River Airport runway extension will once again be a topic of conversation when county commissioners meet Tuesday.

Commissioner Holly Davis included the item and the board will discuss voting on a resolution in support of the extension. That resolution will be sent to state legislators and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The airport contributes an

estimated \$5.37 million to the Crystal River economy, according to Florida Department of Transportation data.

In addition, extending the runway will increase safety.

The existing landing strip is about 644 feet too short for many corporate jets to comfortably use it. Ideally, a 5,000-foot



Holly Davis
Citrus County commissioner.

runway is needed to provide an adequate safety margin for the aircraft to take off and land.

Also at Tuesday's meeting:

■ Commission Chairman Scott Carnahan has carved out time to talk about the direction the county wants to take on emergency management



Scott Carnahan
commission chairman.

operations.

Carnahan said he met with Sheriff Mike Prendergast a couple of weeks ago regarding department operations. Carnahan said it was a productive discussion and he will update the board Tuesday.

Prendergast is also expected to attend.

The sheriff's contract to operate the emergency management department expires Oct. 1, 2021.

■ Commissioners will consider approving a bond resolution — not to exceed \$3.5 million

— to finance water service improvements from Turkey Oak Drive to the Duke Energy complex on U.S. 19.

The water improvements are needed to coincide with sewer being installed along the route.

The bond would be paid back through special assessments on the properties that benefit from the water improvements.

The county commission meeting starts at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

Around the COUNTY

Would-be robber used toy gun in attempted robbery

In new information released Monday, the 37-year-old Citrus County man apprehended Sunday, Feb. 21, walking along State Road 44 after brandishing a weapon during a robbery attempt, had used a black replica plastic gun, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

Anthony Lamar Wright, of Inverness, was arrested and charged with commercial armed robbery. His bond was set at \$20,000.

According to Brittney Carman, deputies were dispatched at approximately 9 a.m. to the Speedway Gas Station at 9515 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness, next to Gospel Island Road, in reference to an armed robbery.

A black male, later identified as Wright, had entered the store, demanding money from the clerk, the report stated. The clerk told the defendant, she did too. Wright then brandished the toy gun, demanding money again. According to the report, he fled on foot after his demand was denied.

Patrol deputies responding detained Wright, who matched the description of the suspect, and was located walking down State Road 44 on the sidewalk.

There were no reported injuries.

— Jeff Bryan/Staff writer

Fire ignites inside Hernando mobile home's bedroom

A fire erupted inside a Hernando mobile home the night of Sunday, Feb. 21.

Citrus County Fire Rescue (CCFR) crews were dispatched at 7:59 p.m. to North Tumbleweed Trail, where firefighters from CCFR's Hernando station arrived first at 8:05 p.m. to find flames showing from the doublewide's bedroom window, according to CCFR.

After entering through an open side door, firefighters knocked the fire down by 8:18 p.m., containing it to the room.

Nobody was found inside the house during initial and follow-up searches, according to CCFR, and no injuries were reported.

Crews from CCFR stations in Citrus Springs, Pine Ridge and the Inverness Highlands also responded to assist.

Storeroom catches fire at Sonny's BBQ in Inverness

A storeroom at Sonny's BBQ in Inverness caught fire the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 20, prompting evacuations and the restaurant to close.

Sonny's was open as of Monday morning.

Firefighters with Citrus County Fire Rescue (CCFR) and the Inverness Fire Department (IFD) were dispatched at 12:23 p.m. to the eatery at 750 W. Main St., where CCFR and IFD crews arrived at 12:27 p.m. to find heavy smoke coming from the building's rear, according to CCFR. Occupants inside were evacuated while firefighters controlled the blaze by 12:38 p.m., containing damages to electrical systems and a back storeroom containing a smoker.

No injuries were reported. Firefighters ventilated the building with fans before verifying its carbon dioxide and

oxygen levels were within safe limits. CCFR officials also told the business owner to shut down until the Florida Department of Health gave the OK to reopen.

— Buster Thompson/Staff writer

Conservative Women to meet for lunch Feb. 24

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

CHS Drama Dept to stage 'Puffs'

The Citrus High School Drama Department will present "Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 25-27.

The production will be in the CHS cafeteria, 600 W. Highland Blvd., Inverness. Produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. Tickets are \$6.

This Harry Potter-inspired comedy is for anyone who has ever felt like a secondary character in someone else's story.

Tickets are available for online purchase now at <https://bit.ly/TKTSALES> under Athletic Event Tickets.

SWFWMD board to meet in Brooksville

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board will host its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at District Headquarters, 2379 Broad St. in Brooksville. The meeting is open to the public; however, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines will be followed to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and facemasks are required inside district buildings.

To view the Governing Board meeting online, go to swfwmd.state.fl.us/about/newsroom/videos/live-video. The video stream becomes active and the live video feed begins approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled meeting time.

A backup telephone-only option is available. Call in at 888-585-9008 or 657-220-3242 (toll call), then enter conference room number 346-054-201.

If possible, use a landline for the best connection. Do not use speakerphone.

MPO committee meets Feb. 24

The Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will have a public meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Citrus County Transit Center, 1300 S. Lecanto Highway.

Masks are required in the Transit Center.

The agenda is online at www.hemandocounty.us/hemandocitrusmpo.

The public is welcome. Any questions about the meeting should be directed to Steve Diez, 352-754-4082, ext. 28013, or email mpo@hemandocounty.us.

— From staff reports

Rotary to hear from global scholar today

Special to the Chronicle

The Rotary Club of Inverness invites the public to join them via Zoom at noon Tuesday, Feb. 23, to hear Citrus County native Abby Blocker, who is applying to become a Rotary International Global Scholar.

Blocker will graduate from the University of South Florida in May with a BS in Biomedical Engineering. She was the Valedictorian of the Citrus High School Class of 2017 and had been recognized then as a Rotary Student of Month and Rotary Scholarship recipient as she began her undergraduate work.

Blocker presently holds a 3.97 GPA and is working to become a recipient of a Rotary International Global Grant to help fund her tuition and living expenses in order to achieve a master's and a doctoral degree at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa.

Studies in this program include learning about the current health challenges and innovations to improve health while addressing needs that have been identified through engagement with relevant stakeholders such as patients and members of the community.

In her presentation, Abby Blocker will review some of her work at USF and field work that took her as part of a team in 2019 to Botswana to work on building a device that would create renewable energy in a community with low energy resources.

If you are interested in learning more about this young woman and her dreams to make the world a better place, contact Ned Barry at 352-249-1042 or nedbarry115@gmail.com.

To make a contribution to support Abby Blocker in becoming a Rotary International Scholar, also



Special to the Chronicle

Abby Blocker, bottom center, begins her field work in 2019 with her team in Botswana, building a device to create renewable energy in a low-resource community.

contact Ned Barry.

Homosassa Springs Rotary supports scholar

The Rotary Club of Homosassa Springs recently presented a check to Abby Blocker, a Citrus County graduate who will attend the University of Cape Town in South Africa to get her masters in biomechanical engineering as a Rotary Global Scholar.

For more information about The Rotary Club of Homosassa Springs, go to www.homosassaspringsrotary.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/HSRotaryClub or meet them at Luigi's in the Ollie's shopping plaza behind Burger King in Homosassa at 7 a.m. every Thursday and have breakfast on the club.



Rotary Global Scholar Abby Blocker receives a check recently from Homosassa Rotary President James Segovia.

FEES

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There are eight impact fee categories collected in Citrus County: roads, schools, libraries, fire, law enforcement, parks, emergency medical services (EMS) and public buildings.

The county's ordinance requires updates every five years. Any increase does not become effective for 90 days from the date of

adoption.

Assistant County Administrator Steve Lachnicht said the biggest recommended increase is \$800 for schools. Using the 50% model, the consultant recommends an increase from the current \$1,261 to \$2,059.

"It's the best available data that reflects the current costs," Lachnicht said. "After five years, you wouldn't be surprised to see some increases."

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said he expects the board will vote on

adopting updated impact fees Tuesday. The only question is whether they will support the 100% or 50% or some other formula.

Kinnard said he will not support impact fees at the 100% rate structure.

Assuming 100% implementation of all the update fees, Citrus County's total fees would be at about the Florida county average for a single-family unit and lower for the other four major land use types: multi-family, retail, office

and industrial, according to the consultant's report.

At the county's current 50% implementation rate for transportation and schools, the updated impact fees for all five major land use categories would range from 38% (industrial) to 63% (single-family) of the average fee charged by other Florida counties.

Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205 or mbates@chronicleonline.com. To see more of his stories, visit tinyurl.com/y6kb23vv.

MUTATION

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"While we suspect this variant to be more contagious, if you take the precautions of wearing your mask, washing your hands, keeping your distance, you should protect yourself," Rubio said.

Current studies show that the vaccine being distributed is effective against the new strain, he added.

"Yes, as far as I know ... this (variant) is nothing different," he said.

Studies estimate that the new strain is between 30% to 70% more infectious, but not more deadly than the original Wuhan strain.

Meanwhile, scientists are developing a variety of second-generation coronavirus vaccines with the goal of expanding protection against mutations of the virus.

would target how the virus is transmitted between people.

There are currently three predominant variants of the virus.

Virus experts say that viruses mutate all the time and there are often many variants of a virus. But a variant emerges when it is able to infect many more people and sometimes becomes the predominant variant. The U.K. variant is now the dominant strain in England.

Scientists have identified at least 17 mutations on the new U.K. variant. Of those mutations, eight occur in the part of the virus called the spike protein, which binds to human cells during the initial stages of infection.

The new variant also lacks a genetic portion, which helps it evade detection by the human immune system.

Researchers say that the changes suggest that the virus is adapting to better infect humans and infect others during a sneeze or cough.

But the human immune system is designed to work against mutating

viruses, researchers said, and can identify viruses despite their changes.

Rubio said the U.K. variant in Citrus County will not likely be the sole account of the virus here.

"We anticipate seeing more," he said.

But the variants do not surprise Rubio.

"This (virus) has been mutating since day one," he said.

Meanwhile, scientists and health care officials are keeping a wary eye on one mutated strain commonly known as the South African virus.

The concern is that its mutations could make it difficult for the body to fight the virus despite having been given a vaccine. But the hope is that the current vaccines will help enough to limit the degree of infection of the mutant strain long enough for researchers to develop new, more targeted vaccines.

Contact Chronicle reporter Fred Hiers at fred.hiers@chronicleonline.com or 352-397-5914.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Put more time and effort into creative endeavors this year. Expand your interests. Learn something new, and take an interest in reconnecting with people or pastimes you miss.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Make the first move. Pick up the phone, send an email or set up a reunion with someone you miss. Quality of life depends on the decisions you make.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Sink your teeth into what you can accomplish. Productivity will help ward off disagreements and make an impression on someone who counts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — A unique take on an old idea will excite you. If doubt sets in, know enough to step back and rethink your next move.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — You'll have to stay ahead of the competition. Gather information, verify facts and use your intelligence and charm to keep the peace and bring about positive change.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — If you are resourceful, original and insightful, acknowledgment will follow. Look for workable partnerships and moneymaking opportunities.

ENTERTAINMENT

Grammy-winning duo Daft Punk break up after 28 years

NEW YORK — Grammy-winning electronic music pioneers Daft Punk have announced that they are breaking up after 28 years.

The helmet-wearing French duo shared the news Monday in an 8-minute video called "Epilogue." Kathryn Frazier, the band's longtime publicist, confirmed the break up.



Associated Press

In this April 17, 2013 file photo, Thomas Bangalter, left, and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo, pose for a portrait in Los Angeles. The Grammy-winning French act have announced their break up.

Moët Hennessy buys 50% stake in Jay-Z's Champagne brand

Moët Hennessy is acquiring a 50% stake in rapper and entrepreneur Jay-Z's Champagne brand in an effort to up its cool factor and expand distribution.

Terms of the deal, which was announced Monday, weren't released. Armand de Brignac, known familiarly as Ace of Spades because of its distinctive label, is produced in France's Champagne region by a father and son who are 12th and 13th generation wine growers.

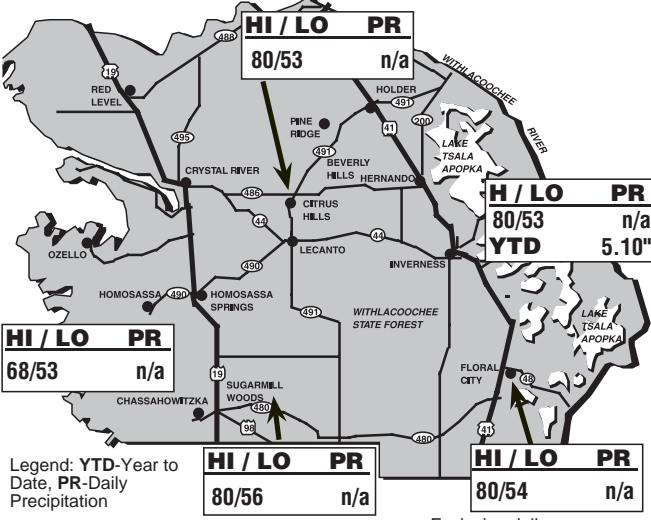
Museum: Munch wrote sentence on 'The Scream'

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Norway's National Museum says a small, barely visible sentence written with a pencil on Edvard Munch's 1893 masterpiece "The Scream" was penned by the Norwegian painter himself.

Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2021. There are 311 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: On Feb. 23, 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas. On this date: In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised two American flags.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with 6 columns: City, H, L, F'cast, City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for cities like Daytona Bch, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, etc.

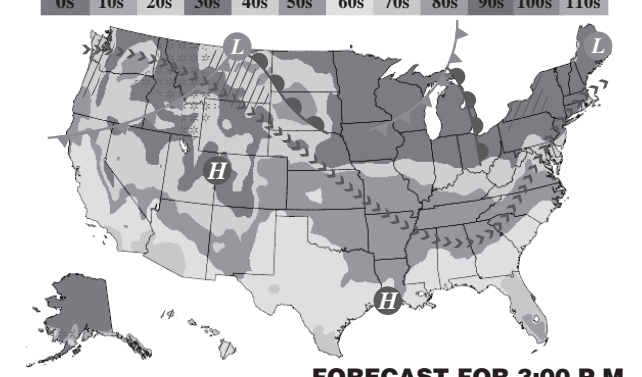
MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: North winds around 15 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Tonight: North winds around 15 knots then becoming northeast 5 to 10 knots in the late evening and overnight. Seas 2 to 3 feet.

LAKE LEVELS table with 4 columns: Location, MON, SUN, Full. Lists water levels for Withlacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, etc.

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Tuesday

Table with 8 columns: City, MON, H, L, Pcp., TUE, H, L, Fcst, City, MON, H, L, Pcp., TUE, H, L, Fcst. Provides weather forecasts for various cities across the country.

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Obituaries



Herbert Johnson Sr., 95

DUNNELLON
 JOHNSON, Herbert Wil-
 son, Jr.
 Long time Marion
 County and Dun-
 nellon, Florida
 resident Herbert
 W. Johnson, Sr.,
 95, passed away
 January 29, 2021.
 He was born on November 24,
 1925 in Quincy, Florida,
 Gadsden County, to Rev.
 Albert Lee Johnson and
 Claudie Scott Johnson.



Herbert Johnson Sr.

life and loved people and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.
 Memorial services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, February 27, at Roberts Funeral Home, 19939 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Dunnellon, FL. Mr. Johnson's remains will be buried in the Mount Glory Freewill Baptist Church north of Quincy, FL.
 At the family's request, memorial contributions may be made to:
 In Memory of Herbert W. Johnson, Sr.
 The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center Creative Services, Inc. PO Box 2193 Ocala, FL 34479
 Phone donations can be made by calling 352-351-4009 ext.109
 Condolences for the family can be left at www.robertsofdunnellon.com

Marion Boyd, 87

INVERNESS
 Marion Doris Boyd of Inverness, FL passed away at Citrus Health and Rehab in Inverness on February 19, 2021 at the age of 87.
 Marion was born to the late Elmer and Margaret (Schroder) Nickel on February 6, 1934 in Detroit, MI. She made Florida her home after relocating from Michigan and settled in Inverness in 2002. Marion was a Christian by faith and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness. On November 9, 1950 she married her husband, Gerald H. Den Otter with whom she shared 50 years of marriage until his passing on December 17, 2000. In 2003, Marion married her husband Raymond Boyd with whom she shared 7 years of marriage until his passing on February 12, 2010. In her spare time she enjoyed crocheting, knitting, quilting and sewing. Marion's favorite past time however, was spending time with her beloved grandchildren.
 Those left to mourn Marion's passing include her daughter, Diane Dooze of Inverness; sons: Dale and Douglas Den Otter, both of Inverness; grandchildren: Matthew (Lisa), Amy (Chris), Jon, Mark (Jen), Angelene, Andrew (Carly), Suzanne (Eric), Miranda; and 15 great grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, Marion was preceded in death by her son in law, Neil Dooze in 2009 and brothers: Donald and Robert Nickel.
 A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, February 27 at 11:00 AM at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness and will be conducted by Reverend Dr. Dennis R. Bennett of the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness. Friends are invited to join the family in visitation beginning at 10:00 AM until the hour of service. Marion will be



Marion Boyd

Herb was raised in Tallahassee, FL, graduated from Leon High School in 1943 and joined the United States Coast Guard in September 1943 at the age of 17. His parents had to sign for him to enlist. After Boot Camp he was sent to Groton, Connecticut and trained as a Radar Operator; also known as a "Radar Striker". Following Radar training he was assigned to the USS General William Mitchell. He made several trips across the Atlantic, two trips to Casablanca and North Africa and Scotland carrying troops that participated in the D-day Invasion.
 Herbert enjoyed serving in the Coast Guard and seeing the world so much that after WWII he gave serious thought to re-enlisting but opted to return to civilian life. After being honorably discharged from the Coast Guard, Herbert enrolled at Lively Vocational Technical School in Tallahassee to study electrical work. Unable to obtain work with any local electrical contractors, went to work at a service station where he also delivered fuel oil for heating. There he met and married Lonie Colinsworth from Blountstown. In 1948 Herb was hired by Florida Power Corp. to work at the Lake Talquin Hydro plant on the Ochlockonee River. While there they were blessed with a daughter Wanda and a son Herbie. Seven years later he transferred to the Inglis plant, where he worked as a water analyst. When FPC built a new power plant north of Crystal River, Herb was hired there as a Chief Lab Technician. He ultimately worked for Florida Power from October 1948 until his retirement in February 1988.
 Herb Johnson was a family man who instilled in his family a love of hunting, fishing, and anything to do with the great outdoors. He served as a Boy Scout leader and loved young people of all ages. The neighborhood kids always knew that Mr. Herb was always available to help them with school projects, either through the use of his encyclopedias, or helping to identify various bugs, insects or small animals. As a history buff, he loved spending his later years with the history group who meet at the Dunnellon Train Depot.
 Herbert Wilson Johnson, Sr. was a very kind and gentle man who loved

laid to rest beside her husband Gerald at Mission Hills Cemetery in Nile, MI at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.
 Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Richard Claus, 80

INVERNESS
 Richard Claus, 80, of Inverness, FL, passed away on February 17, 2021. He was born on March 6, 1940 in Saginaw, MI, son of the late Adam and Mary Claus.
 Richard was a veteran of the US Army and was Lutheran by faith. He worked as a contractor. He enjoyed woodworking and trucks with chrome. He was a fan of NASCAR, especially Jeff Gordon.
 Survivors include his wife Joyce Claus; two children, Jeffrey Claus and his wife Melody and Deena Reeds and her husband Randy; two stepchildren, Glenn Stewart and his wife Sophia and Wendy Freeland and her husband Greg; three brothers Tom Claus, Harry Claus and Larry Claus; as well as four grandchildren, six step grandchildren and six great grandchildren.
 He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary Claus.
 Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, FL. heinzfh.com



Richard Claus

Christopher Leonard, 34

INVERNESS
 Christopher Michael Leonard of Inverness, FL passed away on February 16, 2021 at the age of 34. Cremation care by the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Beverly Werner, 83

INVERNESS
 Beverly Miller Werner of Inverness, FL passed away at Citrus Memorial Hospital on February 20, 2021. Beverly was born to the late Harold Miller Brice and Sylvia Brice on November 2nd 1937 in Somerville, N.J. Beverly was married to Francis 'Frank' Werner for 57 years until his passing. Beverly and Frank made Citrus County their home after Franks Retirement from the Navy.
 Beverly had a music career early in life, appearing on the Nashville Stage. She made Albums plus singles, knew many of the old greats. Beverly and her Mother Sylvia, known as the Brice Sisters, played many venues. Her Heritage, mother and dad opened the first women's boutique in downtown Inverness until retirement. Her brother, LeRoy Brice and his wife Phyllis, opened Brice Insurance and retired after 30 years.
 Beverly worked in administration at the Citrus Memorial Hospital when it was the original hospital. She went on to graduate college and became a Psychiatric Nurse. She worked for the VA Hospital in Gainesville for many years until she was injured.
 Beverly leaves behind, her brother LeRoy W. Brice and sister in law Phyllis Brice; Nephews: Gregory Brice and Anthony Brice; Great Nephews: Dillion and Lee Brice; Nieces: Keanna Brice, Alexandria Brice; Great-Great Nieces: Barbie, Charlene and Athena Brice.
 A Funeral Service of Remembrance is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness and will be conducted by Father Claudius Mganga of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Friends are invited to join the family in visitation beginning at 2:00 PM until the hour of service. Beverly will be laid to rest privately with her husband Frank at Florida National Cemetery at a later date.
 Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Beverly Werner



Sammy 'Sam' Williams, 73

LECANTO
 Sammy A. "Sam" Williams of Lecanto, FL passed away while under the loving care of his family and Vitas Hospice, Lecanto on February 19, 2021 at the age of 73. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War.
 Sam will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 12:30 PM with full military honors being rendered by the all Citrus County Honor Guard. Friends are invited to join the family in visitation at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness beginning at 10:30 AM on the morning of the service. A procession to the cemetery will depart from the funeral home promptly at 11:45 AM.
 Arrangements under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

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 Sam will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 12:30 PM with full military honors being rendered by the all Citrus County Honor Guard. Friends are invited to join the family in visitation at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness beginning at 10:30 AM on the morning of the service. A procession to the cemetery will depart from the funeral home promptly at 11:45 AM.
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Worth NOTING

All welcome to Qigong at Wings Grief Center

Weekly Qigong Practice with Gina meets from 10-11 a.m. every Friday at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs.
 Qigong, an ancient Chinese art form of meditative and expressive movements for relaxation, improved balance, health and energy, is just one of the wellness programs offered by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast.
 For more information or to join this program that follows CDC guidelines, call 352-249-1470. A complete Month-at-a-Glance calendar of offerings and activities is viewable on the Events tab at www.friendsofcitrus.org.

Learn Chair Yoga for Grief at Wings

Chair Yoga for Grief, a gentle form of yoga using a chair and breathing techniques to relax body and mind, manage stress and improve physical and mental health, is just one of the wellness programs offered by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast at its Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs.
 Sessions meet for one hour starting at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday and at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. For more information or to join this program that follows CDC guidelines, call 352-249-1470.

Friends offer grief program at Wings

"Good Grief," an overview of grief and loss which offers helpful hints for coping more effectively and navigating the grief journey, will be presented by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast from 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs.
 Provided as a community service and offered to all at no charge, this workshop observes CDC guidelines, and space may be limited; so reserve your spot in advance by calling 352-249-1470.

Learn plant-based nutrition info

Wondering what all this chatter about eating plant-based is all about? "Plant-Based Nutrition 101," a one-hour online seminar, will briefly discuss the health benefits associated with eating a whole-food, plant-based (WFPB) diet — such as decreased heart disease, diabetes and cancer. It will also address some of the common myths associated with this way of eating, such as "what about my protein and calcium?"
 Attendees must comply with COVID-19 guidelines and masks are mandatory. Please call ahead to make a reservation, as space is limited.
 Call the community center at 352-344-9666.

Deirdre Sweeney, a Nurse Practitioner for 17 years who also has a certificate in Plant-Based Nutrition for eCornell, will present this lecture, the first in a new series.
 The webinar is at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 4. Register at www.deirdresweeney.com/events, email deirdre@deirdresweeney.com or call 617-997-7467 with any questions.

Socialize with others at Café Break!

Among the wellness programs offered by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast at its Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs is Café Break!
 At Café Break! anyone grieving or lonely can find a safe place to socialize with others, work puzzles, play games or chat over a cup of coffee and snacks for 2-1/2 hours starting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and at 9 a.m. Thursdays.
 For more information or to join this program that follows CDC guidelines, call 352-249-1470.

Mon Valley Florida reunion coming up

BELLEAIR BLUFFS — The 41st annual Mon Valley Florida Reunion for area snowbirds and residents is coming up Saturday, Feb. 27. The reunion will begin at noon at Cody's Roadhouse, 2890 W. Bay Drive, Belleair Bluffs.
 Face masks are required for all who attend, when not eating or drinking. Note that this is a different Cody's than the previous location, which closed.
 The reunion is one of several events that bring together former Valley and Southwestern Pennsylvania residents living in Florida.
 Follow the Mon Valley Florida Reunion page on Facebook.

