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COUNTY COVID-19 UPATE

Citrus County COVID cases still going up

According to the Florida Department of Health, 59 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update.

No new deaths were reported, for a total of 420.

To date in the county, 10,156 people have tested positive (including 85 non-residents).

One new hospitalization was reported, for a total of 658 hospitalized.

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

DOH-Citrus vaccine registration system open

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 50 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 pre-register with if they do not have internet access. Citrus County's designated helpline number is 833-540-2058.

Vaccine supply remains limited and appointments may not be available for several weeks.

— From staff reports

ONLINE POLL

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Florida passed the Sunshine Protection Act in 2018 hoping to make Daylight Saving Time (DST) permanent. But like 14 other states that have enacted legislation or passed a resolution to make it permanent, required congressional approval has not been forthcoming. Should DST be made permanent in Florida?

- Let well enough alone.
- Our time could be better spent.
- Don't care one way or the other.
- Wake up, Congress, and see the light.
- E. OMG! I can't wait until DST is permanent.

To vote, visit www.chronicleonline.com. Scroll down the home page and look for the poll box in the right-hand column.

Results will appear next Monday. Find last week's online poll results. / **Page A3**



Mariah Harris, 22, spends time with her mini-horse Gypsy Sunday afternoon at the Citrus County Fairgrounds livestock pavilion. The two wait to compete in the horse show outside the complex.

The 'horse whisperer'



Mariah Harris' infectious smile spreads across the Citrus County Fairgrounds livestock pavilion Sunday.

Photos by Matthew Beck



Mariah Harris leads Gypsy around the Citrus County Fairgrounds livestock complex Sunday, March 21. She and others competed Sunday in the Citrus County Fair Horse Show, where show judge Sarah Brown said of Harris, "I thought she carried herself very, very well." Harris is a member of the Fireheart 4-H Club.

Mariah Harris is living her dream life

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Mariah Harris calls herself a horse whisperer.

"I've been on a horse since I was 2," she said.

Her mother, Nancy Linley-Harris, had been volunteering at a horse ranch, and when Mariah was 2, started her with therapeutic riding, "hippotherapy," which helps increase muscle tone and improve flexibility, mobility and posture.

Mariah, now 22, has competed in equestrian events at state-level Special Olympics, and on Sunday competed in showmanship and riding events during the annual horse show at the Citrus County Fairgrounds.

It's fitting, Linley-Harris said,

because Sunday was World Down Syndrome Day.

"It's important for people to know that individuals with Down syndrome can do so much more than society thinks they can," Linley-Harris said.

Mariah plays the violin and classical guitar and is learning to play keyboard. As part of the Citrus Youth Educational Symphony Orchestra, she's learning to read music.

She and her mother spend Thursdays at the Floral City flea market where, when she's not practicing her violin or guitar, she's helping and talking to people.

She even has a boyfriend, Zach, who also has Down syndrome.

"I've known him since I was a baby," Mariah said. "He's charming."

Her desire is to work at a horse ranch. Her future goal is to have her own business.

Her ultimate dream is to have a golf cart, "pink and purple with dots

and flowers."

In the showmanship event Sunday, Mariah led Gypsy, a miniature horse, around the arena — it was her first time showing.

"You have to watch the judges and you get the horse to do a routine," she said.

Gypsy proved to be a bit stubborn, but Mariah kept a determined smile on her face as she calmly led the horse out.

Her next event involved leading the mini horse through obstacles, and once again, Gypsy had other ideas.

"She was able to problem solve," Linley-Harris said. "Instead of forcing the horse and stressing it more, she went on to the next (obstacle)."

The riding event was where Mariah shined.

Riding Quincy, a horse leased from Just Horse'n Around Riding Stables in Lake Panasoffkee, Mariah sat upright and straight in the

See **MARIAH**/Page A5

BOCC mulls impact fees

Public hearing is 2 p.m.

March 23

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Impact fees will take center stage at Tuesday's county commission meeting.

Specifically: commissioners will decide whether to raise them, lower them or keep them as is.

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

Currently, the county's adopted impact fee policy formula is at 50% of the full amounts for two categories: transportation and schools.

Based on a consultant's report, impact fees for single-family homes — using the same formula, would rise \$1,363 — from the current \$4,809 to \$6,172.

Impact fees help local government fund infrastructure necessitated by new growth. They are one-time fees on new development and are paid by the builders before construction can begin.

Generally, the higher costs are reflected in the cost of a new home.

The impact fee public hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 23.

Also Tuesday:

■ The board has set aside time at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Citrus County for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2020.

The CAFR is an annual audit of the financial statements and includes financial and statistical information about Citrus County for the fiscal year.

■ County Commissioner Jeff Kinard will ask the county to explore design costs to engineer water and sewer to the 550-acre Holder industrial site east of U.S. 41 and south of County Road 491.

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

To view the agenda, visit <https://bit.ly/3tDD4D>.

Council to discuss events reopenings, city charter

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Crystal River is looking to reopen its public events.

With COVID-19 infection rates falling alongside increased accessibility to vaccines, city staff is comfortable approaching City Council at an upcoming meeting to discuss resuming larger downtown outings

that were cancelled last year, like the July 4th fireworks over King's Bay.

Council will also hold a vote on whether to approve a waiver of the city's open-container policy for the city's First Friday events of May 7 and June 4.

Council members will call to order at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at City Hall, 123 NW U.S. 19, Crystal River. For information, visit

crystalriverfl.org/meetings.

Also on council's agenda:

■ City staff will give council a presentation of how the city plans to host the 10-year review of its charter.

Following the presentation, staff will ask council to vote on whether to start the process of advertising for and selecting the public members of the 2021 Charter

Review Committee.

■ City Manager Ken Frink will give an update to council members about the city's youth and recreation programs.

■ Councilman Ken Brown plans to host a discussion about Florida Senate Bill 284, which, if approved, would prohibit certain building-design regulations from being applied to certain dwellings.

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We Care Food Pantry has mobile pantries

■ March 23 — 9 a.m., Beverly Hills Civic Association, 1 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills; first 150 cars; 352-746-2657

■ March 24 — 9 a.m., Church Without Walls; first 500 cars; 352-344-2425.

■ March 25 — 10 a.m., Red Level Baptist Church, 11025 W. Dunnellon Road, Crystal River; first 100 cars; 352-795-2086

■ March 27 — 9 a.m., We Care Food Pantry Inc., 5259 W. Cardinal St.; first 200 cars; 352-503-2079

■ March 29 — 5 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto; first 100 cars; 352-419-6125

■ March 31 — 9 a.m., Church Without Walls; first 500 cars; 352-344-2425.

All We Care Food Pantry mobile food pantries are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, check wecarefoodpantry.org or call the contact listed in schedule or We Care at 352-503-2079.

Funding for this program provided by a grant from the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation Inc.

To make a financial donation to help us feed the community, go online at: wecarefoodpantry.org.

Citrus animal shelter to temporarily suspend cat program

Citrus County Animal Services will suspend the community cat Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return (TNVR) program from Tuesday, March 23, until Thursday, April 1.

It is recommended that healthy cats found outside are left alone during the period services are suspended at the shelter.

Nationally, 2% of cats are picked up by their owners when they end up in shelters, but are up to 13 times more likely to make it home when allowed to remain in the community.

For questions or concerns during the program suspension, call the shelter at 352-746-8400.

— From staff reports

Woman dies in single-vehicle crash on Sunday

A woman was killed in the early morning hours Sunday, March 21, when the truck she was reportedly driving left the road, struck a tree and caught fire, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

The report stated the woman was traveling on East Bushnell Road at Daniels Road in Floral City when the vehicle departed the roadway for unknown reasons. Once on the shoulder, the woman's truck collided with a tree and caught fire.

The woman's age and hometown had yet to be announced at press time, as the FHP had not yet identified her. The wreck occurred at 5:46 a.m., the report stated.

— Jeff Bryan, staff report

Food PROGRAMS

FOOD PANTRIES

■ Citrus County Family Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (holiday hours vary), 3660 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando. For information, call 352-344-1001.

■ Daystar Life Center — 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. 352-795-8668. Food for dogs and cats may also be available. Other assistance available. A community service resource.

■ First Baptist Church of Homosassa Life Care Center — 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays for bread distribution at 10540 W. Yulee Drive, Homosassa. Homosassa residents may receive a bag of canned and dry goods once a month. Call 352-628-3858. We Care Mobile Pantry is at the church on the first Thursday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

■ A food pantry is provided by St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Life Tree Church from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at Life Tree Church at 1501 SE U.S. 19, Crystal River. Call 352-403-1498.

■ St. Anne's Episcopal Church — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the administration building, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Call 352-795-2176.

■ Citrus United Basket (CUB) — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1201 Parkside Ave., Inverness, to assist Citrus County residents facing temporary hardship. Call 352-344-2242 or go online to citrusunitedbasket.org.

■ We Care Food Pantry — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 5259 W. Cardinal St., Homosassa. If you need help, come sign up. The pantry gives away meat, dairy, produce, personal care items and more. Assistance is also available for SNAP, Medicare, Medicaid and Access Florida assistance is temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

■ First Baptist Church of Crystal River — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 700 N. Citrus Ave. Call 352-795-3367.

■ The First Lutheran Church of Inverness Food Pantry is open to all from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information, call 352-726-1637.

■ Living Water Ministries — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, 4021 N. Lecanto Highway, in the Beverly Plaza. Call 352-270-8886.

■ Saint Margaret's Episcopal

Church hosts a food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 114 N. Osceola Ave. in downtown Inverness. The food pantry offers canned, dried and frozen foods to anyone in need in Citrus County. For information, call 352-726-3153.

■ The Citrus County Veterans Coalition's food pantry, for veterans and their families, operates from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and the first and third Thursdays (excluding holidays) at 1801 N. Paul Drive in Inverness, just west of U.S. 41, on Independence Highway. The pantry offers a variety of dry, canned and frozen goods (cereals, rice, canned vegetables, soups and meats) for veterans in need. For food assistance, call Food Pantry Director Trish Hendry at 352-857-1171, see a member at one of CCVC's flea markets, or ask a volunteer during food pantry hours.

■ Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church — 10 to 11 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. Call 352-746-2144.

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call 352-726-3153.

■ First Presbyterian Church of Crystal River — 9:30 a.m. to noon the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, 1501 SE U.S. 19. Call 352-795-2259.

■ Suncoast Baptist Church — food pantry open for bread distribution from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesdays, and the second Wednesday monthly is distribution of bread and vegetables from 7 to 9 a.m. at 5310 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa Springs. Open to Homosassa residents only. For information, call 352-621-3008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday or Wednesday and ask for Clara.

■ Homosassa First United Methodist Church Bread of Life Pantry — 8 to 11 a.m. Thursdays in fellowship hall. Bag of groceries with bread, meat and produce available for Homosassa residents once a month. Call 352-628-4083.

■ Serving our Savior (SOS) — 8:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando. This is a drive-thru food pantry. Clients are allowed to come every other week. SOS is an equal opportunity provider. Email sos4food@gmail.com

■ Calvary Church — 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, 2728 E. Harley St., Inverness. Photo ID and proof of Citrus County residency are required. Visitors can receive food once per month. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness — Free bagged groceries available from

noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays at 960 S. U.S. 41. 352-726-1480. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

■ Floral City First Baptist Church — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Thursday monthly. Proof of residency required.

■ Food and non-food items are available from 10 a.m. to noon every fourth Saturday at North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs. Remaining in their cars, people can enter at the North Citrus Springs Boulevard entrance. They will be met with a person bringing them a bag of essential non-food items, which could include paper products, detergents, personal items and more. As cars continue around the drive, the food pantry crew waits with pre-assembled bags of food items. Cars then exit onto Elkcam Boulevard. There is no charge for these ministries and all are welcome. Items vary based on availability while supplies last. North Oak Baptist Church is located at 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

■ The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church is located on U.S. 19, approximately 1/2 mile south of the Cardinal Street intersection. The pantry provides bagged canned goods, non-perishable food items and food staples for people facing temporary hardship and living within parish boundaries. To be eligible, clients must present photo ID. Call 352-628-3366. Emergency help with utility shut-offs, prescriptions and other emergency services are provided. Volunteers are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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

■ Our Lady of Fatima — offers Helping Hands from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday, at 604 U.S. 41, Inverness. Food assistance is given every two months; utilities every four months; and clothing and prescriptions every three months for those who qualify. For information, call 352-726-1707.

FREE MEALS

■ Peace Lutheran Church offers a free community meal from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. the third Monday monthly. This is not a fundraiser and there is no

charge. Come be our guest(s). We care and you are important to us. All ages are welcome. Peace Lutheran Church ("The Church on the Hill") is at 7201 U.S. 41 South in Dunnellon (at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40). For more information, call the church at 352-489-5881.

■ Free hot meals are available Monday through Friday for clients ages 60-plus at the following community centers. Call to reserve your first meal as a visitor: Central Citrus Community Center at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto (352-527-5993; West Citrus Community Center at 8940 W. Veterans Drive in Homosassa (352-795-3831); East Citrus Community Center at 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Inverness (352-344-9666); and at the historic Hernando School on the corner of Florida Avenue and Parsons Point Road.

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness hosts a soup kitchen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday, at 960 S. U.S. 41. All are welcome. The meal includes soup, bread and dessert. For information, call 352-726-1480.

GIVEAWAYS

■ El-Shaddai food ministries "brown bag of food" distribution is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Crystal River Church of God, 2180 W. 12th Ave. Although food is distributed once a week, families are only eligible for food once a month. Call 352-628-9087 or 352-302-9925.

■ Inglesia Comunidad Cristiana Nuevo Comienzo (New Beginnings Church) sponsors a food giveaway at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday morning at Shepherd's Way Community Church, 965 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

This is drive-thru pre-bagged groceries. For more information, call 352-804-2263 (Español) or 352-527-9900 (English).

■ Hernando Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1880 N. Trucks Ave., Hernando, provides food distribution for needy families from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly. Call 352-212-5159.

■ Christ Christian Bible Ministry distributes food at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at 619 NE Second St., Crystal River. Preparations are being made to provide a hot meal once a week. Call 352-513-8065.

■ We Care Food Pantry hosts distributions twice a month in Homosassa at the Catholic Charities Outreach Center. We Care also operates three mobile pantries.

For information or to sign up, contact the office at 352-503-2079.

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED

Key votes for the week ending March 19, reported by Voterama in Congress.

■ **Removing ERA Deadline:** Voting 222-204, the House on March 17 adopted a resolution (HJ Res 17) that would remove June 30, 1982, as the deadline for states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. **Daniel Webster, No.**

■ **Renewing Violence Against Women Act:** Voting 244-172 against, the House on March 17 approved a five-year extension of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, which uses federal grants and laws to reduce crimes directed primarily at women. **Daniel Webster, No.**

■ **Protecting Dreamers, Other Immigrants:** Voting 228-197, the House on March 18 passed a bill (HR 6) that would grant permanent legal status and a path to citizenship to as many as 2.1 million "dreamers" who were brought illegally to the United States as children and face potential deportation. **Daniel Webster, No.**

■ **Prohibiting Alien Gang Members:** Voting

203-216, the House on March 18 defeated a Republican motion that sought to prevent members of criminal gangs from using a law designed to protect dreamers (HR 6, above) as a subterfuge for acquiring legal status. **Daniel Webster, Yes.**

■ **Overhauling Farm-Worker Visas:** Voting 247-174, the House on March 18 passed a bill (HR 1603) that would overhaul the H-2A visa program, which admits undocumented migrants for temporary U.S. agricultural jobs the domestic workforce is unable or unwilling to fill. **Daniel Webster, No.**

■ **Approving Medals for Capitol Police:** The House on March 17 voted, 413-12, to award three Congressional Gold Medals in honor of U.S. Capitol and District of Columbia police who defended the Capitol against an armed insurrection on Jan. 6. **Daniel Webster, No.**

■ **Confirming Deb Haaland as Interior Secretary:** The Senate on March 15 confirmed, 51-40, Deb Haaland, D-N.M., as

secretary of the Department of the Interior. **Rick Scott, No. Marco Rubio, Not voting.**

■ **Confirming Xavier Becerra as Health Secretary:** Voting 50-49, the Senate on March 18 confirmed Xavier Becerra, the attorney general of California, as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, the first Latino in that position. **Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, No.**

■ **Confirming Isabel Guzman as Small Business Administrator:** Voting 81-17, the Senate on March 16 confirmed Isabel C. Guzman, 49, as administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, No.**

■ **Key Votes Ahead:** The Senate will vote on Biden administration nominees in the week of March 22, while the House will be in recess.

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

QUESTION: Impact fees are a one-time payment to offset the financial impact of new development on public infrastructure. Citrus County's impact fee is currently 50% of the full amount for transportation and schools. Should county commissioners adopt a consultant's recommendation to increase the fee?

■ **A.** I am sick and tired of government fees. (261 votes)

■ **B.** It would be counter-productive to the county's building surge. (117 votes)

■ **C.** Not when the economy is struggling from the pandemic. (224 votes)

■ **D.** New growth should pay for its infrastructure impact. (506 votes)

■ **E.** We all have a stake in accommodating future growth. (62)

Total votes: 1,170. Find this week's online poll question./Page A1

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Birthday — Look inward, evaluate your position and make adjustments at home to accommodate what you are striving to achieve this year. Reaching out to people who can help you excel will play a role in your success and overall happiness. **Aries (March 21-April 19)** — A passionate approach to life, love and learning will lead to opportunity. Choose to do what's best for you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Refuse to let your emotions step in when discipline is required. You'll discover a reason to pause.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Educate yourself and make personal adjustments before you make a major decision. An opportunity is worthwhile only if it will improve your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Express your feelings and clear up any uncertainty. Use your imagination, and be descriptive regarding your plans.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Personal planning will lead to better health, greater confidence and enthusiastic support from someone who shares your mindset.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Stop pondering what to do and take a leap of faith. Let your heart lead the way, and allow the people you know and trust to help you reach your destination.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Refuse to let an emotional incident hinder your efficiency. Focus on what you need to achieve, not on what someone does or says.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Try doing things differently, and you will discover things about yourself that will help you get ahead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Less talk and more action will help you get where you want to go. Put a little muscle behind your dreams.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Protect your physical and emotional health. It's essential to take a break and assess your situation before you bring about change.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A creative outlet will ease stress. Spend time with someone who shares your passion.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — A change will help you get on with your life. Consider the things that make you happy and pursue them.

ENTERTAINMENT

Prince Harry gives advice to grieving children in new book

LONDON — Britain's Prince Harry has written the foreword for a new book aimed at the children of frontline workers who died in the COVID-19 pandemic, sharing the pain he suffered as a boy after the death of his mother, Princess Diana.

Harry wrote that losing his mother at age 12 left "a huge hole inside of me," according to excerpts of the book printed in the Times of London. Diana died in a Paris car accident in August 1997.

"Hospital by the Hill," by Chris Connaughton, is the story of a young person whose mother worked at a hospital and died during the pandemic. It is being given to children who have experienced similar losses.

"While I wish I was able to hug you right now, I hope this story is able to provide you comfort in knowing that you're not alone," Harry wrote in the foreword.

Ringo calling! If he wants you to sing, who could say no?

LOS ANGELES — If Ringo Starr calls to ask if you'll sing on a song for him, who could possibly say no?

The beloved Beatle dug into his contacts for help on the chorus of "Here's to the Nights," his most recent song written by Diane Warren, and he recruited quite a choir.

Paul McCartney. Sheryl Crow. Dave Grohl. Lenny Kravitz. Joe Walsh. Ben Harper. Finneas. Chris Stapleton. Yola. Jenny Lewis. Corinne Bailey Rae. Eric Burton (of the Black Pumas). Steve Lukather.



Associated Press

Ringo Starr presents the award for record of the year at the 63rd annual Grammy Awards at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Sunday, March 14.

"Here's to the nights we won't remember, with the friends we won't forget," they all sing. It's a perfect sentiment for the 80-year-old drummer who, as McCartney once sang "has memories longer than the road that stretches out ahead."

"Everyone was really kind to me to do what they did," Starr recently told The Associated Press.

Two people did say no, actually. Ringo won't reveal who, but they must have been REALLY busy.

Starr's EP of five new songs comes out Friday. The project gave him something to do during COVID-19 lockdown in his Los Angeles home. He said he divided much of his time between making music, painting and working out.

"Last year I left the house no more than seven times, and I think I'm exaggerating," he said.

"I'm a prime target for this COVID. Now I've had my shots. I feel groovy and there's nowhere to go!"

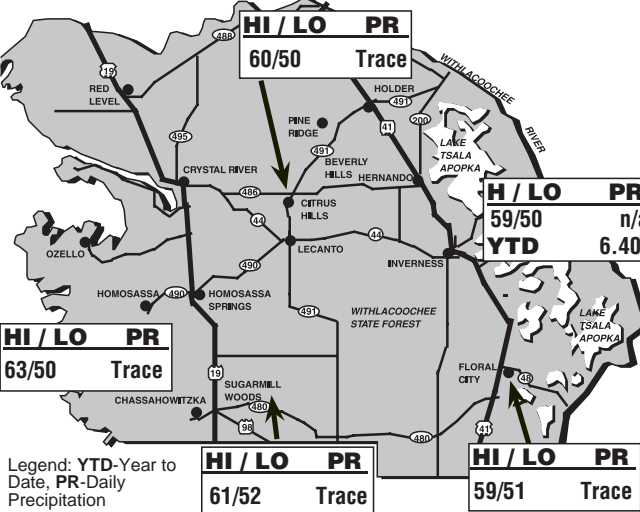
One place was Sunday's Grammy Awards, where he presented the record of the year honor to Billie Eilish, who — let's do the math here — was born 31 years after the Beatles broke up.

Even a Beatle gets the blues, and Starr said he felt it during the long layoff. He had to cancel gigs with his All-Starr Band last year and, most recently, postponed hopeful plans to go back on the road in May and June, and again in the fall. He'll wait until next year, at least.

"I was really sad in the beginning because I couldn't go on the road," he said. "I love to play. I love the audience. They love me. I'll go anywhere to be loved!"

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING	
High: 70° Low: 51°	Mostly cloudy and cool with a few sprinkles
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING	
High: 80° Low: 52°	Partly cloudy and warmer
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING	
High: 80° Low: 56°	Partly sunny

ALMANAC		Data from Crystal River Airport
TEMPERATURE		
Yesterday	55/49	
Record*	91/35	
Normal	79/50	
Mean temp.	65	
Departure from mean	-13	
PRECIPITATION		
Yesterday	0.01"	
Total for the month	0.35"	
Total for the year	4.76"	
Normal for the year	8.95"	
*Official record values from Tampa International		
UV INDEX:	5	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high		
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.07	

SOLUNAR TABLES				
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)
03/22	MONDAY	7:30	8:22	7:42
03/23	TUESDAY	7:29	9:16	7:42

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK			
Mar 28	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 20

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

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Addresses with house numbers ending in:			
0 - 1	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 or-	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday	Common Areas	

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TIDES	
*From mouths of rivers	**At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek
MONDAY	
City	High Low
Chassahowitzka**	12:55 a.m. 0.5 ft 1:40 p.m. 0.2 ft 9:58 a.m. 0.1 ft 4:03 p.m. 0.1 ft
Crystal River**	12:02 p.m. 1.3 ft 11:43 p.m. 2.0 ft 6:46 a.m. 0.4 ft 3:42 p.m. 1.1 ft
Withlacoochee**	10:33 a.m. 2.0 ft 8:40 p.m. 2.8 ft 4:08 a.m. 0.3 ft 3:36 p.m. 1.7 ft
Homosassa***	3:10 p.m. 0.5 ft None n/a 10:14 a.m. 0.1 ft 6:09 p.m. 0.3 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	68	58	mc	Miami	76	64	s
Fort Lauderdale	78	60	s	Ocala	68	55	cl
Fort Myers	75	59	mc	Orlando	75	58	mc
Gainesville	67	54	cl	Pensacola	69	60	mc
Homestead	78	58	s	Sarasota	72	59	cl
Jacksonville	64	57	sh	Tallahassee	72	56	mc
Key West	75	65	s	Tampa	74	58	cl
Lakeland	74	57	cl	Vero Beach	77	59	pc
Melbourne	75	59	pc	W. Palm Bch.	75	66	s

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northwest winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. A slight chance of showers early in the morning.

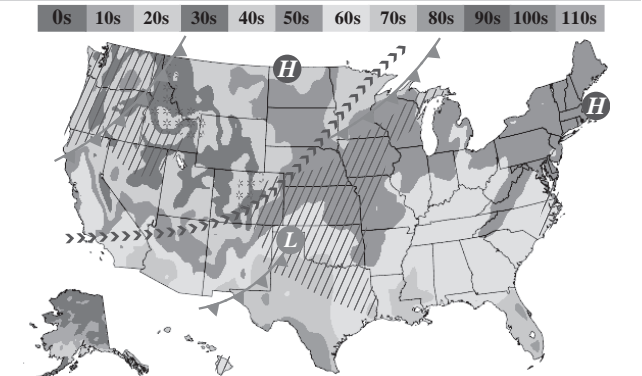
Gulf water temperature
65°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SUN	SAT	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	27.56	27.59	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.25	37.28	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.31	38.32	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.59	39.61	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Monday

	SUN		MON			SUN		MON								
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst			
Albany	63	25	0.00	65	33	s	New Orleans	72	57	0.00	71	61	pc			
Albuquerque	69	44	0.00	60	33	pc	New York City	63	42	0.00	56	42	pc			
Asheville	60	41	Trace	63	44	s	Norfolk	54	42	0.00	58	48	mc			
Atlanta	66	46	0.00	69	51	pc	Oklahoma City	68	43	0.00	58	45	ra			
Atlantic City	59	25	0.00	53	42	pc	Omaha	66	46	0.00	51	45	ra			
Austin	73	50	0.00	74	53	cl	Palm Springs	77	54	0.00	77	53	s			
Baltimore	64	28	0.00	66	42	s	Philadelphia	64	33	0.00	64	41	s			
Billings	50	32	Trace	52	32	mc	Phoenix	79	57	0.00	75	51	s			
Birmingham	66	39	0.00	73	55	pc	Pittsburgh	64	36	0.00	66	40	s			
Boise	52	30	0.00	49	29	sh	Portland, ME	59	25	0.00	57	35	s			
Boston	58	36	0.00	59	37	s	Portland, OR	50	43	0.01	52	37	sh			
Buffalo	66	30	0.00	57	40	s	Providence, RI	61	30	0.00	59	35	s			
Burlington, VT	64	25	0.00	66	37	s	Raleigh	66	41	0.00	65	48	mc			
Charleston, SC	67	46	0.25	66	53	mc	Rapid City	39	37	0.00	54	30	s			
Charleston, WV	68	29	0.00	73	41	s	Reno	54	25	0.00	54	28	mc			
Charlotte	66	45	Trace	64	47	pc	Rochester, NY	63	27	0.00	67	42	s			
Chicago	66	39	0.00	63	49	mc	Sacramento	68	42	0.00	68	45	s			
Cincinnati	67	28	0.00	68	46	s	Salt Lake City	43	29	0.25	48	34	mc			
Cleveland	62	39	0.00	64	43	s	San Antonio	76	44	0.00	76	54	cl			
Columbia, SC	64	45	0.06	68	49	mc	San Diego	64	50	0.00	65	50	s			
Columbus, OH	65	37	0.00	67	43	s	San Francisco	61	44	0.00	62	47	s			
Concord, NH	63	21	0.00	65	31	s	Savannah	57	46	1.56	68	53	mc			
Dallas	70	43	0.00	67	51	sh	Seattle	45	39	0.06	49	38	ra			
Denver	49	35	0.00	39	24	sn	Spokane	47	34	0.00	51	28	ra			
Des Moines	66	43	0.00	56	49	ra	St. Louis	68	33	0.00	67	54	mc			
Detroit	64	27	0.00	66	42	pc	St. Ste Marie	40	32	0.00	50	38	sh			
El Paso	79	50	0.00	68	43	s	Syracuse	64	25	0.00	68	37	s			
Evansville, IN	70	32	0.00	67	53	mc	Topeka	68	45	0.00	59	49	sh			
Harrisburg	64	30	0.00	61	37	s	Washington	64	36	0.00	66	43	s			
Hartford	65	26	0.00	61	33	s	YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW									
Houston	72	42	0.00	73	62	mc	HIGH 86, Rio Grande City, Texas									
Indianapolis	65	31	0.00	66	49	pc	LOW 3, McKinnon, Wyo.									
Kansas City	67	46	0.00	63	50	ra										
Las Vegas	67	52	Trace	70	51	s										
Little Rock	67	39	0.00	69	55	mc										
Los Angeles	67	49	0.00	72	48	s										
Louisville	69	38	0.00	70	51	pc										
Memphis	70	42	0.00	70	58	pc										
Milwaukee	63	33	0.00	60	46	mc										
Minneapolis	63	41	0.00	57	45	mc										
Mobile	72	51	0.00	71	58	pc										
Montgomery	68	40	0.00	73	55	pc										
Nashville	70	33	0.00	72	55	pc										
													SUN			
													CITY	H/L/SKY	Lisbon	64/48/s
													Acapulco	95/67/pc	Madrid	61/38/s
													Amsterdam	47/37/mc	Mexico City	80/60/s
													Athens	65/55/ra	Montreal	49/33/s
													Beijing	65/44/s	Moscow	32/26/sn
													Berlin	48/33/pc	Paris	52/38/pc
													Bermuda	68/67/ra	Rio	89/77/s

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Today in
HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 22, the 81st day of 2021. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights:

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.

On this date:

In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1988, both houses of Congress overrode President Ronald Reagan's veto of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

In 1993, Intel Corp. unveiled the original Pentium computer chip.

In 2010, Google Inc. stopped censoring the internet for China by shifting its search engine off the mainland to Hong Kong.

In 2019, former President Jimmy Carter became the longest-living chief executive in American history; at 94 years and 172 days, he exceeded the lifespan of the late former President George H.W. Bush.

Ten years ago: NFL owners meeting in New Orleans voted to make all scoring plays reviewable by the replay official and referee; also, kickoffs would be moved up 5 yards to the 35-yard line.

Five years ago: Capping a remarkable visit to Cuba, President Barack Obama sat beside President Raul Castro at a baseball game between Cuba's national team and the Tampa Bay Rays (the Rays won, 4-1).

One year ago: New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered all nonessential businesses in the state to close and nonessential workers to stay home.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 91. Actor William Shatner is 90. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 78. Writer James Patterson is 74. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 73. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 73. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 69. Actor Kellie Williams is 45. Actor Reese Witherspoon is 45. Actor Constance Wu is 39.

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MARIAH

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saddle, maneuvering Quincy slowly and steadily through the obstacles, smiling as she finished.

She placed sixth out of 10 riders in the open riding trail event.

Being on a horse encompasses all the therapies that are beneficial for individuals with Down syndrome, Linley-Harris said, and she tells other parents to get their kids riding as soon as they can.

Once the individual with Down syndrome reaches 21, Medicaid stops paying for therapy, but therapeutic needs don't stop, said Linley-Harris.

"When we moved here in 2019 from Broward County, I looked for equestrian Special Olympics here in Citrus County and found

there isn't one," Linley-Harris said. "We found out there isn't one ... but we found FireHeart 4-H Club, which has been wonderful."

FireHeart 4-H Club meets at Just Horse'n Around.

"Mariah came to us after a bad experience with another club, and she was a little shy at first, but she's done amazingly," said club leader Alicia Indelicato. "She's done public speaking with us, plus the horse show, and next week she'll be doing the chicken show."

"She's really gone over and above — that's what happens when you tell someone you believe in them," she said.