Community Center has free activities

East Citrus Community Center invites you to join them for free activities and entertainment all month long, at 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.
 ■ Line Dancing every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost per class: \$5.
 ■ Larry Rising Entertainment every first and third Wednesday at noon.
 ■ Drum Circle every Friday from 1 to 2 p.m. Instruments are provided.
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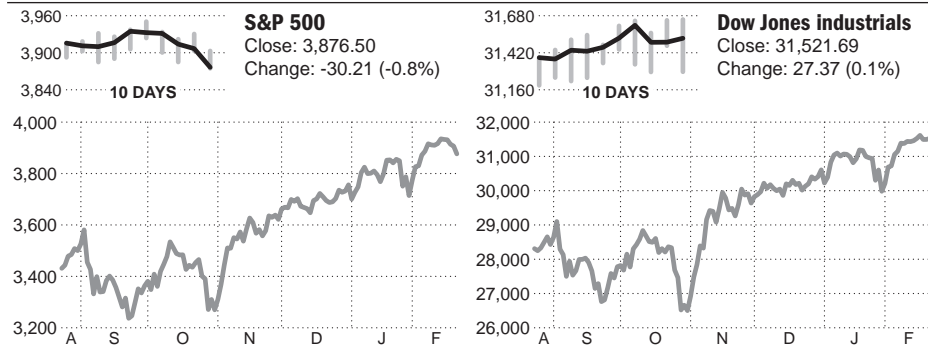
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StocksRecap

Table with columns: NYSE, NASD, DOW, DOW Trans., DOW Util., NYSE Comp., NASDAQ, S&P 500, S&P 400, Wilshire 5000, Russell 2000. Includes Vol. (in mil.), Pvs. Volume, Advanced, Declined, New Highs, New Lows.

Stocks of Local Interest

Table with columns: NAME, TICKER, 52-WK RANGE, CLOSURE, CHG, %CHG, WK, MO, QTR, YTD, 1YR, P/E, DIV. Lists companies like AT&T Inc, Ametek Inc, Anheuser-Busch InBev, Bank of America, Capital City Bank, Citigroup, Disney, Duke Energy, etc.

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

Interest Rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.35% Monday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Table with columns: PRIME RATE, FED FUNDS, LAST, 6 MO AGO, 1 YR AGO. Values: 3.25, .13, 3.25, .13, 4.75, 1.63.

Commodities

The price of U.S. crude oil jumped nearly 4%. Heating oil rose 2%, while natural gas lost almost 4%. Gold and silver prices jumped.



Table with columns: TREASURIES, LAST, PVS, NET CHG, 1YR AGO. Lists 3-month T-bill, 6-month T-bill, 52-wk T-bill, 2-year T-note, 5-year T-note, 7-year T-note, 10-year T-note, 30-year T-bond.

Table with columns: CONSUMER RATES, NAT'L AVG, WK AGO, 6MO AGO, 1YR AGO. Lists 48 month new car loan, Money market account, 1 year CD, \$30K Home equity loan, 30 year fixed mortgage, 15 year fixed mortgage.

Table with columns: FUELS, METALS, AGRICULTURE, CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Lists Crude Oil (bbl), Ethanol (gal), Heating Oil (gal), Natural Gas (mm btu), Unleaded Gas (gal), Gold (oz), Silver (oz), Platinum (oz), Copper (lb), Palladium (oz), Cattle (lb), Coffee (lb), Corn (bu), Cotton (lb), Lumber (1,000 bd ft), Orange Juice (lb), Soybeans (bu), Wheat (bu).

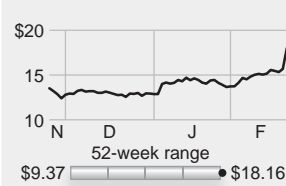
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Story Stocks

Losses by several Big Tech companies dragged stocks to a mostly lower close on Wall Street Monday. The S&P 500 gave up 0.8%, its fifth straight decline. The tech-heavy Nasdaq lost 2.5%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.1%.

People's United PBCT Close: \$18.02 ▲2.34 or 14.9% M&T Bank is buying the regional bank in an all-stock deal valued at about \$7.6 billion.



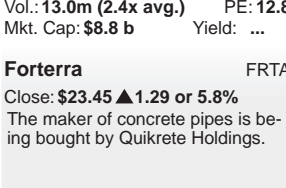
Vol.: 27.8m (5.6x avg.) PE: 14.1 Mkt. Cap: \$7.7 b Yield: 4.0%

Kohl's KSS Close: \$55.97 ▲3.27 or 6.2% An investment group calling for changes at the retailer nominated nine directors to its board.



Vol.: 13.0m (2.4x avg.) PE: 12.8 Mkt. Cap: \$8.8 b Yield: ...

Forterra FRTA Close: \$23.45 ▲1.29 or 5.8% The maker of concrete pipes is being bought by Quikrete Holdings.



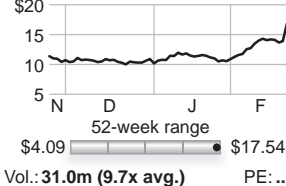
Vol.: 4.8m (11.5x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$1.5 b Yield: ...

Goodyear Tire & Rubber GT Close: \$16.82 ▲2.93 or 21.1% The tire giant is buying Ohio-based rival Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.



Vol.: 31.0m (9.7x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$3.9 b Yield: ...

GasLog GLOG Close: \$5.90 ▲0.95 or 19.2% Investment firm Blackrock is buying the liquefied natural gas shipping company.



Vol.: 19.8m (14.4x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$561.2 m Yield: 3.4%

Stocks sag on weak results from tech

Associated Press

A sell-off in technology companies led stocks on Wall Street mostly lower Monday, adding to the market's losses from last week.

The S&P 500 fell 0.8%, extending its losses to a fifth straight day. The benchmark index was just about evenly split between winners and losers, but technology stocks and companies that rely on consumer spending bore the brunt of the selling. Apple fell 3%, Microsoft dropped 2.7%, Tesla slumped 8.5% and Amazon lost 2.1%.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq

composite slid 2.5%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average eked out a tiny gain, as solid gains by companies like Disney, Exxon Mobil and Chevron helped offset the drag by some of the Big Tech companies.

The S&P 500 fell 30.21 points to 3,876.50. The Dow gained 27.37 points, or 0.1%, to 31,521.69. The Nasdaq lost 341.41 points to 13,533.05. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gave up 15.62 points, or 0.7%, to 2,251.07.

Investors remain focused on the future of global economies badly hit by COVID-19 and the

potential for more stimulus to fix them. The U.S. House of Representatives is likely to vote on President Joe Biden's proposed stimulus package by the end of the week. It would include \$1,400 checks to most Americans, additional payments for children, and billions of dollars in aid to state and local governments.

But the large amount of stimulus being pumped into the economy has given some investors pause as worries of inflation have re-entered the market after being nonexistent for more than a decade.

VIRUS

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Monday stated Citrus County had 27 people in hospitals with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19, down 15 from Feb. 15.

There was also 34% of hospital beds available in the county, according to the AHCA, and 23% of local adult intensive care units was open.

According to the FDOH, 23,346 county residents have been vaccinated for COVID-19 — an increase of 3,443 since Feb. 15 — with 10,881 of them completing their two-dose series.

Since starting school Aug. 20 for the 2020-21 school year, the Citrus County School District recorded 560 cases — 162 staff, 398 students — as of Feb. 18, an increase of 13 since Feb. 15.

Long-term care facilities in the county have documented a total of 1,439 cases, up eight since Feb. 15, according to the FDOH.

Another CoreCivic employee at the Citrus County Detention Facility in Lecanto contracted COVID-19 since Feb. 15,

increasing staff infections to 20, CoreCivic spokeswoman Amanda Gilchrist said Monday.

No inmate infections were reported, County Administrator Randy Oliver said Monday.

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 Feb. 22, ranked by Citrus County's 15 ZIP codes:

34452 (Inverness, Floral City, Inverness Highlands North and Inverness Highlands South): 1,076, an increase of 16 since Feb. 15.

34461 (Black Diamond, Citrus Hills, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto, Pine Ridge and Sugarmill Woods): 1,046, up 16.

34465 (Beverly Hills, Black Diamond, Citrus Springs, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 1,009, up 22.

34446 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Sugarmill Woods): 939, up 33.

34442 (Citrus Hills, Citrus Springs, Hernando, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 893, up 24.

34429 (Crystal River, Ozello, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Black Diamond): 807, up 17.

34453 (Inverness, Citrus Hills, Hernando, Inverness Highlands North and Lecanto): 684, up 21.

34428 (Crystal River, Red Level and Inglis): 603, up 13.

34434 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): 600, up 13.

34450 (Inverness and Inverness Highlands South): 502, up 16.

34448 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Sugarmill Woods, Lecanto and Crystal River): 496, up 12.

34433 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs and Pine Ridge): 376, up nine.

34436 (Floral City): 344, up 21.

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

34449 (Inglis and Yankeetown): six, no change.

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Fred Rogers, 1928-2003

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EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

Conference shines light on dealing with dementia

Debbie Selsavage has been on a mission since her late husband Albert was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. At the time, Selsavage found it almost impossible to find information about how to deal with the disease as a caregiver. Since then, she has made it her life’s work to change that. She started Coping with Dementia LLC in 2015 to give loved ones and caregivers support and guidance in dealing with the debilitating disease. Her website says one in nine Americans older than 65 has Alzheimer’s disease, and she is determined they don’t become a statistic.

Since 2014, the Citrus County-based Coping with Dementia has organized an annual conference for family care partners, but this year’s was the first virtual event broadcast internationally through Zoom and live on Facebook. With funding by Citrus nonprofit Dementia Education Inc. and other sponsors, the conference was free and open to the public.

Though COVID changed the conference to a virtual setting, it made it easier for more people to attend and allowed for an instantly accessible international audience.

The conference drew 770 participants and featured 16 hours of

educational sessions over four days that included presentations by more than two dozen experts in various aspects of dementia, and feature Positive Approach to Care founder Teepa Snow as keynote speaker.

The turnout for the conference is a loud and clear message to our community that there is a significant need for more understanding and more services available for both dementia patients and their caregivers.

Selsavage is a trailblazer and knows what she’s doing. She has the resources and knowledge to make a real difference for those who are struggling with caregiving.

Perhaps, given the success of the virtual conference, the annual event could morph into permanent virtual training.

Citrus County is in the center of the demographic dealing with dementia, and Selsavage has done a remarkable job educating people about it.

Her innovative and vanguard initiative certainly deserves applause.

Selsavage is a proponent of “Hug Therapy,” and says the therapeutic power of hugging can reduce stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness and fear. Citrus County owes Selsavage a big virtual hug for her tireless work helping others.

THE ISSUE:

Coping With Dementia’s virtual conference.

OUR OPINION:

A valuable resource for the community.

Frustrated by vaccine sign-up process

Note: A copy of this letter was sent to Audrey Stasko, spokeswoman for the Department of Health in Citrus County.

Reference Chronicle article in today’s paper (the Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, front-page story, “No shortcuts with system,” “Officials caution against trying to outwit state’s vaccine registration program”):

This article served to compound my frustration with trying to obtain a vaccination for the COVID-19 virus and here’s why.

I have tried to secure an appointment for my wife and myself, both over 82 years of age, since the process began. I have tried every time they were offered by Publix without success. When the state began registrations, I registered online and a couple of days later on Feb. 2, I received confirmation with a message, “We will continue to communicate with you each week or until you have scheduled your vaccination.” Having received no further communication, I assumed we had been dropped, so a few days ago I registered again.

Now, you’re telling me we may be moved to the back of the line! Why didn’t we receive communication each week as promised? Since everything else is done by computer, don’t you think they could tell when a registration is a duplicate?

My question now is, are we registered or not? If so, are we at the “end of the line”? Does the end of line mean after every other person is vaccinated?

What a mess!

Bill Lafferty
 Crystal River

The end of democracy

Congratulations to Mitch McConnell and his subservient Republican brethren for giving Trump another get out of jail free card again.

Trump’s legacy will be “you can lie, lie and lie until you get believers.” You can now incite an insurrection and the best: No matter what you do in January, you will not be held accountable as an ex-president.

And a special thanks to Rick Scott, Marco Rubio and Daniel Webster for supporting the end of our democracy.

Also of note, all the great empires on Earth have fallen or will fail.

The end of empires always start at the top with corrupt supporters and will continue down. Since Trump has started the end of the American empire, are we as a nation doomed? Please wait 20 years.

Leslie Burdick
 Inverness

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Alerts inform new viewers

In response to the letter on Feb. 19 about annoying alerts. How often would you want that alert to run if your loved one was in danger? They run repeated alerts to inform new viewers. Maybe use that time to thank God your family is safe and ask for his protection for the endangered.

Paula Parker
 Crystal River

Limit dangerous speech

Steven Garrison has a flawed understanding of the First Amendment.

Freedom of speech, as expressed in the First Amendment, prevents the government from regulating free speech. It does not protect speech when the parties are not government agents. There is no freedom of speech in the private sector, including the Chronicle, Facebook and Twitter.

Social media outlets have a right to silence certain speech under their terms of service. They can ban lies and postings that can lead to violence or insurrection. Trump’s tweets fall into that category. He was banned due to the risk of further incitement of violence. By Trump’s words and actions, he is responsible for the insurrection that occurred last month. Facebook, Twitter and others want to distance themselves from these actions and not encourage them.

No one is saying conservatives can’t post on these social outlets. They just need to follow the terms of service.

It seems Garrison is for selective freedom of speech. I don’t think he wrote to our state leaders when Twitter suspended some 360,000 accounts for being associated with terrorism. My guess is Garrison is against terrorism, so it is alright with him to ban postings that threaten American lives and America. But he demands freedom to post

Bill Matos
 Inverness

conservative lies and distortions, which also threaten American lives. He thinks the federal government should step in and force social media to publish these lies. He is wrong.

Facebook and Twitter were right to ban lies, false conspiracy theories and postings that can lead to violence.

The Chronicle has similar rules. Your letter can’t be more than 400 words and the Chronicle reserves the right to edit the letter for length, libel, fairness and good taste. Also, there is no guarantee the letter will be published. In January, my letter encouraged the Chronicle, like Facebook and Twitter, not to print letters filled with distortions, conspiracy theories and alternative facts. In my opinion, these kinds of letters are divisive and dangerous.

Thomas Mitchell
 Inverness

Values that define an American

1. National pride in America’s virtue and uniqueness. This pride, almost our national religion for over 150 years.
2. Self-reliance. An American trait: What happens to me is my own doing.
3. Voluntarism. Americans are joiners. They feel obligated to take part in community action.
4. Trust. Openness and friendliness.
5. Can-do attitude. A sense of being effective, of being able to improve the physical and social world prevails.
6. Optimism. Americans have confidence that striving toward a goal leads to success.
7. Innovativeness. Openness to new experiences and ideas is a hallmark of the American character.
8. Adaptability. Welcoming and pursuing change is commonplace.
9. Anti-authoritarianism. This is an almost innate birthright, carrying no physisic need to submit to higher authority.
10. Equality. A sense that one’s intrinsic worth is the same as anyone else’s is a basic American trait.

Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of men, whose labors and posterity will one day cause great change in the world. Americans are the western pilgrims, who carry along with them the great mass of science, vigor and industry. Americans here are incorporated into one of the finest systems of population which have ever appeared. The American is a new man, who acts upon new principles; he must therefore entertain new ideas, and form new opinions. From involuntary idleness, servile dependence, penury and useless labor, he has passed to toils of a very different nature, rewarded by ample subsistence. This is an American.

Don’t show shot card on social media

How stupid people really are. They’re showing their COVID shot card that they received from the Department of Health on Facebook. Are you really that stupid? Do you know how much information you’re giving out to people? Are you so proud because you got your card? Meanwhile, you’ve got all that information out there.

Volunteers can clean roads

(Re the Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, Page A7 Sound Off, “Collecting jail fines”): This is to the person who called in to the Chronicle advocating collection of jail fines and requiring that the county and state put in jail a person who cannot pay fines and costs in a criminal or civil action and, therefore, putting them out on the roadway to

collect trash. First of all, the United States Supreme Court has struck down any jailing for failing to pay crimes under the U.S. Constitution Article 4. The state of Florida likewise has prohibited jailing a person in a criminal action for failing to pay fines and costs in a criminal action. The Florida Supreme Court later struck down an Orlando case in 2011 under the constitutionality of Dell Valle vs. State that the inability to pay fines and costs, even though allocated at \$80 per month with \$25 a month for probation supervision, was unconstitutional and a violation of state law. I would advise that person to reread and go back to high school or college to a civics class or to take the time to go online and find the information that I was able to discover

within five minutes. Furthermore, if the roadways need to be cleaned, I suggest that volunteers be organized of senior groups and given a space of approximately 50 yards and a



large, black plastic bag and a picker to pick up trash along the highway with a sign in clear, large letters out on both areas of the roadway being cleared, both north, south or east and west...

They’re not residents

This is in reference to the Chronicle’s Feb. 2, 2021, front-page article stating 14,000 residents have been vaccinated. Last week, I was at Publix at Sugarmill Woods, walked past the pharmacy where approximately 10 people were standing or sitting in provided chairs. Asked a

gentleman, “What’s going on?” He stated he and his wife were getting their COVID vaccination shots. He said they just turned 65 last fall, moved to The Villages in October. Two days later, again at Publix, I asked the pharmacist if they ever had any cancellations and/or no-shows. Answer: “Not here. In fact, we vaccinated three people from St. Petersburg last week.” My wife and I are about to turn 79 next month, lived in Sugarmill Woods since September 1991, try every opportunity to register, to no avail. Since when are people from The Villages and St. Petersburg residents? Just asking.

About that rise in gas prices

This is about the article Wednesday, Feb. 3, “Gas prices shoot up” (Page A3): The only thing the person being interviewed knew was what did not cause gas prices to go up. When

a stimulus money package is about to be approved, prices go up.

They sell masks but don’t wear them

I’m 91. Yesterday I went to a store for the first time, wearing a mask, since the pandemic started. Not one of the employees or their employer were wearing masks. Today I received a flyer stating they were selling masks. How ironic is that? Selling what you don’t believe in.

Favoring tourism over small business

I see our politicians are alive and well in Crystal River by using CARES funds to fund the Riverwalk. What does the Riverwalk have to do with COVID? Without COVID, there would be no CARES funds. Once again, our politicians in Crystal River favor tourism over their own small businesses ...

US hits 500K deaths



In this Nov. 24, 2020, file photo, marks are seen on the face of registered nurse Shelly Girardin as she removes a protective mask after performing rounds in a COVID-19 unit at Scotland County Hospital in Memphis, Mo. The U.S. death toll from COVID-19 has topped 500,000 — a number so staggering that a top health researchers says it is hard to imagine an American who hasn't lost a relative or doesn't know someone who died.

Total exceeds deaths from WWII, Korea and Vietnam

HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH AND TAMMY WEBBER
Associated Press

The COVID-19 death toll in the U.S. topped 500,000 Monday, a staggering number that all but matches the number of Americans killed in World War II, Korea and Vietnam combined.

President Joe Biden held a sunset moment of silence and a candle-lighting ceremony at the White House and ordered American flags lowered at federal buildings for the next five days.

"We have to resist becoming numb to the sorrow," Biden said. "We have to resist viewing each life as a statistic or a blur."

The half-million milestone, as recorded by Johns Hopkins University, comes as states redouble efforts to get the coronavirus vaccine into arms after last week's winter weather closed clinics, slowed vaccine deliveries and forced tens of thousands of people to miss their shots.

Despite the rollout of vaccines since mid-December, a closely watched model from the University of Washington projects more than 589,000 dead by June 1.

The U.S. toll is by far the highest reported in the world, accounting for 20% of the nearly 2.5 million coronavirus deaths globally, though the true numbers are thought to be significantly greater, in part because many cases were overlooked, especially early in the outbreak.

The first known

Shops, haircuts to return as UK lifts lockdown

LONDON — Children in England will return to class and people will be able to meet a friend outside for coffee in two weeks' time, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced Monday as he laid out a slow easing of one of Europe's strictest pandemic lockdowns.

But those longing for a haircut, a restaurant meal or a pint in a pub have almost two months to wait, and people won't be able to hug loved ones that they don't live with until May at the earliest.

Johnson said the government's plan would move the country "cautiously but irreversibly" out of lockdown.

"We're setting out on what I hope is a one-way road to freedom," he told lawmakers in the House of Commons.

Britain has had Europe's deadliest coronavirus outbreak, with more than 120,000 deaths. Faced with a dominant virus variant that scientists say is both more transmissible and more deadly than the original virus, the country has spent much of the winter under a tight lockdown — the third since March 2020. Bars, restaurants, gyms, schools, hair salons and nonessential shops are closed, people are urged not to travel out of their local area and foreign holidays are illegal.

That will begin to change, slowly, on March 8, when children go back to

school and people are allowed to meet one friend or relative for a chat or picnic outdoors. Three weeks later, people will be able to meet in small groups outdoors for sports or relaxation.

Under the government plan, shops and hairdressers will reopen April 12. So will pubs and restaurants, though only outdoors. Indoor venues such as theaters and cinemas, and indoor seating in bars and restaurants, are scheduled to open May 17, and limited crowds will be able to return to sports stadiums. It is also the earliest date Britons may be allowed foreign holidays.

The final stage of the plan, in which all legal limits on social contact are removed and nightclubs can reopen after 15 months of closure, is set for June 21.

The government says the dates could all be postponed if infections rise.

The measures being announced apply to England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland all have slightly different lockdowns in place, with some children returning to class in Scotland and Wales on Monday.

Hopes for a return to normality rest largely on Britain's fast-moving inoculation program that has given more than 17.5 million people, a third of the country's adult population, the first of two doses of vaccine. The government aims to give every adult a shot of vaccine by July 31.

— From wire reports

deaths from the virus in the U.S. were in early February 2020. It took four months to reach the first 100,000 deaths. The toll hit 200,000 in September and 300,000 in December, then took just over a month to go from 300,000 to 400,000 and another month to climb from 400,000 to 500,000.

The U.S. recorded an estimated 405,000 deaths in World War II, 58,000 in the Vietnam War and 36,000 in the Korean War.

Average daily deaths and cases have plummeted in the past few

weeks. Virus deaths have fallen from more than 4,000 reported on some days in January to an average of fewer than 1,900 per day.

But experts warn that dangerous variants could cause the trend to reverse itself. And some experts say not enough Americans have been inoculated yet for the vaccine to be making much of a difference.

Instead, the drop-off in deaths and cases has been attributed to the passing of the holidays; the cold and bleak days of midwinter, when many people stay home;

and better adherence to mask rules and social distancing.

Dr. Ryan Stanton, an emergency room physician in Lexington, Kentucky, who has treated scores of COVID-19 patients, said he never thought the U.S. deaths would be so high.

"I was one of those early ones that thought this may be something that may hit us for a couple months ... I definitely thought we would be done with it before we got into the fall. And I definitely didn't see it heading off into 2021," Stanton said.

Nation/World BRIEFS

Greece



Associated Press

Police detain a protestor at the University of Thessaloniki in northern Greece, on Monday, Feb. 22. Police clashed with protesters and detained more than 30 people in Greece's second-largest city Monday during a demonstration against a new campus security law.

Cherokee chief: Time for Jeep to end use of tribe's name

TAHLEQUAH — It is time for Jeep to stop using the Cherokee Nation's name on its Cherokee and Grand Cherokee SUVs, the chief of the Oklahoma-based tribe said.

Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said in a statement first reported by Car & Driver magazine that he believes corporations and sports teams should stop using Native American names, images and mascots as nicknames or on their products.

"I'm sure this comes from a place that is well-intended, but it does not honor us by having our name plastered on the side of a car," Hoskin said.

Kristin Starnes, a spokeswoman for Jeep's parent company, Amsterdam-based Stellantis, said in a statement that the vehicle name was carefully selected "and nurtured over the years to honor and celebrate Native American people for their nobility, prowess and pride." She didn't say whether the company was considering renaming the vehicles and didn't immediately reply to an email requesting that information.

Virginia lawmakers vote to abolish the death penalty

RICHMOND, Va. — State lawmakers gave final approval Monday to legislation that will end capital punishment in Virginia, a dramatic turnaround for a state that has executed more people in its long history than any other.

The legislation repealing the death penalty now heads to Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam, who has said he will sign it into law, making Virginia the 23rd state to stop executions.

"There's a realization that it is time to end this outdated practice that tends to bring more harm to victims' family members than providing us any comfort or solace," said Rachel Sutphin, whose father, Cpl. Eric Sutphin, was fatally shot in 2006 while working for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

William Morva, the man convicted of killing Eric Sutphin, was executed in 2017. Two years later, Rachel Sutphin was one of 13 family members of murder victims who sent a letter to the General Assembly asking lawmakers to abolish the death penalty.

"By voting for abolition, we are showing the way, that if Virginia — the state with the longest history and the most people executed — if we can do it, so can other states," Rachel Sutphin said.

Family of Americans held in Iran want any deal to free them

The family of a father and son detained for years in Iran appealed Monday to

President Joe Biden to make the freeing of Iranian American detainees a condition of any deals or concessions with that country.

"It is beyond outrageous for Iran to continue playing with my father's life," said Babak Namazi, whose 84-year-old father, Baquer Namazi, is marking his fifth year under Iranian control.

The Biden administration and Iranian officials have signaled to each other in recent months that they want to reenter a 2015 nuclear pact, in which Iran accepts limits on its nuclear program in exchange for easing of international sanctions. The Obama administration entered the deal, only to have the Trump administration pull out in favor of what the U.S. called a "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran instead.

Baquer Namazi, a former UNICEF representative, was detained in 2016 when he traveled to Tehran to try to win the release of his son Siamak Namazi, a businessman detained in Iran a year earlier.

Canada's Trudeau, Cabinet abstain from China genocide vote

TORONTO — Canada's House of Commons voted Monday to declare that China is committing genocide against more than 1 million Uighurs in the western Xinjiang region but Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Cabinet abstained from the vote.

The non-binding motion passed 266-0 as virtually all but Trudeau and his Cabinet voted for the measure that also called on the International Olympic Committee to move the 2022 Winter Olympics from Beijing.