Linley-Harris said it's about opportunity, that if given the opportunity, her daughter and others like her can reach their goals and see their dreams come true.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Competitors line up during a Citrus County Fairgrounds horse show Sunday, March 21. Mariah Harris, 22, is pictured awaiting results from the competition.



Show judge Sarah Brown watches Mariah Harris present her mini horse Sunday afternoon, March 21, at the Citrus County Fairgrounds in Inverness.

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SPEEDY SETTLEMENT

Hospital Board settlement opens opportunity

Citrus Memorial’s Hospital Board has inked an agreement with HCA, which leases and operates the hospital, to free up some \$13 million from an escrow account.

This was going to happen anyhow, but it’s taking place about six months ahead of schedule. The terms of the settlement mean that no last-minute moves will keep the funds locked in escrow.

This is good news because it allows investment of the funds to benefit and promote the health of the Citrus County community.

In 2014 when the Hospital Board, which owns Citrus Memorial Hospital on behalf of the public, leased the hospital to HCA, it also created the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation (CCCCF), a 501(c)(3) entity. The CCCC’s mission is to award grants to promote the health or satisfy the medical needs of Citrus County residents.

It uses 80% of the earnings

from the HCA lease proceeds to do so.

The CCCC’s 10th grant cycle is about to open. Each cycle takes about six months, so freeing up the escrow funds ahead of schedule to be invested means more funding will be available in future grant cycles.

Those who facilitated the settlement are to be congratulated on making a good thing happen. Now it’s up to nonprofits to devise new programs or ways to expand existing needed programs addressing residents’ health and well-being, and prepare to apply for a grant.

The CCCC’s grant process is multi-step, with a Letter of Interest as the first step. There are many health and medical needs in our community right now. We encourage eligible nonprofits to come up with ways to address them, and enter the CCCC grant process.

With the escrow settlement completed early, there will be more funds for future good works.

THE ISSUE:

CMH hospital board settlement with HCA frees up \$13 million from escrow.

OUR OPINION:

Great opportunity to continue addressing Citrus County’s health and medical needs.

Lawmakers not listening

I have been teaching for almost years in Hernando County after working 32 years in business and completing my education. I love my job teaching middle school ELA and working with amazing teachers, administrators and support staff.

This past year has been difficult for all of us and now we have the state Legislature again coming after us.

Yesterday, I joined fellow teachers from across our state to provide testimony against Senate Bill 1014 which places big government roadblocks between me and my employer. After first blocking us access to testify, we were allowed entry to speak. Not a single educator or school employee spoke in favor of this bill and due to time constraints over 30 of us were left voiceless, some after driving 8-plus hours to Tallahassee. This bill passed out of committee with a 3/2 party vote.

Our legislators did not want to hear from us, even though many who made the trip and

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were able to speak are members of the same party pushing this legislation. My own state senator would not meet with me during my time in Tallahassee due to time and COVID-19 concerns. My house

representative did not even bother to reply to my request. Yet, some wonder why we need a union to represent us and advocate for our students?

When we elect people to represent us, we need them to help solve our problems. But instead of working to address our schools’ and community’s needs, they are pushing Senate Bill 1014 and House Bill 835 to question whether “I know what I am doing” regarding my union membership. I am fully capable of making my own decisions without the government’s interference.

There is no good reason I should have to jump through more hoops when making my own personal decision. Lawmakers should focus on the actual needs of our schools and community and stop wasting time on legislation that helps no one.

I am an adult professional charged with the task of educating my county’s children. I can decide what is right for me.

Michael Lawless
Floral City

Sheriff’s should be running radar

I’m calling to respond to the Sound Off today (Friday, Feb. 26, 2021), “You don’t know the speed,” which was responding to my Sound Off, “Do something about the speeders” (Monday, Feb. 8, 2021). I was never talking about the trucks going over the hill at 50 mph. They were accelerating down the hill at what I estimated was 50 mph in a 25 mph school zone. The person may have a point; I don’t actually know it’s 50 mph. I know it’s not 25 because I drive that all the time at 25. But this begs the question, if I don’t have a radar gun and I don’t know it’s 50, why isn’t the sheriff’s office out there running the radar gun to find out how actually fast they’re going in that zone? I did have them out here once and they said that somebody was going 35 in that 25 zone, except they said it was a 30 mph zone so they couldn’t give a ticket. So the point is that these trucks need to slow down. And they have alternate ways of egress out of that sandpit: They can go to Horace Allen, they can go to Sanction Road or they can go to Lee Ann Road. But they don’t need to be accelerating down the hill through the school zone.

Mullet Hole ramp horrible idea

It is shameful that Crystal River officials are (using) pandemic emergency funds to build the boondoggle known as the King’s Bay Riverwalk, but now it gets even worse. As part of this project, they plan to close the Third Avenue boat ramp and build a new one at Mullet Hole in Crystal River Preserve State Park — the key word being “Preserve.” The preserve is a place for quiet, passive recreations of bird watching, walking, kayaking and fishing. It is not a place to launch noisy, gas-powered boats. Have you seen Homosassa during scallop season? It’s a noisy, horrible pandemonium of pickup trucks and boat trailers. This is what the city officials want to do to this quiet gem, which (will) absolutely ruin it. I’m sure they chose this site because it’s low-hanging fruit — it’s already owned by the public — rather than actually having to find a suitable site and buy it. This county already has 23 boat ramps, several of them within a mile or so of Mullet Hole. Citizens need to emphatically say “no” to this horrible idea and save Mullet Hole.

Someone has to get the ball rolling

I’m responding to the (Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021) Sound Off, “Do your part, pick up some trash,” where the person says if you’re driving your car and it bothers you, stop your car for a few minutes and pick up some of the trash. And then the person says: “Let’s work together. Let’s make it a community project.” OK, put your mouth where it is and why don’t you start the community project? Why don’t you get it organized and why don’t you get the ball rolling? I’ll bet you won’t do it.

That’s a low ball offer

I just read an article in the paper (Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, Page A3’s story, “Hospital board considers fate of two properties,” “Undeveloped land in Crystal River could be sold or donated for free clinic”). Seriously, Scott Adams, offering the hospital board \$189,000 for property that’s worth \$400,000? What a low ball. That’s crazy and I would hope that the hospital board would accept nothing less than the \$400,000 that it’s worth. Really, Scott?...

Make an example of trash dumper

Today’s very interesting. It’s Saturday, Feb. 27, and on Page A3 of the Chronicle, “Trash dumping results in man’s arrest.” They finally got somebody. Hooray! Now instead of the judge sitting there after the guy asks for a public defender and they do a crybaby routine and the

judge fines him \$50, the judge should absolutely make an example out of (him). The guy knew what he was doing. He went down there and he did it on purpose. Everybody calls in crying about, oh, let’s get tough on the dumpers and the trashers. Well, here’s a good example. Make an example out of (him).

The kindness of fisherman

Yesterday, Friday, Feb. 26, my husband and I were over at The Shed in Homosassa having lunch when two fishermen came in and started cleaning sea trout. I went over and asked them if I could buy two filets. They weren’t for sale, but they would give me two filets and they ended up giving me three. How thankful we were and shared that one filet with another couple that were with us. Thank you, Mr. Fishermen. You made our day great. God’s blessings.

Don’t put ramp in preserve

The Crystal River Third Avenue Riverwalk displaced boat ramp is not suitable for a move into a nature preserve. Therefore, Crystal River should request a transfer to the Citrus County boat ramp package at the barge canal. The addition of this ramp to those future ramps at the “ditch of dreams” should be welcomed. From the present location to the barge canal is only 8.8 miles and an 11-minute drive at the speed limit. That would be a cakewalk for the users of this historic boat ramp. The manatees will thankfully agree.

Webster votes against relief bill

I just wanted to say how proud I am of our congressman, Daniel Webster. I see that he voted against the COVID relief bill. I’m sure there’s nobody that — and I’m sure that our senators will vote against it, too — we know there’s nobody in Citrus County that needs any money from the state, right? We don’t care how many businesses go out of business. We’re just happy that our congressmen and senators are going to stand up for America. ... I’m sure there’s nobody in Citrus County who would want any money and if they got it, we would send it back. We don’t want any money from this government. Good job, congressman.

Keep boat ramp where it is

This is in regards to moving of the boat ramp in Crystal River. It is my opinion we need to keep the ramp where it is. It’s been there a long time. It’s very handy for people in times of hurricanes or evacuation. Right next door at the Best Western, they have a boat ramp, even though it’s privately owned. They have the Riverwalk going across that as it is. I see no reason why we cannot do the same thing with the ramp in town by Knox’s. It’s very well used. It’s been probably the oldest ramp in town and even though we have across-the-highway parking, there haven’t been any accidents or issues. So I believe that is the best alternative we have rather than moving it somewhere else far away where there might be environmental concerns.

Put shelter away from people

I would like to make one more suggestion for the animal shelter: Put them where the people don’t have to hear the dogs bark at night. People work — I do. I don’t get paid. I work at home all day. I’m old and it takes me longer to get my work done. If you love pets, maybe you don’t mind hearing them bark day and night, but most people can’t sleep with a bunch of racket. So put it way out, not at Whispering Pines Park, please. Also, letting the inmates pick up the trash? Put the people in jail out on the road to pick up the trash? I’ve read that until I’m so tired. Did you know the inmates pay so much a day to stay at the jail? Would you like to stay at the Holiday Inn and pay for the night but clean up the parking lot before you leave? I don’t think so.

Around the STATE

Florida House committee eyes rules for voting by mail

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida House committee takes up its own effort to rewrite vote-by-mail rules Monday, as Republicans push to enhance “ballot security” — despite no evidence of widespread problems — while Democrats and voter rights advocates say the election-related proposals before lawmakers would be costly and will make it harder for some Floridians to vote.

The election bill is one of several high-profile measures coming before Florida lawmakers in the coming days, as they hunker down for some of the heaviest lifting yet during their two-month session — including work on re-writing parts of the state’s election laws, providing protections for businesses against COVID-related lawsuits and enacting additional ways to punish demonstrators who turn violent.

Gov. Ron DeSantis and other Republicans have made those measures top priorities.

A measure scheduled to be heard by the House Public Integrity and Elections Committee on Monday would require 24-hour monitoring of ballot drop boxes — either by guards, elections officials during work hours or by surveillance cameras during off hours — and require voters to provide identification, such as their Social Security numbers, to update registration information.

The Senate is considering its own changes to how vote-by-mail ballots are handled, including the banning of drop boxes.

Both versions would also narrow the time period covered by a single application for an absentee ballot from two general elections cycles to just one — and wipe out the advantage Democrats now have over Republicans in the number of absentee voters.

That provision has come under attack by Democrats who charge that Republicans are trying to wipe the slate clean after Democrats overtook the GOP in the vote-by-mail race.

Another top priority for DeSantis and his legislative allies is shielding most businesses from being sued because of the pandemic — and could be on the brink of advancing to the governor’s desk.

In the coming week, the House floor will take up a measure already passed by the Senate — but it’s unclear how the House will handle that proposal. It could decide to abandon its own two-pronged approach, which carves out a separate bill for health care providers, and instead adopt the single Senate bill to address what proponents fear could be a proliferation of frivolous COVID-related lawsuits.

Another controversial measure the House is taking up is the so-called anti-riot bill, which comes up this week for final debate in the chamber.

\$2.5M cash found in PVC pipes in alleged scam

MIAMI — Federal agents found \$2.5 million in cash hidden in PVC pipes in the bedroom closet of a Miami man charged with bilking the government in a massive \$49 million Medicare fraud scam.

The cash was found sealed with plastic wrap inside pipes buried under the closet floor at Jesus Garces’ home during a raid Wednesday, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Federal authorities have spent the last decade cracking down on the multi-billion Medicare fraud scams cheating taxpayers, but they rarely find cash stockpiles like this. Agents also found another \$75,000 in a safe and another \$280,000 in a safe at another home linked to Garces, along with seven Rolex watches.

The Miami Herald reported that swarms of agents from Health and Human Services, the FBI, Customs and Border Protection, and Miami-Dade Police descended on Garces’ home Wednesday, armed with excavation tools, where they spent hours digging up the loot.

Garces, who was arrested in 2019, has been at a federal detention center in Miami after a judge ruled he was a flight risk who might attempt to return to his home country of Cuba. The 50-year-old is expected to go to trial later this year for conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud, where prosecutors allege he bilked Medicare and private insurers of millions by charging for medical equipment that patients never received or didn’t need.

Federal investigators said he received \$100,000 in cash a week over a two-year period from one of the money launderers, according to a 2019 detention order.

Cops: Married teacher couple smoked marijuana with kids

VIERA — Two married high school teachers were arrested this week after authorities said they repeatedly gave students marijuana and smoked it with them at their Florida home.

An investigation by the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office found James Brand, 50, and Amy O-Reilly Brand, 45, consumed marijuana with students at their home on multiple occasions. No criminal activity took place on school grounds.

State child welfare officials received a complaint earlier this month that the Viera High School teachers allowed a girl under the age of 18 to use marijuana and have a sexual relationship with a man who was also living at the home.

The couple was charged Thursday with child neglect and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Florida Today reports the teachers are on paid administrative leave pending an investigation.

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Associated Press

People flash the three-fingered symbol of resistance during the funeral of teen Aung Kaung Htet, held at the Kyi Zu cemetery in Yangon, Myanmar, Sunday, March 21. Aung Kaung Htet died from a bullet wound during recent anti-coup protests.

Doctors protest in Myanmar as state violence continues

MANDALAY, Myanmar — Health care workers marched through Myanmar's second-biggest city at dawn Sunday, kicking off another day of countrywide protests against last month's coup. Elsewhere police used violence against protesters and security forces shot dead at least one person.

About 100 doctors, nurses, medical students and pharmacists, wearing the long white coats, lined up on a main road in Mandalay to chant slogans and voice their opposition to the Feb. 1 coup that toppled the elected civilian government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

Mandalay has been a major center of opposition to the takeover, and later in the day engineers there held what has been dubbed a "no-human strike," an increasingly popular tactic that involves lining up signboards in streets or other public areas as proxies for human protesters.

The protests are part of a broader civil disobedience movement, including boycotts and strikes, that aims to restore the civilian government and return Myanmar to its slow march towards democracy that began nearly a decade ago when the military began loosening its grip after five decades of rule.

In recent weeks, however, the numbers of protesters has fallen off and the death toll has climbed in the face of lethal force by police and soldiers shooting into crowds. The independent Assistance Association for Political Prisoners had verified 247 deaths nationwide.

The group also has confirmed that 2,345 people have been arrested or charged since the coup, with 1,994 still detained or sought for arrest.

US defense chief arrives in Kabul on first trip there

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin arrived Sunday in Kabul on his first trip to Afghanistan as Pentagon chief, amid swirling questions about how long American troops will remain in the country.

State-owned Radio and Television Afghanistan and popular TOLO Television reported Austin's arrival in Kabul from India. He met with senior Afghan government officials, including President Ashraf Ghani.

According to the Washington Post, which was among the small group of U.S. media travelling with him, Austin said senior U.S. officials want to see "a responsible end to this conflict" and "a transition to something else."

"There's always going to be concerns about things one way or the other, but I think there is a lot of energy focused on doing what is necessary to bring about a responsible end and a negotiated settlement to the war," Austin said.

President Joe Biden said

last week in an ABC News interview that it will be "tough" for the U.S. to meet a May 1 deadline to withdraw troops from Afghanistan. But he said that if the deadline, which is laid out in an agreement between former President Donald Trump's administration and the Taliban, is extended, it wouldn't be by a "lot longer."

Palestinians expand vaccination campaign

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Palestinian Health Ministry began administering the first doses of coronavirus vaccines it received from the global COVAX initiative to health care workers and older residents in the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Sunday.

The World Health Organization and its partners running the United Nations COVAX program delivered 61,400 vaccines to the Palestinian Authority on Wednesday, whereas 21,300 were shipped to the blockaded, Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

The vaccine shipment is a boost to the West Bank, where the PA has struggled to obtain vaccines as the infection rate surged in recent weeks. Until now it had only secured 10,000 doses of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine and 2,000 shots from Israel for the roughly 3 million Palestinians living in the West Bank.