A senior government official said declaring something in Parliament is not going to adequately get results in China and that work with international allies and partners is needed. The official spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

Microsoft, EU publishers seek Australia-style news payments

LONDON — Microsoft is teaming up with European publishers to push for a system to make big tech platforms pay for news, raising the stakes in the brewing battle led by Australia to get Google and Facebook to pay for journalism.

The Seattle tech giant and four big European Union news industry groups unveiled their plan Monday to work together on a solution to "mandate payments" for use of news content from online "gatekeepers with dominant market power."

They said they will "take inspiration" from proposed legislation in Australia to force tech platforms to share revenue with news companies and which includes an arbitration system to resolve disputes over a fair price for news.

— From wire reports

Biden AG pick grilled by lawmakers

MICHAEL BALSAMO, ERIC TUCKER AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Merrick Garland, President Joe Biden's attorney general nominee, vowed Monday to prioritize combating extremist violence with an initial focus on the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol as he sought to assure lawmakers that the Justice Department would remain politically independent on his watch.

A federal appeals court judge who was snubbed by Republicans for a seat on the Supreme Court in 2016, Garland is now among Biden's most widely

supported nominees, putting him on track for a quick confirmation potentially within days. He will inherit a Justice Department that endured a tumultuous era under former president Donald Trump — rife with political drama and controversial decisions — and that faced abundant criticism from Democrats over what they saw as the politicizing of the nation's top law enforcement agencies.

Garland sought repeatedly Monday to assure members of the Senate Judiciary Committee that he would stay above the fray of politics. He emphasized that he had never spoken to



Merrick Garland

Biden about the federal tax investigation into his son, Hunter Biden, and pledged to resign as attorney general if needed to stand up to the White House — though he said he didn't expect that would be necessary "with this president."

"I have grown pretty immune to any kind of pressure, other than the pressure to do what I think is the right thing, given the facts and the law. That is what I intend to do as the attorney general," Garland said. "I don't care who pressures me in whatever direction."

The positive reception for Garland illustrated that senators are ready to move

forward after his name became synonymous with a bitter, four-year partisan battle over Supreme Court nominations during the Trump presidency. But while praising Garland for his record and his temperament, Republicans who denied Garland a seat on the high court made clear that they will not give him a free pass if he is confirmed.

"I just want to say I like you, I respect you, and I think you are a good pick for this job," said Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley, the top Republican on the panel and the former chairman who refused to hold confirmation hearings for Garland in 2016. "But I have a lot of questions about how you are going to run the Department of Justice."

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HEALTH NOTES

Learn about plant-based nutrition

Wondering what all this chatter about eating plant-based is all about? "Plant-Based Nutrition 101," a one-hour online seminar, will briefly discuss the health benefits associated with eating a whole-food, plant-based (WFPB) diet — such as decreased heart disease, diabetes and cancer. It will also address some of the common myths associated with this way of eating, such as "what about my protein and calcium?"

Deirdre Sweeney, a Nurse Practitioner for 17 years who also has a certificate in Plant-Based Nutrition for eCornell, will present this lecture, the first in a new series.

The webinar is at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 4. Register at www.deirdresweeney.com/events, email deirdre@deirdresweeney.com or call 617-997-7467 with any questions.

Learn about relief for joint pain

Citrus Memorial Rehab and Aquatics facilities throughout Citrus County will offer small, in-person classes throughout 2021. Masks will be required and seating will be limited to ensure safe social distancing. "Relief for Joint Pain" seminars are guided by a physical therapist who will walk attendees through causes of joint pain, diagnosis and the variety of treatment options available. Those who experience hip, knee or shoulder pain will benefit from the presentation that will rotate throughout the county.

The classes will be held in the following locations:

Homosassa — Citrus Memorial Rehab and Aquatics at 7945 S. Suncoast Blvd.

- Feb. 24
- May 26
- Aug. 25
- Nov. 17

Inverness — Citrus Memorial Rehab and Aquatics at 810 Medical Court E.

- March 30
- June 29

- Sept. 28
 - Dec. 28
- Crystal River — Citrus Memorial Rehab and Aquatics at 6043 Nordling Loop
- April 29
 - July 29
 - Oct. 28

RBOI has supplies for cancer patients

If you are in need of scarfs, wigs, or other helpful items for those going through cancer treatments, call Medical Social Worker Wendy Hall, LCSW, at 352-527-0106. Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute in Lecanto has a resource room with more than 100 wigs available for free. Stop in the Lecanto office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call to make an appointment.

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

assistance. Many services including Zoom meetings for support and education are available for patients with cancer, and their loved ones. Call 352-527-0106. www.friendsofcitrus.org.


Learn to relax with Reiki Share

Reiki Share, a noninvasive, energy-based approach to relaxation and healing, helps the body heal itself physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually while improving balance, health and well-being.


It is just one of the wellness programs offered by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast at its Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs.

Three 15-minute Reiki Share sessions are held the second Saturday of each month starting at 10 a.m.

For more information or to join this program that follows CDC guidelines, call 352-249-1470.




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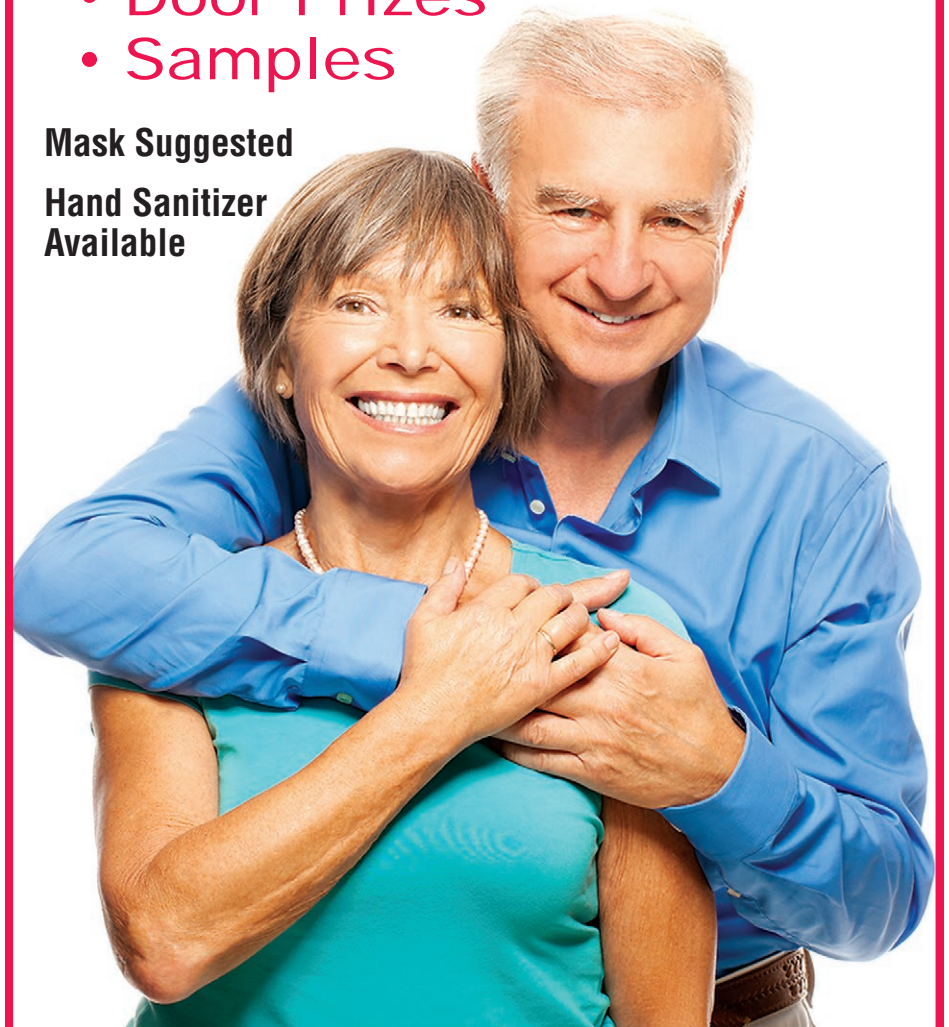
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HEALTH NOTES

Orthopedic surgeon sets seminar March 16

Citrus Memorial Hospital's Orthopedic and Spine Center of Excellence will present an orthopedic seminar featuring orthopedic surgeon Dr. Avinash Jadhav. The seminar will be open to the community at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA, 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto.

"Relief for Hip, Knee and Shoulder Pain" will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, and will focus on the causes of joint pain, diagnosis and available treatment options.

Those who are experiencing joint pain, have difficulty standing or walking or who experience trouble with daily activity due to joint issues would benefit from this seminar. Seating is limited, RSVP is required. Call 352-637-3337 or visit citrusmh.com.

A new doctor in town:

Dr. Nelson Mañé

Dr. Nelson Mañé is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Mañé received his medical degree from the University of Science, Arts and Technology and completed his residency at Ocala Regional Medical Center through the University of Central Florida.

He is currently the associate program director of the University of South Florida School of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program at Citrus Memorial Hospital, where he is also a member of the Core Faculty. Dr. Mañé routinely presents Health Literacy Campaigns in the community.

Prior to completing his medical training, Dr. Mañé practiced as a chiropractic physician for over 25 years. He was board-certified in chiropractic neurology and chiropractic orthopedics.

Dr. Mañé was born and raised in New York, is bilingual in English and Spanish and is married with two adult sons.

Annual baby shower reimaged

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus Baby Shower planning team announces the 2021 Drive-Thru and Virtual Presentation Baby Shower will begin with a drive-thru day on Tuesday, April 20, where families will come to pick up their educational goodie bag. The drive-thru will take place at the UF Extension Services office in Lecanto with two sessions for families to drive-thru; first from 1-2 p.m. and second from 6-7 p.m. Event Facebook

page: <http://bit.ly/2021Citrus>.

After the drive-thru event, families will have a week to read through the information shared in their goodie bags from the partner agencies. Complete an online registration and educational evaluation to be entered in prize drawings. Prize winners will be selected live at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, via Zoom. <http://bit.ly/CitrusPresentation>.

Partner information

Community Partners will be able to include educational

materials and information in the participant goodie bags. Agencies can drop off or mail their materials to the UF Extension Services office, 3650 W. Sovereign Path in Lecanto, no later than April 9. The event organizers plan to prepare 200 bags.

■ Five volunteers are needed to help assemble the goodie bags at 10 a.m. April 13 at the UF Extension office.

■ Five volunteers are also needed to help hand out the goodie bags at each session of the drive-thru event on Tuesday,

April 20, at the UF Extension Office; from either 1-2 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. Volunteers are asked to show up 30 minutes prior to the event to setup the goodie bag stations. The next planning team meeting will be at 10 a.m. March 10 via Zoom. The agenda and link will come next month.

To register as a community partner or sign up to volunteer, contact Blaire Elizabeth Cope, community relations specialist with WellFlorida Council in Gainesville, at 352-228-9047 or bcpe@wellflorida.org.



MetroCreative

Let's Walk, Florida! is a statewide, virtual healthy lifestyle education program and physical activity challenge that kicks off March 15.

Let's Walk, Florida! starts March 15

Special to the Chronicle

Do you have 30 minutes a day for a healthier you? Then join us for Let's Walk, Florida! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week.

Walking offers an accessible form of physical activity that does not require pricey gym memberships or special equipment, has a vast number

of health benefits, and can be done at your leisure.

Let's Walk, Florida! is a statewide, virtual healthy lifestyle education program and physical activity challenge that kicks off March 15. During this 10-week program, you will receive weekly eGuides, engage in weekly eConnections with a local health educator and other residents from your county, and track and report your physical activity minutes. This virtual community provides the education, support, and

accountability needed to improve your health.

What can you do for your health in 30 minutes a day? When coupled with healthy eating, meeting physical activity recommendations for your age and activity level promotes mental and physical wellness, weight management, and chronic disease prevention and management.

The goal of Let's Walk, Florida! is to build a community where healthy eating and an active lifestyle become lifetime habits. Even though the title of the program is Let's Walk, participants are encouraged to track and report any

moderate-intensity cardiovascular activity. Top performers will also compete for gift cards and other prizes at the county or state level. All program completers will receive a certificate and medal. Program registration is \$15.

This program is open to individuals, families, and organized teams. For more information about this program and to register, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/letswalkflorida>.

Call Sarah Ellis or Stephanie Clamer at the Citrus County Extension Office for more information at 352-527-5700.

What to consider when choosing dentures or implants

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 ahead 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.

My general rule of thumb is to save your own teeth if they appear to be able to last a long enough time once restored. Though we as dentists can do incredible things, your God-given

teeth are the standard to which we are held.

This sort of decision needs to be based on your specific desires regarding your dentistry. Each patient has a different needs and wants list.

I usually use this list along with my findings to come up with a few different plans that can work for the patient. Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each of these plans is imperative. Without this discussion, it 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 the 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.

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 make it would work for him.

Once again, a face to face conversation, along with his needs and wants list, lead us to the right decision.

I hope this has helped in some way. Please consider a second opinion on the direction you should take. If the dentist you go to does not discuss things that are tailored to you based on a comprehensive examination and discussion, you might want to keep searching for someone who will. Best of luck to you.