By contrast, Gaza, which has been under Israeli-Egyptian blockade since Hamas took control of the area in 2007, has received more than 80,000 vaccines. Most of them were of the Russian variety and have come from a rival of President Mahmoud Abbas based in the United Arab Emirates.

Mohammed Dahlan, who has been living in Abu Dhabi since falling out with Abbas in 2011, has secured the delivery of 60,000 shots to Gaza and promised more, embarrassing Abbas ahead of Palestinian elections planned in May.

In the West Bank, Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh said the vaccines would go to medical workers and older people. "We are here to start the preventive vaccination drive for our people against the coronavirus," he said.

Even with the arrival of the vaccines, the Palestinian areas lag far behind Israel, which has vaccinated some 80% of its adult population.

The disparity has drawn attention to the inequities in the global distribution of vaccines between rich and poor countries.

U.N. officials and human rights groups have said Israel is an occupying power with a responsibility for vaccinating the Palestinian population. Israel says that under interim peace accords, it has no such responsibility. But in recent weeks, it has inoculated over 100,000 Palestinian laborers in the West Bank who have permits to work inside Israel and its West Bank settlements.

The Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca vaccines are the first distributed by COVAX in the Palestinian territories.

— From wire reports

AP sources: Iran threatens US Army post, top general

JAMES LAPORTA
Associated Press

Iran has made threats against Fort McNair, an Army post in the U.S. capital, and against the Army's vice chief of staff, two senior U.S. intelligence officials said.

They said communications intercepted by the National Security Agency in January showed that Iran's Revolutionary Guard discussed mounting "USS Cole-style attacks" against the Army post, referring to the October 2000 suicide attack in which a small boat pulled up alongside the Navy destroyer in the Yemeni port of

Aden and exploded, killing 17 sailors.

The intelligence also revealed threats to kill Gen. Joseph M. Martin and plans to infiltrate and surveil the installation, according to the officials, who were not authorized to publicly discuss national security matters and spoke on condition of anonymity. The Army post, one of the oldest in the country, is Martin's official residence.

The threats are one reason the Army has been pushing for more security around Fort McNair, which sits alongside Washington's bustling newly developed Waterfront District.

City leaders have been fighting the Army's plan to add a buffer zone of about 250 feet to 500 feet from the shore of the Washington Channel, which would limit access to as much as half the width of the busy waterway running parallel to the Potomac River.

The Pentagon, National Security Council and NSA either did not reply or declined to comment when contacted by The Associated Press.

As District of Columbia officials have fought the enhanced security along the channel, the Army has offered only vague information about threats to the installation.



Associated Press

Migrants are seen in custody Friday, March 19, at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection processing area under the Anzalduas International Bridge in Mission, Texas. The Biden administration is facing growing questions about why it wasn't more prepared for an influx of migrants at the southern border. The administration is scrambling to build up capacity to care for 14,000 young undocumented migrants now in federal custody — and more likely on the way.

Biden aims to prevent border crossings from swamping legislative agenda

JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is scrambling to manage a growing humanitarian and political challenge at the U.S.-Mexico border that threatens to overshadow its ambitious legislative agenda.

With the number of migrants surging, administration officials say Biden inherited an untenable situation that resulted from what they say was President Donald Trump's undermining and weakening of the immigration system.

But as Congress pivots to immigration legislation, stories of unaccompanied minors and families trying to cross border have begun to dominate the headlines, distracting from the

White House's efforts to promote the recently passed \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill.

The White House dispatched Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to four Sunday news shows in an effort to stress that it was working to get things under control.

"Our message has been straightforward — the border is closed," Mayorkas said. "We are expelling families. We are expelling single adults. And we've made a decision that we will not expel young, vulnerable children."

The White House has steadfastly refused to call the situation a "crisis," leading to a Washington battle over the appropriate description of the tense situation. Career immigration officials had warned there could be a surge after the November election

and the news that Trump's hard-line policies were being reversed.

In the first days of his term, Biden acted to undo some of Trump's measures, a rollback interpreted by some as a signal to travel to the United States. While the new administration was working on immigration legislation to address long-term problems, it didn't have an on-the-ground plan to manage a surge of migrants.

"We have seen large numbers of migration in the past. We know how to address it. We have a plan. We are executing on our plan and we will succeed," Mayorkas said. But, he added, "it takes time" and is "especially challenging and difficult now" because of the Trump administration's moves. "So we are rebuilding the system as we address the needs of vulnerable children who arrived at our borders."

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Johnson, Lightning beat Panthers

Bolts increase division lead

Associated Press

TAMPA — Tyler Johnson broke a tie on a power play midway through the third period to help the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Florida Panthers 5-3 on Sunday.

Yanni Gourde and Brayden Point each had a goal and an assist, Alex Killorn and Mathieu Joseph also scored, and Curtis McElhinney stopped 29 shots to improve to 3-3 1. The Lightning opened a four-point lead over Florida in the Central Division standings.

Gustav Forsling, Patric Hornqvist and Carter Verhaeghe scored for Florida, which lost in regulation for the third time in 14 road games.

Sergei Bobrovsky finished with 19 saves for the Panthers.

After Florida rallied twice to

tie it, Johnson put Tampa Bay in front for good at 10:56 of the third period, driving to the net to tap in a pass from Yanni Gourde. The Lightning then had to kill off a Florida power-play chance with 4:27 left before Point scored into an empty net with 14.3 seconds left.

“We kept inching away and they kept coming back so there was no time to hang your heads,” Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. “So the boys just kept coming and in the end our special teams got through, killed off a couple big PPs and scored one ourselves and then (McElhinney) came through for us, so it was a team effort.”

Florida opened the scoring on Verhaeghe’s 12th of the season at 3:28 of the first period but Tampa Bay answered on the next shift as Gourde found a rebound from Barclay Goodrow’s initial chance 32 seconds later.

The two teams exchanged goals in the second, Killorn

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Curtis McElhinney (35) celebrates with defenseman Victor Hedman (77) and center Tyler Johnson (9) after the team defeated the Florida Panthers on Sunday, in Tampa.

Upsetting experience

Sweet 16 bound: No. 15 seed Oral Roberts stuns Florida

TIM BOOTH

AP sports writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Dunk City, say hello to Max Abmas and the Golden Eagles of soaring Oral Roberts.

The fraternity of No. 15 seeds to reach the second week of the NCAA Tournament has its second member.

“It’s really just mind blowing,” said forward Kevin Obanor. “We’re grateful. Just happy that we got the win.”

Oral Roberts pulled off yet another upset to become just the second No. 15 seed in tournament history to advance to the round of 16 with an 81-78 victory over Florida on Sunday.

Obanor and Abmas (pronounced ACE-mus) carried the Golden Eagles out of an 11-point deficit to knock off the Gators. Oral Roberts, which opened the tournament with a stunning upset over No. 2 seed Ohio State, will now try to knock off No. 3 seed Arkansas next weekend.

“As I told the guys, we’re not going to let somebody put a number in front of our name and tell us that that’s our worth, or that’s our value,” Oral Roberts coach Paul Mills said. “We’re not capitulating to anybody here.”

Obanor scored 28 points and Abmas, the regular season national leading scorer, finished with 26 as the Golden Eagles (18-10) closed the game on a 25-11 run to overcome the 11-point lead Florida held with less than 10 minutes remaining.

Oral Roberts joins Florida Gulf Coast — those guys from “Dunk City”



Associated Press

Oral Roberts guard Kareem Thompson, left, grabs a rebound in front of Florida forward Colin Castleton (12) during the second half in the second round of the NCAA tournament at Indiana Farmers Coliseum, Sunday in Indianapolis.

— as the only No. 15 seeds to reach the round of 16 in tournament history. The private evangelical university in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has won twice in the tournament for the first time since 1974 when it reached the regional final before losing to Kansas.

The Oral Roberts fans inside Indiana Famers Coliseum chanted “Cinderella” during a wild celebration after the victory.

The chance to reach the Sweet 16 was a message hammered home by Mills after the opening round victory

over Ohio State. If they enjoyed beating the Buckeyes, Mills said, a week reveling in moving onto the next round would be even better.

They’ll get that chance.

“I told them, ‘I told you so,’ when we

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Blaney wins at Atlanta after Larson fades



Associated Press

Ryan Blaney celebrates his win after a NASCAR Cup Series race at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday, in Hampton, Ga.

Worn tires make the difference

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP sports writer

HAMPTON, Ga. — Ryan Blaney knew he had to let Kyle Larson go.

Patience was the key, especially on a day when Larson looked unbeatable.

In the end, Larson faded on an battered set of tires, and Blaney raced by him for an improbable victory Sunday.

“I was not going to be able to stick with him,” Blaney said. “I’ve got to save my tires ... and see what happens.”

Blaney became the sixth driver to win in six races to start NASCAR’s Cup season, surging

to the front with nine laps to go after Larson easily won the first two stages and led 269 of 325 laps on the 1.54-mile trioval.

Larson’s tires didn’t stand up to the punishing track after making his final pit stop with 56 laps to go.

Blaney stayed close enough to make his move, hugging the outside wall through the fourth turn and cutting to the inside to pass Larson as they crossed the line in front of the main grandstands.

Blaney pulled away to win by 2.083 seconds in his No. 12 Team Penske Ford, having gone just as long as Larson on the final set of tires but getting much more out of them.

“It’s cool to win at a place where you’ve got to finesse it a little bit and think about it,” Blaney said after his fifth career victory.

He led just 25 laps, but was out front for the one that mattered.

When it was over, Blaney strolled over to the stands and grabbed the checkered flag, which he handed to a young fan wearing the driver’s T-shirt.

It was a bitter loss for Larson, who missed a chance to become 2021’s first two-time winner after a victory at Las Vegas two weeks ago.

Still, he is off to a strong start in his new job at Hendrick Motorsports, less than a year after blurting out a racial slur on the livestream of a late-night video racing game, which cost him his job at Chip Ganassi Racing.

“I hate to lead a lot of laps and lose,” Larson said. “The car was stupid fast for a long time there.”

The Cup series returned to the track where the racing world

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Loyola Chicago stuns top-seeded Illinois

Buddy Boeheim gets dad back into Sweet 16

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — If the pre-game prayer sounded more like a scouting report, it was. And if Sister Jean didn't have any plans for next weekend, well, she does now.

Loyola Chicago carried out its 101-year-old superfan's plans to a T on Sunday, moving to the Sweet 16 with a 71-58 win over Illinois, the first No. 1 seed bounced from this year's NCAA Tournament.

Cameron Krutwig delivered a 19-point, 12-rebound masterpiece and the quick-handed, eighth-seeded Ramblers (26-4) led wire to wire. They befuddled a powerful Illinois offense to return to the second weekend three years after their last magical run to the Final Four.

A hard habit to break for these Ramblers. And a classic case of nun-and-done for the Illini.

Loyola Chicago will next play either Oklahoma State or Oregon State, who were set to meet later Sunday.

"We just executed, played our game and controlled the game from the start," Krutwig said. "Nobody was really doing anything out of body or out of mind. We just stuck to the game plan."

Who wrote it?

Some of Loyola's wisdom comes from Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the venerable team chaplain, who headlined the team's 2018 run to the Final Four and received both COVID-19 vaccination shots so she could travel to Indianapolis to see what inspiration she could provide in 2021.

Before taking in this game from the luxury suite — sitting in her wheelchair and decked out in her trademark maroon and gold scarf — Jean delivered a pregame prayer that could've been stripped straight from a John Wooden handbook.

"As we play the Fighting Illini,



Illinois center Kofi Cockburn (21) is defended by Loyola Chicago center Cameron Krutwig, left, and Lucas Williamson, right, during the first half in the second round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday, at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

we ask for special help to overcome this team and get a great win," she said. "We hope to score early and make our opponents nervous. We have a great opportunity to convert rebounds as this team makes about 50% of layups and 30% of its 3 points. Our defense can take care of that."

From her mouth to their ears.

Illinois (24-7) earned top seeding for the first time since its own Final Four run in 2005, but fell behind by 14 in the first half and never got within striking range. The Illini committed 16 turnovers and scored 23 points fewer than their season average. A team that lives for easy buckets in transition got two fast-break points.

Illinois' 7-foot second-team All-American Kofi Cockburn finished with 21 points on 7-for-12 shooting, but worked hard for every shot against the

pestering presence of Krutwig and Co.

Loyola's handsy guards, Lucas Williamson (14 points) and Keith Clemons (two steals), kept first-team All-American Ayo Dosunmu from ever finding his comfort zone. He finished with nine points, 11 under his season average. Illini guard Trent Frazier went 1 for 10 for two points.

Loyola held its lead in the 8-to-12-point range through most of the second half, and though Illinois made a few 4-0 flurries, it never made this a one-possession game.

"We tried everything in the bag," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. "Everything that's made us one of the most efficient offensive teams, today, just for whatever reason, didn't work."

Krutwig is also an All-American — a third-teamer who looked all-world in this one. Posting up, pivoting, dishing

when necessary and causing all kinds of trouble on defense in the paint, the 6-9 senior played bigger. He also had five assists and four steals. Krutwig was with Loyola for the last Final Four trip, and has since become one of only four players in Missouri Valley Conference history to record 1,500 points, 800 boards, and 300 assists.

And there's a chance for more.

It's a turn of events that Sister Jean could see happening. Before the game, she suggested Loyola, the MVC champs who have the nation's best defense (55.7 points per game) and were ranked 17th in the final AP poll, might have gotten a raw deal with a No. 8 seeding that put it up against a 1 so early.

There was only one way to deal with that — by winning. To anyone outside of Champaign — or now holding a freshly obliterated bracket — it's hard to argue

this Loyola team isn't the breath of fresh air this tournament-in-a-bubble sorely needed.

Sure, there have been upsets, some drama and little teams doing big things.

But there's nobody quite like Sister Jean to put the whole thing in perspective. The Ramblers and March Madness — what an inspiration!

"It's amazing what happens when you get a group of young men who believe," coach Porter Moser said. "And these guys believed."

MIDWEST Syracuse 75, West Virginia 72

Buddy Boeheim carried his father, Jim, to the Hall of Fame coach's 20th Sweet 16 appearance, scoring 22 of his 25 points after halftime to lead 11th-seeded Syracuse past third-seeded West Virginia.

Jim Boeheim's Orange got the better of another legend, Bob Huggins, in the second March Madness meeting between coaches with at least 900 Division I victories. Huggins won No. 900 when West Virginia beat Morehead State in the first round on Friday. Boeheim got his 982nd at Huggins' expense.

Houston 63, Rutgers 60

Quentin Grimes scored 22 points, Tramon Mark converted a soaring three-point play with 24 seconds left, and Houston beat Rutgers.

SOUTH Baylor 76, Wisconsin 63

Davion Mitchell scored 16 points and spearheaded a dominant defensive first half, helping top-seeded Baylor avoid another NCAA Tournament upset with a 76-63 win over Wisconsin.

Arkansas 68, Texas Tech 66

Justin Smith had 20 points and played a key role in a final-play defensive stop, helping Arkansas beat Texas Tech and secure the program's first trip to the Sweet 16 in a quarter-century.

Goodman's 24 leads Oregon State women by FSU

UConn rolls without Auriemma

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Aleah Goodman scored 24 points with five rebounds, five assists and zero turnovers, Taylor Jones added 18 points and eight boards, and No. 8-seed Oregon State beat ninth-seeded Florida State 83-59 on Sunday in the opening round of the women's NCAA Tournament.

Oregon State (12-7) advances to play the top seed in the Hemisfair Region, South Carolina, while Florida State (10-9) is exiting after the first round for the first time in its last 17 appearances.

Oregon State scored 20 of the first 26 points of the second quarter, including an 11-0 run, to take the first double-digit lead of the game after a 16-all first. Goodman scored seven of her 14 first-half points during the spurt. Goodman also had four rebounds and three assists and Jones added 11 points with seven rebounds as Oregon State built a 41-27 lead.