Dr. Frank Vascimini is a dentist practicing in Homosassa. Email DrVascimini@MasterpieceDentalStudio.com.

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Career-high points for Drake's Joseph Yesufu in the Bulldogs' 74-63 victory Monday night over Evansville.



Joseph Yesufu

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Archer eager to re-establish himself with Rays

Former All-Star back with AL champions

FRED GOODALL
AP sports writer

Chris Archer is back in familiar surroundings, eager to re-establish himself with the Tampa Bay Rays.

The 32-year-old right-hander is three seasons removed from being a two-time All-Star and the ace of a rotation the AL champions are revamping after losing to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series last fall.

Archer, who was with Tampa Bay from 2012 to 2018, signed a one-year, \$6.5 million contract to rejoin the Rays after missing all of the 2020 pandemic-shortened season with the Pittsburgh Pirates while recovering from surgery to relieve symptoms of neurogenic thoracic outlet syndrome.

The Rays, who have made the playoffs the past two seasons, traded him to the Pirates on July 31, 2018, as part of a deal that brought Tampa Bay right-hander Tyler Glasnow, outfielder

Austin Meadows and minor league pitching prospect Shane Baz.

Archer hasn't pitched in a major league game since August 2019. He went 6-12 with a 4.92 ERA over 33 starts with Pittsburgh and is excited to have a second chance with his former team, which continues to make additions to the pitching staff.

Veteran right-hander Collin McHugh, who opted out of last season with Boston while recovering from a flexor strain in his pitching arm, finalized a \$1.8 million, one-year deal announced Monday.

Meanwhile, free agent reliever Chaz Roe re-signed for one-year, \$1.15 million after missing most of 2020 with elbow soreness.

To make room on the 40-man roster, right-handers Yonny Chirinos (Tommy John surgery) and Oliver Drake (right flexor tendon strain) were placed on the 60-day injured list.

Archer jokes it was good to not need to use GPS to find his way to spring training in Port Charlotte, Florida.

"The familiarity, the comfort is amazing. ... There are some new



Associated Press

Pittsburgh starter Chris Archer pitches Aug. 20, 2019, against Washington in Pittsburgh. Archer is back in familiar surroundings, eager to re-establish himself with the Tampa Bay Rays.

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Lightning the lamp



Associated Press

Tampa Bay left wing Ondrej Palat, left, reacts after his goal against Carolina during the third period Monday in Raleigh, N.C. Carolina defenseman Brady Skjei (76) looks on. The Lightning snapped a long scoreless streak against the Hurricanes in a 4-2 victory.

Palat, Stamkos, Hedman help Lightning beat Hurricanes 4-2

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Ondrej Palat snapped a tie 8:04 into the third period, and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Carolina Hurricanes 4-2 on Monday night.

Palat, Steven Stamkos and Victor Hedman each had a goal and an assist for the Lightning, who were shut out in each of their first two matchups with the Hurricanes this season.

Stamkos got the Lightning on the board early in the second, and Palat picked up his seventh goal when he poked his own rebound off the skates of Carolina defenseman Brady Skjei and goalie James Reimer before it went into the net.

Hedman scored his fourth goal in the second and Alex Killorn added a late empty-netter to clinch it for the Lightning, who had lost three of four: Andrei Vasilevskiy finished with 34 saves for Tampa Bay.

Jesper Fast scored his first two goals for Carolina. Reimer made 28 saves, including 11 in the first period.

The Hurricanes had won two straight and five of six.

The Lightning entered Monday having gone nearly 156 minutes of game time and more than seven periods since last finding the back of the net against the Hurricanes.

Stamkos stopped that drought when he one-timed a feed from Hedman on the left side at 2:26 of the second.

Before that goal, Tampa Bay hadn't scored against Carolina since Brayden Point's second-period goal in a 3-1 win in January 2020.

Lightning center Alex Barre-Boulet played 12 minutes in his NHL debut.

The 23-year-old is an undrafted player who signed with the organization in 2018 and went on to become the American Hockey League rookie of the year a year later. He scored 64 goals at the AHL level with Syracuse, with three coming this season.

Panthers 3, Stars 1

SUNRISE — Aaron Ekblad and Keith Yandle scored, Chris Driedger made 24 saves and the Florida Panthers beat the slumping,

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Quiet week for AP Top 25

Associated Press

Gonzaga's bid for a wire-to-wire run at No. 1 keeps chugging along.

Baylor is still right there with the Zags.

Gonzaga received 60 first-place votes from a media panel in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll released on Monday, picking up one vote from last week. The second-ranked Bears received the other four first-place votes in a week of little change.

Gonzaga and Baylor have been 1-2 all season.

Michigan, Ohio State and Illinois rounded out the top five for the second straight week. The Buckeyes held their ground despite losing 92-87 to the Wolverines on Saturday.

The Zags (22-0, 13-0 West Coast Conference) ran over Saint Mary's and San Diego last week in their bid to become the first wire-to-wire No. 1 since Kentucky in 2014-15.

Gonzaga has won 26 consecutive games after blowing out San Diego 106-69 on Saturday and hasn't really been tested despite playing one of the nation's toughest schedules.

"We're just becoming more mature and understand that just winning these games doesn't necessarily mean we're going to get a guaranteed national championship," guard Andrew Nembhard said. "We have to raise our level and keep improving every day so that's what we've been trying to do. It's kind of shown in our play lately."

Baylor (17-0, 9-0 Big 12) held its season-long spot at No. 2 despite having three more games postponed due to COVID-19 issues. The Bears have not played since beating Texas on Feb. 2 and have had eight games postponed this season.

Baylor is scheduled to play Iowa State on Tuesday.

Alabama moved up two spots to No. 6 this week, its highest ranking since reaching No. 4 in 2006-07.

The Crimson Tide are 13-1 in SEC play, 3 1/2 games ahead of No. 20 Arkansas and LSU.

No. 9 Iowa and No. 10 West Virginia returned to the top 10 this week.

No new teams moved in or out of the poll this week. ... No. 11 Florida State had the biggest jump, gaining five spots after beating Pittsburgh. ... No. 12 Houston lost six spots to drop out of the top 10 for the first time since Jan. 11 after losing to Wichita State and beating Cincinnati last week. ... No. 15 Virginia dropped eight spots after losses to Duke and Florida State last week. ... No. 20 Arkansas has its highest ranking since

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BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 21, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Prv. Lists top 25 teams including Gonzaga, Baylor, Michigan, Ohio St., Illinois, Alabama, etc.

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma St. 92, Belmont 80, Purdue 53, Oregon 53, LSU 32, BYU 19, Drake 19, UCLA 17, Clemson 13, Colorado 8, North Carolina 6, Wichita St. 6, Boise St. 5, Toledo 4, UC Santa Barbara 2, Western Kentucky 2, Winthrop 2, Xavier 2.

Women's AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 21, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Prv. Lists top 25 teams including UConn, NC State, Texas A&M, Stanford, South Carolina, etc.

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma St. 16, Northwestern 11, Florida Gulf Coast 8, Stephen F Austin 6, Virginia Tech 5, South Dakota 3, Georgia Tech 3, BYU 3, Marquette 1.

NBA standings

Table showing NBA standings for Eastern and Western Conferences, including Atlantic, Southeast, Central, Northwest, Pacific, and Monday's Games.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

Table showing NHL standings for Eastern and Central Divisions, including East, West, and Monday's Games.

Florida LOTTERY

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

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Sunday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 8-10-11-18-32 5-of-5 CB No winner, 5-of-5 2 winners \$88,320.55 5-of-5 No winner, 4-of-5 218 \$130.50, 3-of-5 7,835 \$10, Cash 4 Life: 6-9-44-51-54, Cash Ball: 2

On the AIRWAVES

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3 p.m. (ACCN) Virginia Military Institute at Virginia COLLEGE BASKETBALL, 7 p.m. (ACCN) Notre Dame at Louisville, 7 p.m. (ESPN) Florida at Auburn, 7 p.m. (ESPN2) West Virginia at TCU, 7 p.m. (ESPNU) Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Prairie View A&M, 7 p.m. (FS1) Illinois at Michigan State, 7 p.m. (SEC) LSU at Georgia, 7 p.m. (SUN) Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, 8 p.m. (BTN) Penn State at Nebraska, 9 p.m. (ESPN) Kansas at Texas, 9 p.m. (ESPN2) Oklahoma at Kansas State, 9 p.m. (FS1) Connecticut at Georgetown, 9 p.m. (SEC) Ole Miss at Missouri

NBA

2 p.m. (NBA) NBA G League: Long Island Nets vs G League Ignite (Taped), 3 p.m. (ESPN2) NBA G League: Lakeland Magic vs Westchester Knicks, 7 p.m. (FSNFL) Detroit Pistons at Orlando Magic, 7:30 p.m. (TNT) Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks, 10 p.m. (TNT) Portland Trail Blazers at Denver Nuggets

NHL

7 p.m. (NBCSPT) Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals, PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER, 12:55 p.m. (NBCSPT) Leeds United vs Southampton, WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL, 5 p.m. (BTN) Purdue at Indiana

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TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

BASEBALL

6 p.m. Newberry at Seven Rivers, 6:30 p.m. Crystal River at Citrus, 7 p.m. Hernando at Lecanto, BOYS TENNIS, 3 p.m. Citrus at Springstead, 3:30 p.m. Crystal River at Weeki Wachee, GIRLS TENNIS, 3 p.m. Weeki Wachee at Crystal River, 4 p.m. Nature Coast at Lecanto, SOFTBALL, 7 p.m. Lecanto at Weeki Wachee, 7 p.m. Citrus at Hernando

Table with 8 columns: GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Lists prep teams like St. Louis, Vegas, Colorado, Los Angeles, Arizona, Minnesota, San Jose, Anaheim.

North Division

Table with 8 columns: GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Lists prep teams like Toronto, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, Calgary, Vancouver, Ottawa.

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 3, Buffalo 2, Calgary 3, Toronto 0, Florida 3, Dallas 1, Tampa Bay 4, Carolina 2, Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 0, Anaheim at Arizona, late, Vegas at Colorado, late, Minnesota at San Jose, late, Today's Games: Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m., Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m., Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m., Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m., Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m., Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL Major League Baseball American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Claimed RHP Joel Payamps off waivers from Toronto. Placed OF Franchy Cordero on the COVID-19 injured list. KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Brad Brach on a minor league contract. OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with RHP Trevor Rosenthal on a one-year contract. Designated CF Dustin Fowler for assignment. SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with SS Fernando Tatis on a 14-year contract. SEATTLE MARINERS — Announced the resignation of president and CEO Kevin Mather. TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed RHPs Yonny Chirinos and Oliver Drake on the 60-day IL. Agreed to terms with RHPs Chaz Roe and Collin McHugh on minor league contracts. NATIONAL LEAGUE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with 3B Asdrubal Cabrera on a one-year contract. Placed RHP Luis Frias on the injured list. ATLANTA BRAVES — Claimed OF Phillip Ervin off waivers from the Chicago Cubs. MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with LHP Brett Anderson on a one-year contract. FOOTBALL National Football League INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed LT Anthony Costanzo on the reserve/retired list. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WR River Cracraft to a one-year extension. HOCKEY National Hockey League ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled RW Hudson Fasching from Tucson (AHL). Assigned C Barrett Hayton and D Kyle Capobianco to Tucson (AHL). Designated C Michael Chaput for assignment to the taxi squad. BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled D Brandon Davidson from the taxi squad to the active roster. CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled G Artyom Zagidulin from the taxi squad to the active roster. CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled LW Steven Lorentz from the taxi squad to the active roster. FLORIDA PANTHERS — Designated D Riley Stillman for assignment to the taxi squad. Assigned LW Scott Wilson to Syracuse (AHL). LOS ANGELES KINGS — Designated D Austin Strand for assignment to the taxi squad. MONTREAL CANADIENS — Designated RW Paul Byron and C Jake Evans for assignment to the taxi squad. NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Designated D Ben Harpur for assignment to the taxi squad. Recalled C Sean Malone from the taxi squad to the active roster. NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled RWs Oliver Wahlstrom and Austin Czarnik from the taxi squad to the active roster. NEW YORK RANGERS — Granted LW Artemi Panarin a leave of absence. OTTAWA SENATORS — Designated LW Michael Haley and D Braydon Coburn for assignment to the taxi squad. Recalled C Artem Anisimov from the taxi squad to the active roster. Assigned RW Logan Shaw to Belleville (AHL). TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled RW Alexander Barabanov and G Joseph Wolf from the taxi squad to the active roster. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Designated Ds Yannick Weber and Kevin Czuczman for assignment to the taxi squad. Assigned G Alex D'Orio to Wheeling (AHL). American Hockey League AHL — Suspended Wilkes-Barre/Scranton F Kyle Olson one game for an elbowing incident during a Feb. 20 game at Hershey. SOCCER Major League Soccer MLS — Named Sola Winley executive vice president and chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer. ATLANTA UNITED — Loaned F Adam Jahn to Orange County SC (USL Championship). Acquired M Franco Ibarra from the Argentino Juniors (Argentine Primera). NASHVILLE SC — Acquired D Nick Hinds from Seattle in exchange for \$50,000 in general allocation money.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wolves hire Chris Finch after firing Ryan Saunders

MINNEAPOLIS — For the 10th time in the past 15 years, the Minnesota Timberwolves have a new head coach. Toronto assistant Chris Finch was introduced Monday as the replacement for Ryan Saunders, who was fired the night before with the team carrying the NBA's worst record. President of basketball operations Gersson Rosas made the change on the bench to the 51-year-old Finch, who was in his first season with the Raptors. They worked together in Houston, where Finch was an assistant (2011-16) and Rosas was a basketball operations executive. Finch has 24 years of coaching experience, roughly half of that in Europe. Saunders went 43-94 after taking over on an interim basis on Jan. 6, 2019, when Tom Thibodeau was fired.