"I'm just so proud of this team, especially after the first quarter, I feel like we kind of had a little bit of a feel-out quarter, and then we just came out in the second quarter we really locked down," Goodman said. "The defense, especially I think through quarters, two, three and four were just special. That's really something we've been harping on."

Oregon State opened a 20-point lead midway through the third quarter as Florida State made only one of its first six shots following halftime. Goodman only played four minutes in the fourth and

Jones three.

Sasha Goforth added 14 points for Oregon State, which shot 55.2% from the floor and held a 43-26 edge on the glass. Goodman, averaging 16.1 points, was 8-of-12 shooting with three 3-pointers.

Bianca Jackson finished with 17 points for Florida State (10-9), led by interim coach Brooke Wyckoff after Sue Semrau took a leave of absence at the start of the season to help care for her mother. Kourtney Weber and Tiana England each added 11 points. Florida State's second-leading scorer, Morgan Jones, was held to four points on 2-of-8 shooting.

"They just did an awesome job of getting back in transition and leveling us and making sure that we couldn't really get to the basket," England said. "They clog up the lane."

RIVER WALK REGION UConn 102, High Point 59

SAN ANTONIO — UConn did just fine without coach Geno Auriemma, with Paige Bueckers scoring 24 points to lead the top-seeded Huskies to a 102-59 victory over High Point in the first round of the women's NCAA Tournament.

Auriemma is recovering from the coronavirus and missed the opener. Associate head coach Chris Dailey filled in for the Hall of Famer, who is also going to miss the second-round game against Syracuse on Tuesday in the River Walk Region.

Dailey is 11-0 filling in for Auriemma over their time together at UConn (25-1). The Huskies also were missing assistant coach Shea Ralph, who left San Antonio after one of her relatives contracted COVID-19.

Olivia Nelson-Ododa added 22 points.

Skyler Curran led the Panthers (22-7) with 14 points.



Oregon State guard Aleah Goodman (1) calls to teammates over Florida State guard Sammie Puisis during the second half of a game in the first round of the women's NCAA tournament at the University Events Center on Sunday, in San Marcos, Texas.

Syracuse 72, South Dakota St. 55

AUSTIN, Texas — Emily Engstler scored 18 points and eighth-seeded Syracuse pulled away to beat ninth-seeded South Dakota State.

Engstler made three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter for Syracuse (15-8).

Paition Burckhard had 17 points for South Dakota State (21-4).

Baylor 101, Jackson State 52

SAN ANTONIO — Moon Ursin scored a career-high 24 points and second-seeded Baylor routed Jackson State.

All-American NaLyssa Smith added 18 points on 8-of-9 shooting and had 10 rebounds for the Bears (26-2).

Keshuna Luckett led the 15th-seeded Tigers (19-6) with 15 points.

Virginia Tech 70, Marquette 63

SAN MARCOS, Texas — Elizabeth Kitley had 23 points and seventh-seeded Virginia Tech built a big lead and held

off 10th-seeded Marquette.

Kitley also had eight rebounds, four assists and three blocks for Virginia Tech (15-9).

Van Kleunen led Marquette (19-7) with 18 points.

Tennessee 87, Middle Tennessee 62

AUSTIN, Texas — Rennia Davis had 24 points and 14 rebounds and No. 3 seed Tennessee used a dominant second half to beat 14th-seeded Middle Tennessee.

Rae Burrell scored 22 points and Jordan Walker had nine points and 14 rebounds for Tennessee (17-7). The Vols outrebounded the Blue Raiders (17-8) 56-21.

Anastasia Hayes scored 26 points for Middle Tennessee.

Michigan 87, FGCU 66

SAN ANTONIO — Leigha Brown scored 28 points, including 17 straight for sixth-seeded Michigan, and the Wolverines beat 11th-seed Florida Gulf Coast.

Big Ten player of the year Naz Hillmon finished with 14 points

and 13 rebounds for the Wolverines (15-5).

Kierstan Bell had 25 points for Florida Gulf Coast (26-3). The Eagles had won 15 in a row.

Kentucky 71, Idaho State 63

SAN ANTONIO — Rhyne Howard and Chasity Patterson scored 14 points apiece and fourth-seeded Kentucky beat 13th-seeded Idaho State.

Blair Green added 10 points for the Wildcats (18-8).

Diaba Konate led the Big Sky champion Bengals (22-4) with 16 points.

Iowa 87, Central Michigan 72

SAN ANTONIO — Freshman Caitlin Clark, the nation's leading scorer, had 23 points, seven rebounds and seven assists and fifth-seeded Iowa beat 12th-seeded Central Michigan.

Monika Czinano also scored 23 points for Iowa (19-9).

Micaela Kelly had 23 points for Central Michigan (18-9).

HEMISFAIR REGION South Carolina 79, Mercer 53

SAN ANTONIO — South Carolina coach Dawn Staley got her 500th career victory when Aliyah Boston and the top-seeded Gamecocks beat Mercer.

Staley is 328-102 in 13 seasons at South Carolina, after going 172-80 in eight seasons at Temple.

Boston had 20 points and 18 rebounds for South Carolina (23-4). Victaria Saxton also scored 20 points.

Amoria Neal-Tysor had 15 points for Mercer (19-7).

Georgia Tech 54, Stephen F. Austin 52, OT

SAN ANTONIO — Lorela Cubaj recovered from a scary fall to score 14 points, including the go-ahead free throws in overtime, and fifth-seeded Georgia Tech overcame a 17-point halftime deficit to beat 12th-seeded Stephen F. Austin.

West Virginia 77, Lehigh 53

SAN ANTONIO — Kysre Gondrezick scored 26 points and fourth-seeded West Virginia beat 13th-seeded Lehigh.

Kirsten Deans had 19 point, eight rebounds and five assists for West Virginia (22-6).

**MERCADO REGION
N.C. State 79,
N. Carolina A&T 58**

SAN MARCOS, Texas — Jada Boyd scored 15 of her 18 points in the second half and top-seeded North Carolina State overcame a slow start to beat 16th-seeded North Carolina.

**ALAMO REGION
Oklahoma State 84, Wake Forest 61**

SAN ANTONIO — Natasha Mack had 27 points and 15 rebounds in eighth-seeded Oklahoma State's victory over ninth-seeded Wake Forest.

NASCAR
NASCAR Cup Series
Folds of Honor
QuikTrip 500

Sunday
At Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.
Lap length: 1.54 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (10) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 325 laps, 57 points.
2. (6) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 325, 55.
3. (14) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 325, 47.
4. (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 325, 41.
5. (19) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 325, 48.
6. (13) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 325, 35.
7. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 325, 35.
8. (9) William Byron, Chevrolet, 325, 36.
9. (2) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 325, 32.
10. (7) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 325, 27.
11. (20) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 325, 31.
12. (12) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 325, 25.
13. (28) Ryan Newman, Ford, 325, 24.
14. (21) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 325, 23.
15. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 324, 22.
16. (15) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 324, 21.
17. (25) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 324, 21.
18. (27) Cole Custer, Ford, 324, 19.
19. (18) Michael McDowell, Ford, 324, 18.
20. (16) Aric Almirola, Ford, 324, 17.
21. (8) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 323, 16.
22. (39) Austin Cindric, Ford, 323, 0.
23. (24) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 323, 0.
24. (22) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 323, 13.
25. (23) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 323, 12.
26. (29) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 323, 11.
27. (32) Anthony Alfredo, Ford, 322, 10.
28. (4) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 321, 9.
29. (30) Corey Lajole, Chevrolet, 319, 8.
30. (26) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 319, 0.
31. (33) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 316, 0.
32. (34) James Davison, Chevrolet, 316, 5.
33. (35) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 314, 4.
34. (31) BJ McLeod, Ford, 313, 0.
35. (36) Joey Gase, Ford, 308, 2.
36. (38) Timmy Hill, Ford, 305, 0.
37. (37) Josh Billicki, Ford, 285, 1.
38. (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, engine, 220, 4.
39. (11) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, accident, 113, 8.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 144.589 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 27 minutes, 41 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 2.083 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 25 laps.
Lead Changes: 11 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hamlin 0-27; K.Larson 28-63; Ku.Busch 64; W.Byron 65-66; K.Larson 67-118; R.Blaney 119; K.Larson 120-160; D.Suarez 161; K.Larson 162-221; R.Blaney 222-236; K.Larson 237-316; R.Blaney 317-325
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Larson, 5 times for 269 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 27 laps; R.Blaney, 3 times for 25 laps; W.Byron, 1 time for 2 laps; D.Suarez, 1 time for 1 lap; Ku.Busch, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: K.Larson, 1; M.Truex, 1; R.Blaney, 1; W.Byron, 1; C.Bell, 1; M.McDowell, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. D.Hamlin, 277; 2. K.Larson, 234; 3. J.Logano, 214; 4. M.Truex, 212; 5. B.Keselowski, 206; 6. K.Harvick, 203; 7. R.Blaney, 191; 8. W.Byron, 188; 9. C.Bell, 183; 10. C.Elliott, 183; 11. A.Dillon, 170; 12. Ky.Busch, 163; 13. M.McDowell, 158; 14. A.Bowman, 157; 15. Ku.Busch, 152; 16. C.Buescher, 144.
NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

HOCKEY
NHL standings

East Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	31	20	7	4	44	106	92			
N.Y. Islanders	32	20	8	4	44	96	72			
Pittsburgh	32	19	11	2	40	100	88			
Boston	28	16	8	4	36	77	66			
Philadelphia	29	15	11	3	33	93	105			
N.Y. Rangers	30	13	13	4	30	89	79			
New Jersey	29	11	14	4	26	71	90			
Buffalo	29	6	19	4	16	61	101			
Central Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	31	23	6	2	48	115	73			
Florida	31	20	7	4	44	105	88			
Carolina	30	20	7	3	43	101	78			
Columbus	32	13	12	7	33	86	103			
Chicago	32	14	13	5	33	95	106			
Dallas	27	10	10	7	27	77	71			
Nashville	31	13	17	1	27	73	100			
Detroit	32	10	18	4	24	71	104			
West Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Vegas	29	21	7	1	43	95	66			
Colorado	29	19	8	2	40	97	65			
Minnesota	29	18	10	1	37	87	75			
St. Louis	31	16	10	5	37	96	99			
Los Angeles	30	13	11	6	32	88	84			
Arizona	31	13	13	5	31	77	92			
San Jose	29	11	14	4	26	83	103			
Anaheim	32	9	17	6	24	71	110			
North Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Toronto	32	20	10	2	42	107	83			
Edmonton	34	21	13	0	42	116	97			
Winnipeg	31	18	11	2	38	100	91			
Montreal	31	14	8	9	37	100	87			
Vancouver	35	16	16	3	35	99	111			
Calgary	32	15	14	3	33	87	97			
Ottawa	33	10	20	3	23	87	130			

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.
Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, New Jersey 1
Florida 2, Nashville 0
Colorado 6, Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 1
N.Y. Islanders 6, Philadelphia 1
Dallas 3, Detroit 0
Toronto 2, Calgary 0
Columbus 3, Carolina 2, SO
Montreal 5, Vancouver 4, SO
St. Louis 5, San Jose 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 1
Arizona 5, Anaheim 1
Edmonton 4, Winnipeg 2
Boston at Buffalo, ppd
Sunday's Games
New Jersey 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Tampa Bay 5, Florida 3
Los Angeles 3, Vegas 1
Nashville at Dallas, late
Tuesday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Montreal, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, ppd
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 10 p.m.

BASKETBALL
Men's NCAA
Tournament
Second Round
Loyola Chicago 71, Illinois 58
Syracuse 75, West Virginia 72
Houston 63, Rutgers 60

Florida **LOTTERY**

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

PICK 2 (early) 3 - 2	PICK 5 (early) 6 - 6 - 4 - 5 - 0
PICK 2 (late) 6 - 2	PICK 5 (late) 1 - 2 - 7 - 8 - 9
PICK 3 (early) 8 - 8 - 6	FANTASY 5 7 - 26 - 31 - 33 - 36
PICK 3 (late) 1 - 9 - 7	CASH 4 LIFE 2 - 16 - 41 - 55 - 58
PICK 4 (early) 1 - 2 - 4 - 1	CASH BALL 2
PICK 4 (late) 2 - 9 - 9 - 6	

Saturday's winning numbers and payouts:

Powerball: 1 – 6 – 22 – 42 – 61 Powerball: 4 5-of-5 PB No winner No Florida winner 5-of-5 2 winners \$1 million 1 Florida winner Lotto: 20 – 21 – 32 – 34 – 41 – 47 6-of-6 No winner 5-of-6 2x 6 winners \$6,000 5-of-6 3x 5 winners \$9,000 5-of-6 4x 4 winners \$12,000	5-of-6 5x 2 winners \$15,000 5-of-6 10x 2 winners \$30,000 Fantasy 5: 7 – 12 – 19 – 27 – 35 5-of-5 5 winners \$47,516.92 4-of-5 459 \$83 3-of-5 11,717 \$9 Cash 4 Life: 28 – 33 – 38 – 50 – 59 Cash Ball: 2 5-of-5 CB No winner 5-of-5 No winner
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On the **AIRWAVES**

TODAY'S SPORTS	
SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL	
1 p.m. (FSNFL) (MLB) St. Louis Cardinals at Miami Marlins	
1 p.m. (SUN) Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays	
4 p.m. (MLB) Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Angels	
9:30 p.m. (MLB) Los Angeles Dodgers at Seattle Mariners	
12:30 a.m. (MLB) Philadelphia Phillies at New York Yankees (Same-day Tape)	
3:30 a.m. (MLB) New York Mets at Houston Astros (Same-day Tape)	
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
NCAA TOURNAMENT	
5:30 a.m. (ESPNU) First Round: Florida State vs Oregon State (Taped)	
7:30 a.m. (ESPNU) First Round: High Point vs Connecticut (Taped)	
12 p.m. (ESPN) First Round: North Carolina vs Alabama	
12 p.m. (ESPN2) First Round: Drexel vs Georgia	
12 p.m. (ESPNU) First Round: BYU vs Rutgers	
2 p.m. (ESPN) First Round: Wright State vs Arkansas	
2 p.m. (ESPN2) First Round: Stony Brook vs Arizona	
2 p.m. (ESPNU) First Round: VCU vs Indiana	
4 p.m. (ESPN) First Round: Mount St. Mary's vs Maryland	
4 p.m. (ESPN2) First Round: Belmont vs Gonzaga	
4 p.m. (ESPNU) First Round: UCF vs Northwestern	
6 p.m. (ESPN) First Round: Michigan State vs Iowa State	
6 p.m. (ESPN2) First Round: Troy vs Texas A&M	
7:30 p.m. (ESPNU) First Round: UC Davis vs Missouri State	
8 p.m. (ESPN) First Round: Marist vs Louisville	
8 p.m. (ESPN2) First Round: Bradley vs Texas	
10 p.m. (ESPN) First Round: Wyoming vs UCLA	
10 p.m. (ESPN2) First Round: South Dakota vs Oregon	
1 a.m. (ESPNU) First Round: Belmont vs Gonzaga (Taped)	
3 a.m. (ESPNU) First Round: Troy vs Texas A&M (Taped)	
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
NCAA TOURNAMENT	
12 p.m. (10 CBS) Second Round: Teams TBA	
2:30 p.m. (10 CBS) Second Round: Teams TBA	
5 p.m. (TBS) Second Round: Teams TBA	
6 p.m. (TNT) Second Round: Teams TBA	
7 p.m. (10 CBS) Second Round: Teams TBA	
7:30 p.m. (TBS) Second Round: Teams TBA	
8:30 p.m. (TNT) Second Round: Teams TBA	
9:30 p.m. (10 CBS) Second Round: Teams TBA	
NBA	
9 p.m. (NBA) Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks	
9 p.m. (SUN) Toronto Raptors at Houston Rockets	
NHL	
2 p.m. (NHL) Vegas Golden Knights at Los Angeles Kings (Taped)	
7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Anaheim Ducks at Minnesota Wild	
10 p.m. (NHL) Winnipeg Jets at Vancouver Canucks	
SOCCER	
6 p.m. (FS1) CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Championship Haiti vs Canada	
8:30 p.m. (FS1) CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Championship El Salvador vs Honduras	
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	
7 p.m. (SEC) Texas A&M at LSU	
WINTER SPORTS	
3:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) FIS Freestyle Skiing (Same-day Tape)	
5 p.m. (NBCSPT) Snowboarding USSA Grand Prix: Snowboard Slopestyle (Same-day Tape)	

Note: Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.