Mariners CEO Mather resigns after comments

Seattle Mariners president and CEO Kevin Mather resigned Monday following the emergence of video where he expressed opinions about organizational strategy and his views on some players. Mariners Chairman John Stanton said Mather's comments were inappropriate and do not represent the views of the franchise. Mather's resignation is effective immediately. Stanton will take on the roles of CEO and team president on an interim basis. "There is no excuse for what was said, and I won't try to make one," Stanton said in a statement. "I offer my sincere apology on behalf of the club and my partners to our players and fans. We must be, and do, better." Mather issued an apology late Sunday for his comments, which were made Feb. 5 to the Bellevue, Washington, Breakfast Rotary Club and were posted online over the weekend. The video posted by the Rotary group was 46 minutes long and touched on areas of the Mariners' organizational situation going into the 2021 season — many of which Seattle's front office would rather not be made public.

Ganassi suspended, fined \$30,000 for violation

DAYTONA BEACH — Chip Ganassi was fined \$30,000 and suspended one race for bringing a guest into the NASCAR pit area at Daytona International Speedway. NASCAR said the team owner violated its COVID-19 guidelines by bringing a nonessential individual into the restricted competition area. Ganassi cannot return to competition areas Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway. NASCAR expanded its bubble beginning with the Daytona 500 to permit team owners into the garage; they were not considered essential personnel last season and had to watch races from a suite on the other side of the track. The penalty for Ganassi does not impact his two teams or drivers Kurt Busch and Ross Chastain. Bulls hand Rockets eighth straight loss HOUSTON — Coby White scored 24 points, and the Chicago Bulls used a big third quarter to pull away for a 120-100 win over the short-handed Houston Rockets on Monday night. Zach LaVine scored 14 of Chicago's 46 third-quarter points, finishing with 21, as the Bulls outscored the Rockets by 20 points in the quarter to break open a tight game. Chicago had runs of 15-4 and 12-0 in the period. During that second burst, Houston missed four shots, two of which were air balls, and had a turnover. David Nwaba scored 22 points off the bench to lead Houston, which has lost eight straight. The Rockets had their previous two games postponed because of a winter storm and subsequent utility outages in the Houston area. Mavs return, cruise past Grizzlies 102-92 DALLAS — Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 20 of his 29 points while Dallas built a big first-half lead without much help from Luka Doncic, and the Mavericks returned from a weather-induced break with a 102-92 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night. Dallas was playing for the first time in eight days after two postponements because of a wintry weather blast in Texas. Kristaps Porzingis didn't play after showing up on the injury report the day of the game with back stiffness. Doncic scored 14 of his 21 points after halftime in his first game since the soon-to-be 22-year-old became the first Dallas player to be voted an All-Star starter in consecutive seasons. The Slovenian star's franchise record of 14 consecutive games with at least 25 points ended.

— From wire reports

ARCHER

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players, some new faces on the players side, but the staff is pretty much the same," Archer said. "It's kind of a cool dynamic. There are some younger guys who have some admiration for me, but I have a lot of admiration for what these guys have done these last two years," he added. "It's a really nice balance." Archer is 60-80 with a 3.86 ERA in 212 career appearances over portions of eight seasons. He was an All-Star with the Rays in 2015 and 2017 and ranks fourth on the club's career list in wins (54), third in innings pitched (1,063) and second in starts (177) and strikeouts (1,146). "We're all very excited for Arch. He seems to be in a really good spot physically, mentally," manager Kevin Cash said. "He's got an infectious

personality I think can really be a benefit to a group of players that are a lot like him and like to come to the ballpark to compete and play." Archer has been a full participant in workouts since reporting to camp and is targeting the first week of March for his first exhibition appearance. "It's penciled in," said the right-hander, vying for a spot in a rotation replacing two starters after declining an option on right-hander Charlie Morton and trading lefty Blake Snell — moves that thrust Glasnow into the role of No. 1 starter. "My gratitude obviously comes from being healthy ... but also just the opportunity to do what we do," said Archer, who rehabbed away from the Pirates in California. "Each day that went by, and as my health got better," he added of his time away from the game last summer, "I continued to get hungrier and hungrier."

NHL

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rusty Dallas Stars 3-1. Aleksander Barkov scored an empty-net goal to seal the Panthers' sixth win in eight games. Blake Comeau scored for Dallas, and Anton Khudobin stopped 49 of 51 shots. Islanders 3, Sabres 2 UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Jean-Gabriel Pageau scored a tiebreaking power-play goal in the third period and Semyon Varlamov made 33 saves, leading the New York Islanders to a 3-2 win over the last-place

Buffalo Sabres. Pageau got his seventh goal at 15:08 when he banged in a rebound on the backhand after Oliver Wahlstrom's initial shot with stopped by Buffalo goaltender Linus Ullmark. Flames 3, Maple Leafs 0 TORONTO — David Rittich made 34 saves for his first shutout of the season and fourth of his career as the Calgary Flames beat NHL-leading Toronto 3-0. Matthew Tkachuk and Sean Monahan each had a goal and an assist, and Sam Bennett added a goal for Calgary. Michael Hutchinson stopped 30 shots in a surprise start for Toronto.

TOP 25

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reaching No. 18 in 2014-15 after beating Florida last week. UConn tops women's Top 25 UConn remained the No. 1 team in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll after blowing out its two opponents last week. The Huskies received 28 of 30 first-place votes on Monday from a media panel after holding St. John's and Xavier to 32 points apiece in routs. North Carolina State returned to the No. 2 spot and Texas A&M climbed to third after South Carolina and Louisville — the previous second- and third-ranked teams — lost games. The Wolfpack had a two-week run at No. 2 last month. It's the highest ranking for the Aggies

(20-1), who received one first-place vote, since the 2008-09 season, when they were third for three weeks. Coach Gary Blair's team can win the Southeastern Conference regular-season title with victories over Alabama on Thursday and South Carolina on Sunday. The Gamecocks fell to fifth after losing to Tennessee. Stanford received the remaining first-place vote and moved up to No. 4 in the poll. The Cardinal have a huge Pac-12 showdown against No. 9 Arizona on Monday night. Louisville dropped to No. 6 after losing at Florida State on Sunday. The Cardinals were followed by Baylor, Maryland, Arizona and UCLA. The Bruins had an impressive 27-point victory over then-No. 13 Oregon on Friday night but lost to Oregon State by seven on Sunday. Rutgers entered the poll for the first time this season at No. 25 while Northwestern fell out.

TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 23, 2021. Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes channels like WESH, WEDU, WUFT, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WTVT, WCJB, WCFL, WYKE, WFTS, WMOR, WTTA, WAGX, WTOG, WVEA, WOGX, WXPX, A&E, ACCN, AMC, ANI, BET, BIGTEN, BRAVO, CC, CMT, CNN, ESPN, ESPN2, FBN, FLIX, FNC, FOOD, FREEFORM, FST, FSNFL, FX, GOLF, HALL, HBO, HBO2, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, LMN, MSNBC, NBCSN, NGED, NICK, OWN, OXY, PARM, SEC, SHOW, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TMC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN-A.

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: I was close to all my brothers when we were growing up, especially because we had no extended family around. Our grandparents and aunts and uncles were quite a distance away. All of us really felt it, and the siblings always wanted spouses who could provide what we never had -- a close relationship with our family. Recently, my brother was married, and his wife was quite an adjustment. She is selfish, ungrateful, overbearing, jealous and competitive. She is very proud, does the bare minimum and raves about her work. But my mom will do so much, and my sister-in-law will take advantage of it. The worst thing is that she baits my parents by using my brother and her kids.



DEAR ANNIE

Whenever we try to show her that family is important, she says we are coming in between their marriage. We have come to terms that she has a problem. When she is angry, she just blows up -- a total nut job! We call her a roller coaster because of her mood swings. The thing is my brother is not a strong leader because she won't let him be. I know I sound biased, but really, she will cut him off when he talks, and she can't hold her tongue. I feel that he would rather let her have her way to avoid a fight. She complains about everything! I'm used to it, and it's been a few years, but now she is tearing our whole family apart.

She really struggles with jealousy and is extremely jealous of my other brother and his wife. She cuts them out of family parties. She is a nightmare on vacations and holidays; she always wants things her way. It's becoming too much. How do you deal with one person destroying an entire family? We have tried having open communication without attacking her, but she still goes back to the same story, and now my parents and I are sick of family gatherings. She's become a constant stress! So much so that I don't even want to try anymore. She fights with EVERYONE! Sorry for venting. I'm so tired of her. What do you do when life gives you ... THAT in-law? -- Sister in Despair

Dear Sister in Despair: It sounds like you have a brother in despair. Your sister-in-law is a very insecure and unhappy person. This combination makes for a difficult relationship with anyone, including herself.

With this in mind, instead of focusing on all she has done wrong, maybe you could be more empathetic to your brother and shift your focus to supporting him.

Continue to reach out in ways that you think would benefit him. Maybe it's going for a walk with him or sending him a nice email.

Have an honest conversation with him about your family's concerns with his wife's behavior and confrontational personality.

You might have to take a break from including her at family gatherings if she continues to ruin them.

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Publilius Syrus was a Latin writer who was born in Turkey in 89 B.C. One of his "Sententiae" was: "Many receive advice; few profit by it."

I wonder how many teachers feel like that. None would be an ideal number, but that would be far too optimistic.

I teach a lot of bridge classes, and I am particularly happy when a deal comes along that "agrees"

with one of my Sententiae. Look at today's North hand. Your partner opens one no-trump, showing 15-17 points. What would you do?

One of my students responded two clubs and rebid two no-trump over two spades. South, with a maximum 17 points, immediately went on to game.

As North put down her dummy, she said to me, "I know you recommend not looking for game when our maximum combined count is 25, but I have three 10s as well." Later, I fed this hand into the Kaplan-Rubens evaluation program (available at rprbridge.net).

It gave a result of only 6.85 points! That queen-doubleton was downgraded.

The defenders did well. West led the diamond nine, top of nothing. East took dummy's queen with her king and cashed the jack. West carefully unblocked the eight, and under the diamond ace he threw the diamond seven.

Then East led the four, swallowing West's three. The diamond two and club ace resulted in three no-trump down two.

The top for North-South went to the pair who played in one no-trump. Everyone else was in three no-trump going down one or two. No one was allowed to make the contract.

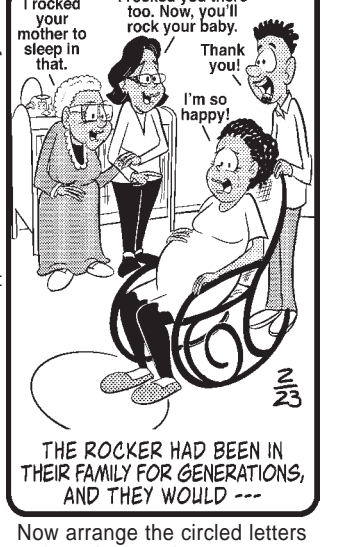
Bridge hand diagram showing North and West hands, dealer South, and a list of cards for each player.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzles: CNRIE, GAMIE, TNARSD, GRIEHH



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Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: CLOWN FUDGE MUMBLE ZIGZAG
Answer: After helping her dad install the floor joists, a crime was -- BEAMING

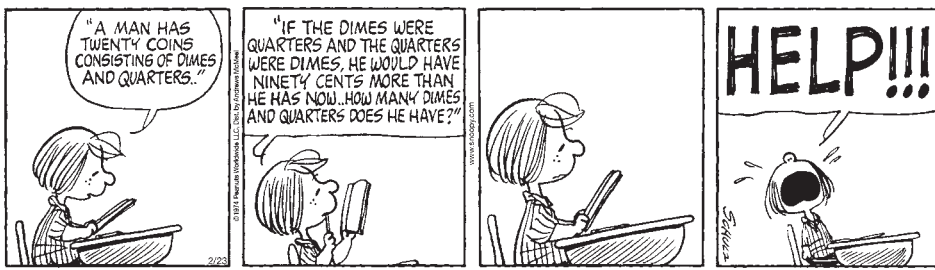
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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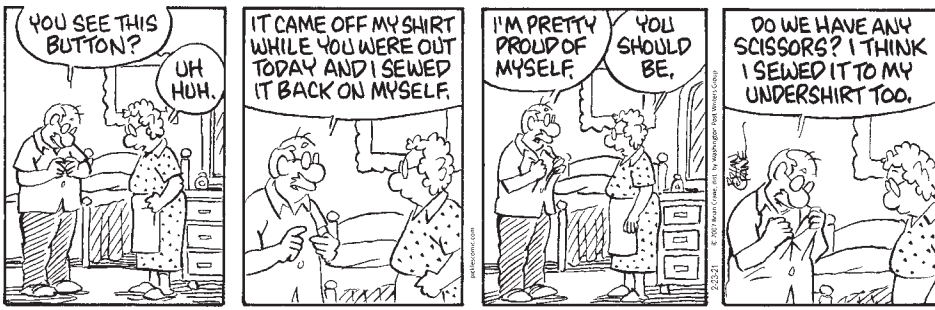
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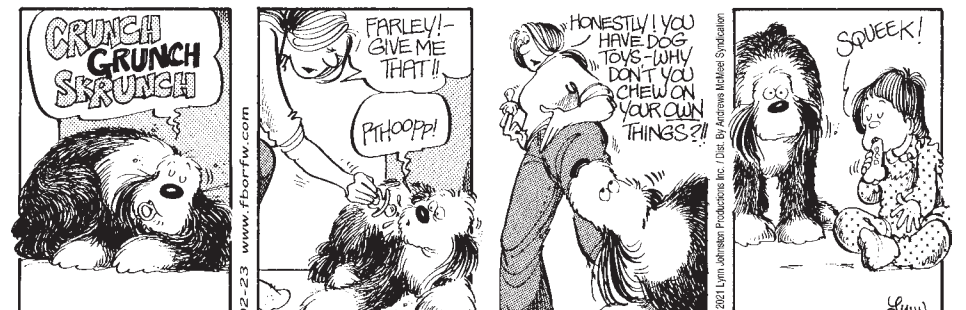
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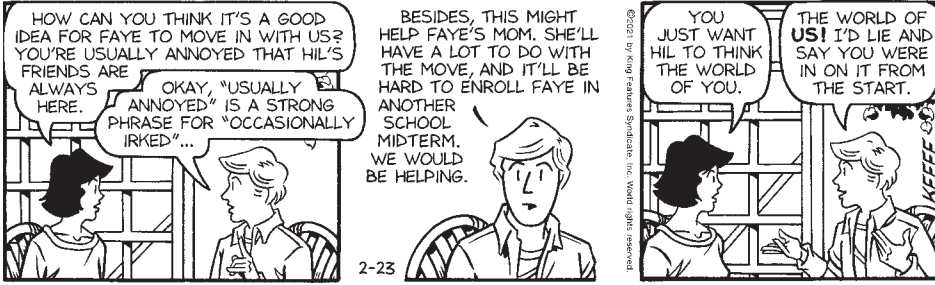
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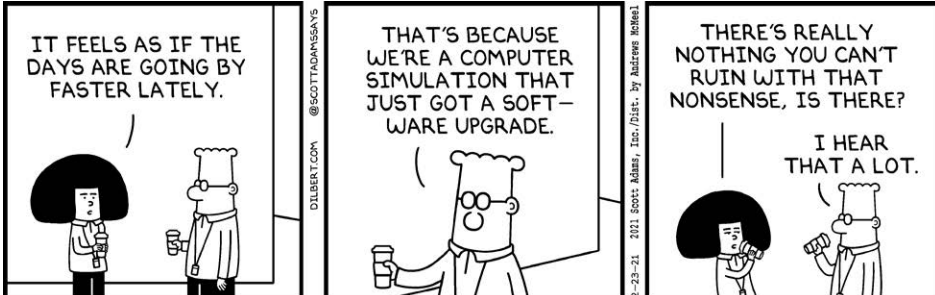
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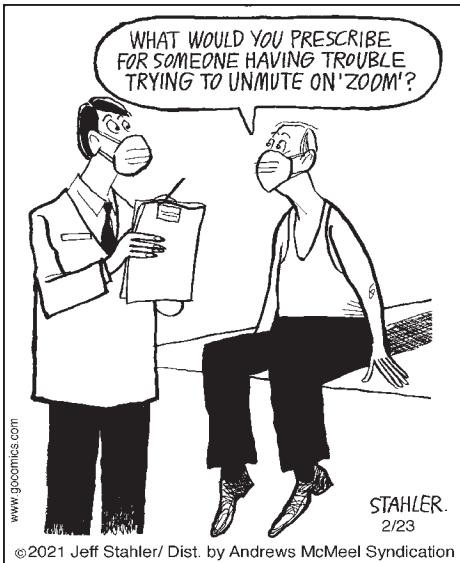
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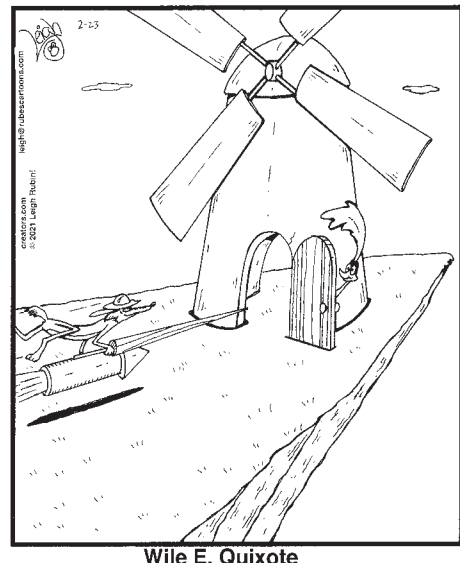
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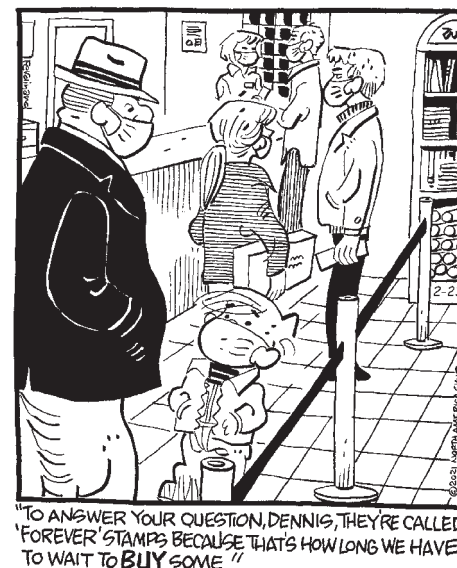
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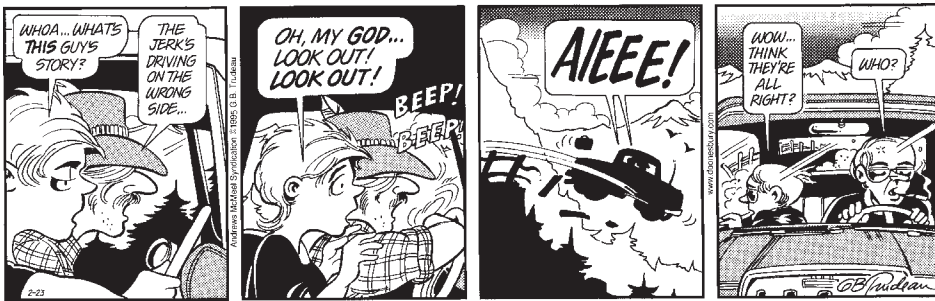
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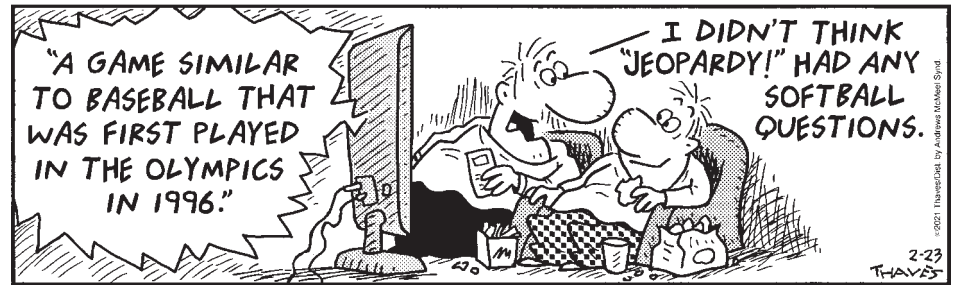
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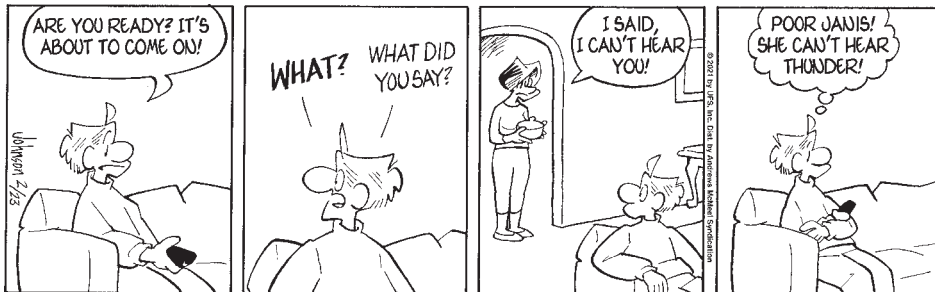
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"Mildred Pierce" (PG) March 1, 1 p.m.
"The Secret Life Of Pets" (PG) March 1, 1 p.m.

- "Spaceballs" (PG) March 5, 7 p.m.
"9 To 5" (PG) March 6, 3 p.m.
"Gigi" (G) March 7, 3 p.m.
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"Fargo" (R) March 12, 7 p.m.
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"Brooklyn" (NR) March 14, 3 p.m.
"The Quiet Man" (NR) March 15, 1 p.m.
"Ratatouille" (G) March 16, 4:30 p.m.
"Twenty Feet From Stardom" (PG-13) March 18, 7 p.m.
"Jerry Maguire" (R) March 19, 7 p.m.
"The Wizard Of Oz" (G) March 20, 3 p.m.
"Dirty Harry" (R) March 21, 3 p.m.
"Finding Nemo" (G) March 23, 4:30 p.m.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: T equals K

"XE PSKKG V JEZ PFOJ BEF CEX'K INTG
BEFVHGIM EV KJG CVSPS EM BEFV
INMG, BEF OSX HKNII MNXC HEPG
OEPGCB NX NK." -- KEPPB IGG YEXGH

Previous Solution: "Real success is not on the stage, but ... as a human being, and how you get along with your fellow man." -- Sammy Davis Jr.

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Solution to Monday's puzzle 2/23/21

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

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 23, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- VIBRAHARPS

(VIBRAHARPS: VYE-bruh-harps: Percussion instruments similar to marimbas.)

Average mark 18 words
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 27 or more words in VIBRAHARPS?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- FINALLY

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|-------|-------|------|------|
| fail | flail | inly | lily |
| fall | flan | naif | liny |
| fill | flay | nail | |
| filly | illy | ally | |
| final | inlay | lain | |

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 He/ —
- 4 Glamorous wrap
- 7 — Raton, Fla.
- 11 NOW cause
- 12 Heavy burden
- 14 Wise old birds
- 15 Bottle cap
- 16 Boost
- 17 — ex machina
- 18 Not genuine
- 20 Gotten up
- 22 Barbie's beau
- 23 Brief time
- 24 Apple drink
- 27 Burger extra
- 30 LGA postings
- 31 Ran away from
- 32 Before now
- 34 Sushi bar selection
- 35 Demand, as for electricity
- 36 Urge
- 37 Song

DOWN

- 1 Lend a hand
- 2 Purple flower
- 3 Crafted
- 4 More daring
- 5 Pungent plant
- 6 —
- 7 Laced vest
- 8 Has debts
- 9 Gumshoe's find
- 10 Part of PGA
- 13 Hid away
- 19 Hawaiian strings
- 21 Oboe feature
- 24 High note
- 25 List detail
- 26 Wide valley
- 27 Potter's medium
- 28 Withered
- 29 Mythical archer
- 31 Alfalfa and clover
- 33 Newsroom VIPs
- 35 Movie workplaces
- 36 Earnest request
- 38 Big name in trains
- 39 Scraped one's shins
- 41 Carnivore's delight (hyph.)
- 42 Type of roast
- 43 Rapier's kin
- 44 Study hard
- 46 Desires
- 47 This, in Havana
- 48 Wonka's creator
- 51 Boathouse gear

Answer to Previous Puzzle

E	V	A		A	C	E	D		L	E	T	
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1. Unfreeze "cole" food (1)

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2. Smooth-talking travel writer Steves (1)

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3. See to the care of a pal (1)

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4. Stingy, morose person's ringlets (1)

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5. "French" dog of Medieval Europe (2)

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6. Clooney caper character's aftershaves (2)

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7. Trite saying about thankfulness (3)

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