Prep **CALENDAR**

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS	
FLAG FOOTBALL	
6 p.m. Lecanto at North Marion	
6 p.m. Vanguard at Citrus	
SOFTBALL	
6 p.m. Leesburg at Citrus	

Baylor 76, Wisconsin 63 Arkansas 68, Texas Tech 66 Oral Roberts 81, Florida 78	National League CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned C Deivy Grullon, SS Jose Garcia, RF Scott Heineman and RHPs Hector Perez and Art Warren to Louisville (Triple-A East). PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Signed RHP Steven Wright to a minor league contract. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NBA — Fined Toronto Raptors head coach Nick Nurse \$50,000 for an incident during a March 19 game against Utah. FOOTBALL National Football League CHICAGO BEARS — Signed OLB Jeremiah Attaochu to a two-year contract. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Acquired OG Gabe Jackson from Las Vegas in exchange for a fifth-round pick. HOCKEY National Hockey League NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Nathan Bastian on injured reserve retroactive to March 18. Recalled F Michael McLeod from the taxi squad. Reassigned D Josh Jacobs and G Gilles Senn from the taxi squad to Binghamton (AHL). Assigned Ds Jeremy Groleau and David Quenneville from Binghamton (AHL) to the taxi squad. NEW YORK RANGERS — Placed D Jack Johnson on injured reserve.
Women's NCAA Tournament First Round Oklahoma St. 84, Wake Forest 61 South Carolina 79, Mercer 53 Oregon St. 83, Florida St. 59 Georgia Tech 54, Stephen F. Austin 52, OT NC State 79, NC A&T 58 UConn 102, High Point 59 Syracuse 72, S. Dakota St. 55 Iowa 87, Cent. Michigan 72 Kentucky 71, Idaho St. 63 Michigan 87, Florida Gulf Coast 66 Tennessee 87, Middle Tennessee 62 Virginia Tech 70, Marquette 63 Baylor 101, Jackson St. 52	Transactions BASEBALL Major League Baseball American League KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with C Salvador Perez on a four-year contract from 2022-25. OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Jordan Weems to Las Vegas (Triple-A West).

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rams sign veteran WR Jackson for LA homecoming
LOS ANGELES — Veteran receiver DeSean Jackson has signed a one-year deal with the Los Angeles Rams, returning to his native Southern California after 13 NFL seasons on the East Coast.
The Rams announced the acquisition of Jackson on Sunday, adding him to the targets for new quarterback Matthew Stafford.
Jackson spent his first six NFL seasons and the last two with the Philadelphia Eagles, but he played in just eight games over the last two years due to injuries.
The speedy wideout had the best season of his career in 2013 with 82 catches for 1,332 yards and nine touchdowns for the Eagles, and he followed it with two 1,000-yard seasons for Washington. Jackson also spent two seasons with

Tampa Bay before rejoining Philadelphia in 2019.
Royals give veteran catcher Pérez 4-year, \$82M deal
Salvador Pérez still remembers growing up in the coastal Venezuelan city of Valencia, where as a youngster he would take batting practice against his mother with a broomstick and later play organized ball with the likes of José Altuve.
He never thought a day like Sunday could be possible.
That's when the Royals gave the six-time All-Star catcher a four-year, \$82 million deal — the richest in club history — that will begin after his current contract in 2022. The deal ties Pérez to the only organization for which he's played until at least 2025, though a club option worth \$13.5 million could keep him around for that season, too.
— From wire reports

UPSET
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got to the locker room,” Mills said. “I told you the Sweet 16 was a much better feeling.”
Oral Roberts took a 77-76 lead — its first lead since late in the first half — on Obanor's basket with less than 3 minutes remaining. Noah Locke answered for the Gators, but DeShang Weaver, who missed his first five shots, hit an open 3-pointer for an 80-78 lead with 2:08 remaining.
Florida had a chance but failed to get good shots on its final few possessions. The Gators had a pair of turnovers, Locke missed a corner 3-pointer and after Obanor split free throws, difficult 3-point attempts by Tre Mann and Scottie Lewis were off line.
Mann led the Gators (15-10) with 19 points, but went quiet late in the second half, failing to score over the final 17 minutes.
“I just missed shots,” Mann said. “We made the same plays we did in the first half. I got the same shots. I just missed shots. I didn't get the wide-open looks I was getting.”
Locke finished with 17 points and

Colin Castleton and Tyree Appleby both added 14 for the Gators. But there will be plenty of anger and frustration after losing in the second round for the third straight NCAA appearance and a game Florida felt it gave away.
The Gators shot 55%. They outrebounded the smaller Golden Eagles 37-24 and had 42 points in the paint. But Florida committed 20 turnovers and had just three made baskets over the final 9 1/2 minutes.
Florida coach Mike White was worried about fatigue with his players late and playing slower backfired.
“We were tired. These guys get you in rotation. I was hoping slowing it down would help us make better decisions,” White said. “We made some erratic decisions. We made some passes that boy I wish we had back.”
In the eight previous instances of a No. 15 seed playing in the round of 32, only Florida Gulf Coast was able to keep its magical run going. “Dunk City” ousted San Diego State in the second round before losing to Florida in the Sweet 16.
Most times, the elation of pulling off the first-round upset led to a second-round rout. Only Coppin State in 1997 lost by less than 10 points, an 82-81 defeat to Texas.

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came to a halt a year ago.
In March 2020, Atlanta was the first NASCAR Cup race to be postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.
This time, the race went off as scheduled before a socially distanced crowd of about 20,000 — far below capacity because of the lingering COVID-19 outbreak, but a welcome change from last June when no fans were allowed for Atlanta's makeup race.
The Cup series will be back July 11, the first time since 2010 that Atlanta has hosted two races in a season.
WHO'S HOT
Pole-sitter Denny Hamlin continues to lead the season standings after another strong run. He was fourth behind Blaney, Larson and Alex Bowman.
Hamlin has finished in the top five in every race but Homestead, where he was 11th.
Still, he's clearly perturbed about failing to take the top spot.
“We're just not fast enough,” Hamlin said. “We need more speed.”

WHO'S NOT
Stewart-Haas Racing is off to a tough start in 2021.
Kevin Harvick, who had won two of the last three races in Atlanta, was never in a mix after having to make an extra pit stop early on to change a flat that resulted from a broken tire stem.
He did battle back for a

10th-place finish.
The other Stewart-Haas drivers were even farther back: Cole Custer 18th, Aric Almirola 20th and Chase Briscoe 23rd. None has cracked the top 10 this season.
KURT'S CRASH
Kurt Busch had the look of a contender until the restart to begin the second stage.
As the cars stacked up behind Larson, Busch got bumped from behind by Hamlin and slammed into the outside wall going into turn one, sustaining heavy damage that ended the No. 1 Chevy's day.
Busch conceded that Hamlin “didn't do anything vicious or malicious,” but he was still ticked off.
“These are the days that hurt the worst,” said Busch, who finished last in the 39-car field. “It's a restart. Where are we gonna go, man? Just chill.”
CHASE FLOUNDERS
It was also a tough day for defending Cup champion and home-state favorite Chase Elliott.
Scheduled to start from the fifth position, he had to take the green from the back of the field after failing multiple inspections before the race.
Then, shortly after a restart to begin the final stage, Elliott's No. 9 Chevy blew the engine coming off turn four. The car was pushed to the paddock with a 38th-place finish.
UP NEXT
The series heads to Bristol Motor Speedway next Sunday for the highly anticipated dirt race on the half-mile oval.

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at 11:23 and Forsling on the power play at 18:24. Joseph put Tampa Bay in front at 5:22 of the third, but Hornqvist answered with a power-play goal at 6:25 before Johnson regained the lead for the Lightning.
“It's one of those games where you play these guys, it's going to be tight,” Florida defenseman Keith Yandle said. “I really liked our effort. I thought we worked hard, we played hard for 60 minutes.”
SUNSHINE STATE SHOWDOWN
The game marked the fifth time the state rivals faced each other while holding down first and second place in the division through at least 15 games. In happened twice in 2015-16 and twice in 2003-04
MAC SHUT DOWN
Tampa Bay defenseman Ryan McDonagh left the game after the first period with an undisclosed lower-body injury and did not return. McDonagh's final shift ended with 21 seconds remaining in the period.

UP NEXT
Lightning: At Dallas on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
Devils 2, Penguins 1, OT
PITTSBURGH — Jesper Bratt scored on a wraparound at 2:50 of overtime to lift New Jersey past Pittsburgh.
Bratt took a pass from Pavel Zacha and quickly circled the net, tucking a shot between the post and the goalie Tristan Jarry's skate for his first career overtime goal.
New Jersey won two of three games in the series.
Sami Vatanen also scored for New Jersey, and Mackenzie Blackwood stopped 35 shots. Sidney Crosby scored for Pittsburgh, and Jarry made 33 saves.
Kings 3, Golden Knights 1
LOS ANGELES — Sean Walker and Dustin Brown scored 51 seconds apart in the second period and Los Angeles ended Vegas' winning streak at five.
Cal Petersen made 41 saves and fell just short of his second career shutout to help the Kings avenged a 4-2 loss to the Knights on Friday night.
Tomas Nosek scored for the first-place Golden Knights to end Petersen's shutout bid with 3:27 to play, but Jeff Carter scored a breakaway goal 55 seconds later to seal it.

Jones captures Honda Classic by 5 shots

Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS — When Matt Jones won his first PGA Tour title seven years ago, he needed a 45-foot birdie putt just to get into a play-off and then a 40-yard chip-in to take the victory.

This win was far less dramatic, yet just as meaningful.

It got him back to the Masters.

Jones won the Honda Classic by five shots Sunday, a final round of 2-under 68 good enough to finish the week at 12-under 268 at PGA National. The margin matched the largest in tournament history, tying the mark set by Jack Nicklaus in 1977 and matched by Camilo Villegas in 2010.

“Pretty emotional,” Jones said moments after sealing the win, his voice cracking a bit. “Seven years.”

The 40-year-old Australian earned \$1.26 million and, this time, he’ll have more than a day to prepare for the trip to Augusta National. His win at the Houston Open in 2014 — and his Masters invite — came just one day before he had to go to Augusta, so it was a mad scramble to get family and friends together to share in the experience.

The Masters is three weeks away this time.

Jones started the week with a course-record-tying round of 9-under 61. He was three shots behind Aaron Wise after 36 holes after a second-round 70, and his round of 69 on Saturday was good enough to

put him up by three entering Sunday.

Brandon Hagy (66) finished 7 under and alone in second on his 30th birthday, his chance at winning doomed by a third-round 76. Chase Seiffert (64), Brendan Steele (65), C.T. Pan (70), Denny McCarthy (67) and Russell Henley (68) tied for third at 6 under.

“There’s a lot of tough holes out there and there’s big stakes for sure, but I’ve been working on some good stuff and it’s nice to see some of that pan out,” Hagy said.

The only stretch where Jones’ grip on the lead seemed in peril was midway through the round; Wise, who once led by six shots during the third round, had four birdies in a six-hole stretch on the front and got within one of the lead.

Wise’s chances ended at the par-4 10th. He hit his second into a bunker, then four-putted from 25 feet for triple-bogey. Jones’ lead went to four, and he avoided trouble the rest of the way, while Wise finished with a 73 and tied for 13th at 4 under.

J.B. Holmes was in the final group with Jones, three shots back to start the day, and his chances were gone very quickly.

Holmes knocked his shot from a greenside bunker off the green and made bogey on the opening hole, then sent his tee shot way right on the par-4 second and needed about 10 minutes to find the ball — it was nestled among palm fronds — and decide how to proceed.

He went on to make double bogey there, and when Jones birdied the par-5 third Holmes’ deficit had gone from three to eight shots in about 45 minutes. It was a costly final-round 79 for Holmes; second place, where he was to begin the day, wound up paying Hagy \$763,000 — while the tied-for-46th finish paid Holmes \$19,070.

At that point, only a few had a realistic chance at catching Jones. Before long, the outcome was obvious.

“You can’t get a tougher golf course to win on than this one, in these conditions,” Jones said. “To be able to do that on this golf course is amazing and something I can build on for the future, hopefully.”

Harding holds on to win Kenya Open

NAIROBI, Kenya — Justin Harding held on to his overnight lead to win the European Tour’s Kenya Open by two shots with a 5-under 66 in the final round.

The South African had a two-shot overnight lead and didn’t relinquish that to claim his second tour title. He finished 21 under overall.

Harding had three birdies and an eagle but crucially didn’t drop a shot all day.

The closest he came to being caught was when playing partner Kurt Kitayama of the United States briefly cut Harding’s lead to one shot midway through the final round.

Kitayama had two eagles on the final day — at the par-5



Associated Press

Matt Jones, of Australia, hits from the first hole during the final round of the Honda Classic golf tournament, on Sunday in Palm Beach Gardens.

Nos. 6 and 12 — but still finished with a 66 for second place.

Connor Syme was two further shots back in third

on 17 under after closing with a 64. Sebastian Garcia Rodriguez (63) was another shot back in fourth. Harding won the 2019 Qatar

Masters, and he finished in a tie for second when the Kenya Open made its debut on the European Tour in 2019.

The Honda Classic			
Sunday			
At PGA National Champions Course			
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.			
Purse: \$7 million			
Yardage: 7,048; Par: 70			
Final Round			
Matt Jones (500), \$1,260,000	61-70-69-68--268	-12	
Brandon Hagy (300), \$763,000	69-62-76-66--273	-7	
Russell Henley (125), \$320,600	64-69-73-68--274	-6	
Denny McCarthy (125), \$320,600	68-65-74-67--274	-6	
C.T. Pan (125), \$320,600	67-72-65-70--274	-6	
Chase Seiffert (125), \$320,600	67-74-69-64--274	-6	
Brendan Steele (125), \$320,600	73-65-71-65--274	-6	
Adam Hadwin (75), \$190,750	72-65-70-68--275	-5	
Sungjae Im (75), \$190,750	68-68-69-70--275	-5	
Zach Johnson (75), \$190,750	67-68-70-70--275	-5	
Sam Ryder (75), \$190,750	69-63-72-71--275	-5	
Camilo Villegas (75), \$190,750	69-65-72-69--275	-5	
Kevin Chappell (54), \$125,417	66-70-75-65--276	-4	
Adam Scott (54), \$125,417	69-67-72-68--276	-4	
Robert Streb (54), \$125,417	69-66-70-71--276	-4	
Steve Stricker (54), \$125,417	66-71-70-69--276	-4	
Cameron Tringale (54), \$125,417	67-68-69-72--276	-4	
Aaron Wise (54), \$125,417	64-64-75-73--276	-4	
Stewart Cink (42), \$82,950	71-64-70-72--277	-3	
Lucas Glover (42), \$82,950	71-66-69-71--277	-3	
Harry Higgs (42), \$82,950	68-67-74-68--277	-3	
John Huh (42), \$82,950	68-70-70-69--277	-3	
Michael Thompson (42), \$82,950	71-66-73-67--277	-3	
Harold Varner III (42), \$82,950	71-65-71-70--277	-3	
Brice Garnett (33), \$54,950	71-64-70-73--278	-2	
Chris Kirk (33), \$54,950	68-71-67-72--278	-2	
Phil Mickelson (33), \$54,950	71-68-69-70--278	-2	
Joaquin Niemann (33), \$54,950	69-67-73-69--278	-2	
Roger Sloan (33), \$54,950	71-69-66-72--278	-2	
Keegan Bradley (27), \$45,850	69-69-67-74--279	-1	
Chase Koepka, \$45,850	69-69-74-67--279	-1	
Jhonattan Vegas (27), \$45,850	71-68-69-71--279	-1	
Cameron Davis (22), \$39,900	66-71-70-73--280	E	
Tyler McCumber (22), \$39,900	70-69-70-71--280	E	
Sepp Straka (22), \$39,900	68-70-69-73--280	E	
Will Gordon (16), \$29,785	67-69-72-73--281	+1	
Mackenzie Hughes (16), \$29,785	68-72-71-70--281	+1	
Satoshi Kodaira (16), \$29,785	70-71-71-68--281	+1	
Nate Lashley (16), \$29,785	68-71-74-68--281	+1	
Tom Lewis (16), \$29,785	74-66-71-70--281	+1	
Shane Lowry (16), \$29,785	67-66-74-74--281	+1	
Matthew NeSmith (16), \$29,785	70-68-73-70--281	+1	
Adam Schenk (16), \$29,785	72-66-72-71--281	+1	
Kevin Streelman (16), \$29,785	69-67-73-72--281	+1	
Vincent Whaley (16), \$29,785	73-67-68-73--281	+1	
Brian Gay (9), \$19,070	71-67-73-71--282	+2	
Talor Gooch (9), \$19,070	72-69-72-69--282		
Lucas Herbert, \$19,070	70-69-70-73--282		
J.B. Holmes (9), \$19,070	69-67-67-79--282		
Mark Hubbard (9), \$19,070	68-73-69-72--282		
Alex Noren (9), \$19,070	71-68-69-74--282		
Pat Perez (9), \$19,070	72-69-71-73--282		
Jason Dufner (6), \$16,478	68-68-75-72--283		
Scott Harrington (6), \$16,478	66-67-79-71--283		
Jim Herman (6), \$16,478	70-71-69-73--283		
Keith Mitchell (6), \$16,478	69-69-74-71--283		
Charl Schwartzel (6), \$16,478	70-69-71-73--283		
Ryan Armour (5), \$15,960	70-71-66-77--284		
Jimmy Walker (5), \$15,960	69-68-77-70--284		
Beau Hossler (5), \$15,540	71-70-72-72--285		
William McGirt (5), \$15,540	69-69-72-75--285		
D.J. Trahan (5), \$15,540	68-71-76-70--285		
Erik van Rooyen (5), \$15,540	70-70-69-76--285		
Ted Potter, Jr. (4), \$15,190	70-71-74-71--286		
Rickie Fowler (4), \$14,980	70-68-78-71--287		
Kirsten Stallings Jr., \$14,980	71-70-70-76--287		
Kiradech Aphibarnrat (4), \$14,700	70-71-75-74--290		
Bronson Burgoon (4), \$14,700	69-70-78-73--290		
Magical Kenya Open			
Sunday			
At Karen Country Club			
Nairobi, Kenya			
Purse: \$1.1 million			
Yardage: 6,921; Par: 71			
Final Round			
Justin Harding, South Africa	66-67-64-66--263	-21	
Kurt Kitayama, United States	67-66-66-66--265	-19	
Connor Syme, Scotland	65-67-71-64--267	-17	
Sebastian Garcia Rodriguez, Spain	67-70-68-63--268	-16	
Jean-Baptiste Gonnet, France	68-68-66-67--269	-15	
Jacques Kruyswijk, South Africa	68-72-65-64--269	-15	
Romain Langasque, France	67-70-67-65--269	-15	
Pep Angles, Spain	70-67-67-66--270	-14	
Dean Burmester, South Africa	68-64-71-67--270	-14	
Calum Hill, Scotland	65-68-67-70--270	-14	
Sam Horsfield, England	65-71-69-65--270	-14	
Nino Bertasio, Italy	67-69-69-66--271	-13	
Guido Migliozzi, Italy	71-65-67-68--271	-13	
Kalle Samojla, Finland	65-66-72-68--271	-13	
Justin Walters, South Africa	67-71-68-65--271	-13	
Gaganjeet Bhullar, India	66-72-69-65--272	-12	
George Coetzee, South Africa	72-66-69-65--272	-12	
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	69-67-69-67--272	-12	
Victor Dubuisson, France	68-68-70-66--272	-12	
Scott Hend, Austria	67-64-68-73--272	-12	
Garrick Higgo, South Africa	67-68-68-69--272	-12	
Garrick Porteous, England	71-68-67-66--272	-12	
Johannes Veerman, United States	68-69-62-73--272	-12	
Darren Fichardt, South Africa	69-70-67-67--273	-11	
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	70-67-68-68--273	-11	
Aaron Rai, England	70-67-70-66--273	-11	
Jayden Trey Schaper, South Africa	68-70-65-70--273	-11	
John Catlin, United States	71-69-69-65--274	-10	
Richard Moevov, England	70-70-65-69--274	-10	
Wilco Nienaber, South Africa	67-69-71-67--274	-10	
Marcel Schneider, Germany	70-69-69-66--274	-10	
Jack Senior, England	68-68-71-67--274	-10	
Louis De Jager, South Africa	70-70-66-69--275	-9	
Grant Forrest, Scotland	73-66-68-68--275	-9	
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	68-72-69-66--275	-9	
Niklas Lemke, Sweden	67-71-68-69--275	-9	
Ondrej Lieser, Czech Republic	72-68-71-64--275	-9	
Bernd Ritthammer, Germany	65-71-67-72--275	-9	
Ricardo Santos, Portugal	70-69-67-70--275	-9	
Oliver Wilson, England	70-67-72-66--275	-9	
Ben Evans, England	71-68-71-66--210	-8	
Gavin Green, Malaysia	68-69-68-71--276	-8	
Joachim B. Hansen, Denmark	68-69-69-70--276	-8	
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	70-69-67-70--276	-8	
Benjamin Poke, Denmark	69-70-69-68--276	-8	
Dale Whitnell, England	66-70-68-72--276	-8	
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	67-69-71-70--277	-7	
Francesco Laporta, Italy	70-67-68-72--277	-7	
Adrian Meronk, Poland	65-73-67-72--277	-7	
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	67-65-77-68--277	-7	
Jordan Smith, England	68-70-69--277	-7	
Richard Bland, England	71-69-71-67--278	-6	
Ashley Chesters, England	71-68-67-72--278	-6	
Aaron Cockerill, Canada	71-69-69-69--278	-6	
Jens Fahrbring, Sweden	72-67-69-70--278	-6	
Matt Ford, England	68-72-68--278	-6	
Lorenzo Gagli, Italy	70-70-71-67--278	-6	
Raphael Jacquelin, France	65-68-73-72--278	-6	
Damien Perrier, France	68-71-74-65--278	-6	
Matthias Schwab, Austria	71-66-72-69--278	-6	
Darius Van Driel, Netherlands	69-71-71-67--278	-6	
Julien Guerrier, France	70-70-70-69--279	-5	
Lorenzo Scalise, Italy	72-68-68-71--279	-5	
Scott Vincent, Zimbabwe	68-71-71-69--279	-5	
Rikard Karlberg, Sweden	71-68-70-71--280	-4	
Robin Scoti-Siegrist, France	73-66-72-69--280	-4	
Toby Tree, England	67-73-69-71--280	-4	
Lars Van Meijel, Netherlands	68-69-68-71--280	-4	
Romain Wattel, France	69-71-72-68--280	-4	
Gregory Havret, France	67-73-71-70--281	-3	
Benjamin Hebert, France	64-72-75-70--281	-3	
Matthew Southgate, Britain	66-69-75-71--281	-3	
Kyongjui Moon, Korea	70-69-71-72--282	-2	
Haydn Porteous, South Africa	70-70-75-67--282	-2	
JC Ritchie, South Africa	69-70-69-74--282	-2	
Lee Slattery, England	71-69-75-68--283	-1	
Samuel Njoroge Chege, Kenya	72-68-74-70--284	E	

Brown hits 10 3s, leads Celtics past Magic 112-96

Rockets suffer their 20th straight loss

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jaylen Brown scored 34 points, including a career-high 10 3-pointers, and Jayson Tatum added 23 on Sunday to help the Boston Celtics beat the Orlando Magic 112-96 and snap a three-game losing streak.

The Celtics made 23 3-pointers in the game, one short of the franchise record. Brown was 10 for 18 from the distance and one short of Marcus Smart’s team record of 11 for one player.

“I lost count at some point,” Brown said. “I wish somebody would have told me that. I would have fired up five, six more to make sure I beat Marcus.”

Nikola Vucevic had 22 points and 13 rebounds for Orlando, which beat Brooklyn on Friday night to snap a nine-game losing streak. The Magic cut a 23-point, third-quarter deficit



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Boston Celtics forward Jaylen Brown, left, passes off against Orlando Magic guard Michael Carter-Williams during the first half on a game on Sunday, in Boston.

to 91-83 early in the fourth before Boston scored 12 of the next 16 points — including a pair of 3-pointers by Brown.

The Magic led by as many as five points in the first quarter and held a 40-37 lead with seven

minutes left in the second before Brown made a pair of 3-pointers to spark an 11-2 run.

It was 50-46 Celtics in the final minute of the half before Tatum hit back-to-back 3s that gave Boston its first double-digit lead.

Leading 56-49 early in the third, the Celtics scored 10 straight points to start a 19-5 run that made it a 21-point lead.

Boston made 20 of its first 40 3-point attempts before missing five in a row. It shot 23 of 54 from 3-point range in all.

“They shot the ball very, very well,” Vucevic said. “But a lot of it was also because we didn’t make it hard enough.”

Rockets 114, Thunder 112

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets lost their team-record 20th straight game, falling 114-112 to the Oklahoma City Thunder when John Wall missed two shots in the final 10 seconds.

Nets 113, Wizards 106

NEW YORK — Kyrie Irving scored 26 points and James Harden had 28 to lead Brooklyn past Washington.

Blake Griffin dunked for the first time since December 2019 in his Nets debut and Nicolas Claxton added 16 points.

Cavaliers 116, Raptors 105

CLEVELAND — Collin Sexton scored 23 of his 36 points in the second half, Jarrett Allen had 17 points and 15 rebounds and Cleveland handed Toronto its eighth straight loss.

Pelicans 113, Nuggets 108

DENVER — Brandon Ingram and Zion Williamson each scored 30 points and New Orleans’ overcame another triple-double by Nikola Jokic to beat Denver.

Pacers 109, Heat 106, OT

MIAMI — Justin Holiday scored 15 points and hit consecutive 3-pointers in overtime to lead Indiana past Miami for a series sweep.

Bulls 100, Pistons 86

DETROIT — Laurie Markkanen had 16 points and eight rebounds and Chicago used a strong defensive performance to beat Detroit.

Scherzer faces deGrom in opening day preview

Associated Press

No surprise here: Max Scherzer will have the ball in his hands when he begins the final season of his seven-year, \$210 million contract with the Washington Nationals.

Scherzer will make his Nationals-record sixth opening day start April 1, facing the New York Mets in Washington. It'll be a rematch of an exhibition mound matchup Sunday, when Scherzer allowed two homers and threw 90 pitches in five innings of a 6-2 loss to the Mets and starter Jacob deGrom in West Palm Beach.

"He's the guy. He's the guy that gets everything started for us," Nationals manager Dave Martinez said in explaining his decision to use Scherzer in Game 1 — which, of course, was the expected outcome.

"He competes. You know what we're going to get from him," Martinez said. "He loves opening day. So he's a guy we want to follow opening day."

It's quite a way to get things going for Major League Baseball: three-time Cy Young Award winner Scherzer against two-time honoree deGrom.

As for the rest of his rotation, Martinez said he and new pitching coach Jim Hickey still need to figure out how to slot their other starters. There's 2019 World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg and lefties Jon Lester and Patrick Corbin; the fifth starter is expected to be Joe Ross, who opted out of last season because of coronavirus concerns.

On Sunday, Scherzer allowed six hits and four earned runs, with a solo shot by Michael Conforto in the fourth and a two-run homer by Francisco Lindor in the fifth. Another run scored on a wild pitch.

Scherzer wasn't too

concerned by the results, of course. He said he was working on things, including trying a slide-step.

"You're trying to get a read on their swings, how they're trying to swing the bat, and realize they're probably going to make adjustments, too," said Scherzer, whose last outing before the games matter will come Saturday in a "B" game against the Houston Astros. "Just go at it, get your work in and get out of there. I'm just trying to get my pitches in."

He also got an at-bat in. The original lineup released by Washington before the game featured a designated hitter; that was revised to include Scherzer batting for himself.

DeGrom struck him out, part of his 4 2/3 scoreless innings with three hits and five Ks.

METS 6, NATIONALS 2

DeGrom kept up his strong spring. Through 13 2/3 innings, he's struck out 21 and has an 0.66 ERA. Edwin Diaz and Dellin Betances each worked an inning of relief, retiring the side in order with a strikeout. Michael Conforto and Francisco Lindor homered.

BRAVES 11, RAYS 1

Atlanta starter Max Fried gave up three hits and struck out five over six innings. Dansby Swanson hit his first spring homer and Ehire Adrianza doubled twice.

Ryan Yarbrough worked four innings in the start for the Rays, allowing five runs and five hits and striking out four. Ryan Boldt, a former second-round pick who missed the 2019 season with Tommy John surgery and didn't play last year when the virus wiped out the minor league schedule, hit his second home run of the spring, going deep off Fried.



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Ryan Yarbrough (48) delivers to an Atlanta Braves batter during a spring training game on Sunday, in Port Charlotte.

PADRES 4, ANGELS 1

Shohei Ohtani started and batted leadoff, the first time he has pitched and hit for himself in a spring training or regular-season game with Los Angeles. He went 2 for 2 with a walk, raising his exhibition batting average to .636. On the mound, he allowed one run and two hits in four innings, striking out five.

Blake Snell worked 3 1/3 scoreless innings in the start for San Diego, giving up two hits, walking two and striking out three.

MARINERS 3, BREWERS 1

Seattle starter James Paxton struck out eight in 4 1/3 innings, allowing a run on two hits and a pair of walks. Keynan Middleton struck out the side in an inning of relief. Top outfield prospects Jarred Kelenic and Julio Rodriguez each hit their second home run.

YANKEES 8, BLUE JAYS 3

Gerritt Cole struck out eight

in five innings, allowing one run in his fourth spring start for New York. Thairo Estrada homered.

INDIANS 7, RANGERS 2

Cy Young winner Shane Bieber struck out six in four scoreless innings and César Hernández homered and drove in four runs. Franmil Reyes added a two-run homer for Cleveland.

GIANTS 10, DODGERS 4

Looking to stage a comeback after not playing in the majors since 2016, Scott Kazmir started for San Francisco and allowed two hits, including Corey Seager's home run, while striking out four of the six batters he retired. The 37-year-old lefty had pitched two innings earlier in spring training, giving up two runs.

CUBS 11, REDS 6

David Bote homered twice and drove in five runs for Chicago. Eric Sogard hit a leadoff home run and Jake Marisnick also connected. Starter Alec

Mills worked 4 1/3 innings, giving up three runs on six hits.

ROYALS 6, ROCKIES 1

Colorado starter Antonio Senzatela went 3 2/3 innings, allowing two runs on eight hits. Lucas Gilbreath struck out the side in the eighth. Josh Fuentes homered and singled.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, WHITE SOX 4 (9 INNS)

Arizona starter Taylor Clarke worked four scoreless innings, allowing just two hits. Joe Mantipty struck out two of the three batters he faced in the eighth. Nick Ahmed hit a two-run homer.

PIRATES 9, RED SOX 4

Wil Crowe made his first start for Pittsburgh, working 3 2/3 innings, giving up a run and four hits. Bryan Reynolds hit a two-run homer.

TWINS 12, ORIOLES 7

J.A. Happ worked the first three innings for Minnesota and allowed four runs and six hits. J.T. Riddle, Kyle Garlick and Willians Astudillo homered in the third inning, and Jorge Polanco, Caleb Hamilton and Trevor Larnach also connected.

TIGERS 5, PHILLIES 3

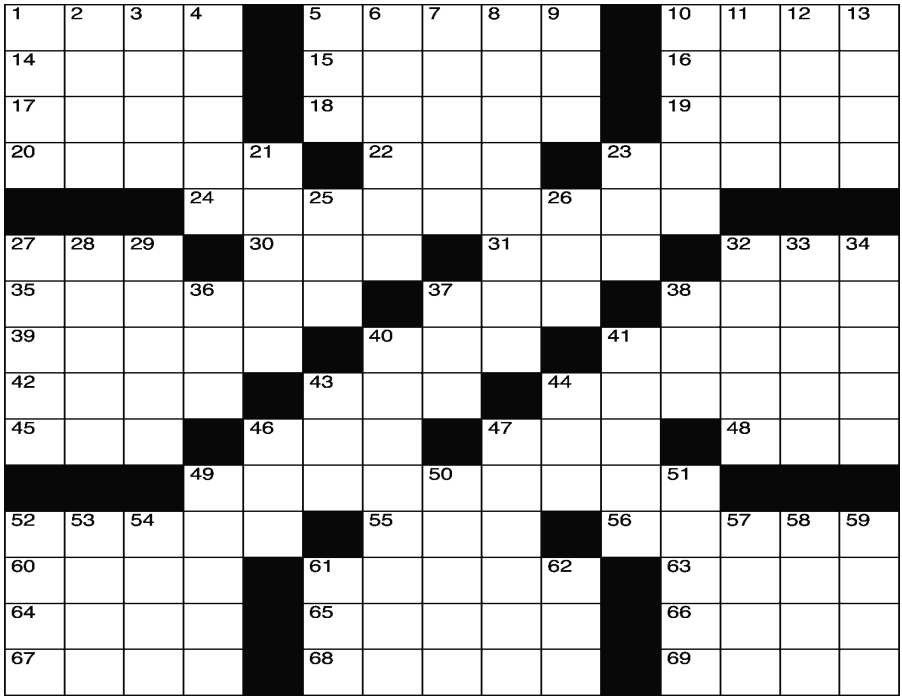
Akil Baddoo and Niko Goodrum each homered for Detroit. Starter Matt Manning allowed two runs on three hits in two innings and Michael Fulmer pitched three scoreless innings, giving up one hit.

MARLINS 4, ASTROS 2

Miami starter Trevor Rogers began with four hitless inning and struck out six, then allowed a bunt single and a homer by Jeremy Pena in the fifth. Jazz Chisholm hit his third home run.

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CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- Volcanic crater
- Long times
- Swedish rock group
- Having the means to do something
- Rods or spindles
- La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Missing soldiers
- Measuring instrument
- All of the components considered individually
- Play "___ Irish Rose"
- Gene
- Barrels
- London-based soccer team
- Feline
- Breed of sheep
- Body part
- Doctors' group
- One who follows the rules
- Cigarette residue
- Ancient Greek sophist

- Polish yeast cakes
- Promotional materials
- Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- Completed perfectly
- Photo
- A peninsula in SW Asia
- The common gibbon
- Disfigure
- Ribonucleic acid
- Japanese honorific
- Pieces of music
- Expressed pleasure
- Having ten
- Type of sword
- Humble request for help
- Eating houses
- Italian Seaport
- Cain and __
- Measure the depth
- U. of Miami's mascot
- Political outsiders
- Greek sorceress
- Body part

CLUES DOWN

- Mother

- Jewish calendar month
- Jai __, sport
- Establish again
- Swiss river
- Racetrack wager
- __ but goodie
- Closeness
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- At right angles to a ship's length
- Women's undergarments
- Mountain stream
- Expresses pleasure
- Painful places on the body
- Automobile
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Expresses surprise
- Secret political clique
- Yields manila hemp
- River in central Italy
- Brain injury
- science acronym

- Mental illness
- A person from Asia
- Father
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Cooked or prepared in a specified style
- Large terrier
- Hillsides
- Golf score
- Not or
- Type of student
- Flower cluster
- Closes tightly
- Saudi Arabian desert
- Famed vaccine developer
- Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- Actress Jessica
- Pay attention to
- Beloved big screen pig
- __ Clapton, musician
- Take a chance
- Cost per mile
- Helps little firms

WORD SEARCH (Auto Repair)

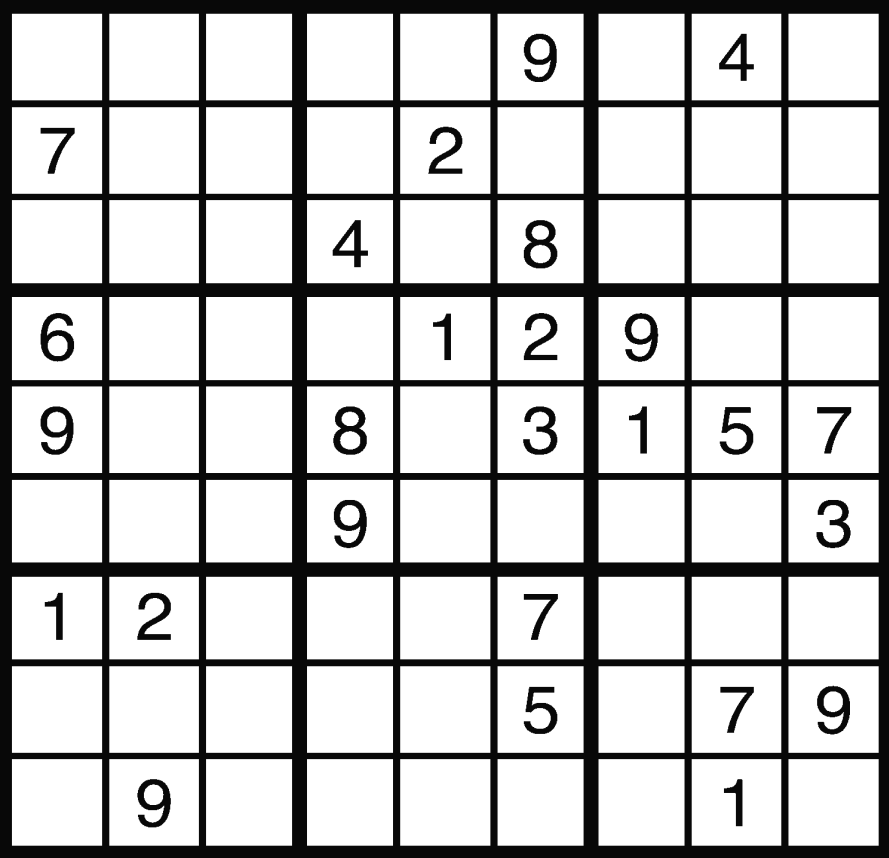
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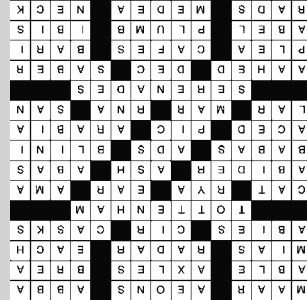
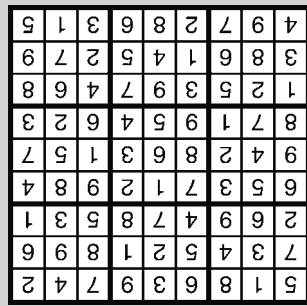
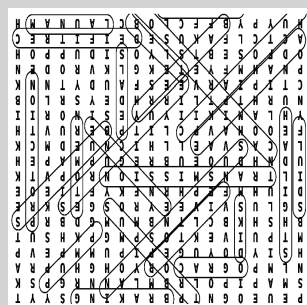
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Answers to "Puzzles Galore!"

MONDAY EVENING MARCH 22, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights									
	C	S	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	ET	Holly	The Voice (N) (In Stereo)	'PG' ￼			Debris (N) '14'		News	J. Fallon		
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) ￼	Antiques Roadshow (N) 'G' ￼	Antiques Roadshow (N) 'G' ￼	Antiques Roadshow (N) 'G' ￼			Independent Lens "Coded Bias" (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼			Luminaries		
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	BBC	PBS NewsHour (N)	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow			Independent Lens (N) 'PG'			Capitol		
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Ent. Tonight	The Voice The coaches seek America's best voice. (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼				Debris "In Universe" (N) '14' ￼ (DVS)	NewsChannel 8		Tonight Show		
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	American Idol "407 (Hollywood Duets Challenge)" Hollywood duets challenge. (N) 'PG'				The Good Doctor (N) '14' ￼ (DVS)	Eyewit. News		Jimmy Kimmel		
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Evening News	2021 NCAA TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live) ￼	Basketball	Tournament Second Round: Teams ￼		2021 NCAA TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live) ￼		Basketball	Tournament Second Round: Teams ￼				
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Ac. Hollywood	TMZ (N) 'PG'	9-1-1 "Chimney Begins" (In Stereo) '14'	America's Most Wanted (N) '14'			FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) ￼	FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) ￼				
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			News	ABC	ET	Inside Ed.	American Idol (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼				The Good Doctor (N)	News		J. Kimmel		
22 (WCFL) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Our Jewish Roots	Great Awakening with	Love a Child 'G'	R & L Roberts	Andrew Wom		Lance Wallnau	Christ in Prophecy	Keith Moore 'G'	The Great Awake		
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash 'G'	Citrus Today	Sully's Biz Brew	Heartland Poker Tour			Vegas Unveiled: A Virtual Vegas	Citrus Court	Citrus Today			
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Inside Edition	The List (N) 'PG'	American Idol "407 (Hollywood Duets Challenge)" Hollywood duets challenge. (N) 'PG'				The Good Doctor (N) '14' ￼ (DVS)	ABC Action News		Jimmy Kimmel		
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'		
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU	Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			S.Channel	The 700 Club ￼		Lovels	Child	Kenneth Cox	Franklin		SuperChannel	Faith	Prince			
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Bulletproof (N) (In Stereo) '14' ￼	Black Lightning (In Stereo) '14' ￼			CW44 News (N)	CW44 News (N)	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls '14'		
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe	Te doy la vida 'PG'	Amor eterno (N) 'PG'				Como tú no hay dos	Noticias	Noticiero			
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	9-1-1 (In Stereo) '14'	Amer. Most Wanted			FOX 51 News	Dateline '14' ￼				
63 (WXPX) ION		17				NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles			NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles				
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	Hoarders "Judy" (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼	Hoarders "Dick & Karen" 'PG' ￼			Hoarders "Eric" (Season Premiere) Eric is forced to deal with his grief. (N) 'PG' ￼				Intervention "Tristan" (N) '14' ￼	Intervention "Abbie" (In Stereo) '14' ￼				
(ACCN)		99				Women's College Lacrosse				Women's College Swimming & Diving				College Swimming & Diving					
(AMC)	55	64	55			*** "Caddyshack" (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Rodney Dangerfield. 'R' ￼				*** "Police Academy" (1984, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg, Kim Cattrall. 'R' ￼				*** "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13' ￼					
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	The Last Alaskans "Biting Back" 'PG'	The Last Alaskans (In Stereo) 'PG'			Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge Atz Lee's prized Fox Cabin. (N) 'PG'				To Be Announced	To Be Announced				
(BET)	96	71	96			* "Baggage Claim" (2013) Paula Patton. A woman sets out on a cross-country quest to find a husband. 'PG-13' ￼				* "Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor" (2013, Drama) Jurnee Smollett-Bell. 'PG-13' ￼									
(BIGTEN)	742	809				College Gymnastics Illinois at Minnesota.	B1G Basketball in 60 ￼	B1G Basketball in 60 ￼	B1G Basketball in 60 ￼	The Journey	B1G Volleyball in 60 ￼	B1G Basketball in 60 ￼			The B1G Show (N)				
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Below Deck	Below Deck	Below Deck	Below Deck	Below Deck Sailing Yacht '14'	Below Deck						Baby Ma		
(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Daily Show	The Office '14' ￼		
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Reba 'PG' ￼	Reba 'PG' ￼		
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room	Erin Burnett OutFront			Anderson Cooper	Cuomo Prime Time			CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight				
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	NCAA Women's Basketball				NCAA Women's Basketball				NCAA Women's Basketball					
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	NCAA Women's Basketball				NCAA Women's Basketball				NCAA Women's Basketball					
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)	Kudlow ￼			Kennedy (N) ￼	Fox Business			The Evening Edit	Kudlow ￼				
(FLIX)		118	170			** "Sniper" ￼	*** "Croupier" (1998) Clive Owen. (In Stereo) 'NR' ￼			*** "Paranormal Activity" (2007) Katie Featherston. 'R' ￼	*** "Sinister" (2012, Horror) Ethan Hawke, James Ransone. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼					"Child's Play 2" ￼			
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report	FOX News Primetime	Tucker Carlson	Hannity (N) ￼					The Ingraham Angle	Fox News at Night				
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Spring Baking				Easter Basket	The Big Bake 'PG'				
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	"Sneakquel" ￼	*** "Rio 2" (2014, Children's) Voices of Anne Hathaway. (In Stereo) 'G' ￼			*** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005, Children's) Johnny Depp. (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼					The 700 Club (In Stereo) ￼				
(FS1)	732	112	732			CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying		Match		CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying				CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying					
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			World Poker	In Magic	In Magic		NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Boston Celtics.				Postgame	World Poker				
(FX)	30	60	30		51	** "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13' ￼	*** "Guardians of the Galaxy" (2014, Science Fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼			Breeders 'MA' ￼	Breeders 'MA' ￼	Breeders 'MA' ￼	Breeders 'MA' ￼	Breeders 'MA' ￼	Breeders 'MA' ￼	Breeders 'MA' ￼	Breeders 'MA' ￼		
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Golf Central 'G'	Golf	Golf		U.S. Open Epics 'PG'	PGA Tour Golf Honda Classic, Final Round. ￼								
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"The Convenient Groom" (2016) 'NR'	"Matching Hearts" (2020, Romance) Taylor Cole, Ryan Paavey. 'NR' ￼			"The Secret Ingredient" (2020, Romance-Comedy) Erin Cahill. 'NR' ￼				Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	Last Week To.	*** "Live by Night" (2016) Ben Affleck. A gangster becomes a powerful bootlegger in the 1920s. 'R'			Beartown Questions divide the town. 'MA' ￼				Q: Into the Storm 'MA' ￼	Q: Into the Storm 'MA' ￼				
(HBO2)	303	202	303			Beartown (Subtitled-English) 'MA'	Beartown (Subtitled-English) 'MA'	Beartown (Subtitled-English) 'MA'		* "The Whole Ten Yards" (2004) Bruce Willis. 'PG-13' ￼				*** "Lars and the Real Girl" (2007) Ryan Gosling. 'PG-13'					
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	100 Day Dream Home 'G' ￼	100 Day Dream Home 'G' ￼	Rock the Block 'G' ￼		Rock the Block (N) 'G' ￼				Nate and Jeremiah: Save My House 'G'	Nate and Jeremiah: Save My House 'G'				
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	Pawn Stars "Dueling and Dealing" 'PG'	Pawn Stars "Knock Your Sox Off" 'PG'	Pawn Stars "Gotsta Get Pawned" 'PG'		Pawn Stars An overcoat owned by Lee Harvey Oswald. (N) 'PG' ￼				Pawn Stars 'PG' ￼ (DVS)					
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles "Boston Keltic" '14' ￼	Rizzoli & Isles "Lost & Found" '14' ￼	Rizzoli & Isles "It Takes a Village" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles 'PG' ￼				Rizzoli & Isles '14' ￼	Rizzoli & Isles "Burden of Proof" '14'				
(LMN)	119	50	119			"Deranged Granny" (2020, Suspense) Wendie Malick, Amanda Righetti. 'NR' ￼		"Girl in the Basement" Stefanie Scott, Judd Nelson, Joely Fisher. 'NR' ￼		"Chris Watts: Confessions of a Killer" (2020, Suspense) Sean Kleier. 'NR' ￼									
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			The Beat With	The ReidOut (N)	All In With		Rachel Maddow				The Last Word	The 11th Hour				
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Snowboarding	NHL Live (N) (In Stereo Live) ￼	NHL Hockey Anaheim Ducks at Minnesota Wild. From the Center in St. Paul, Minn. (N) ￼		NHL Overtime (N) (In Stereo Live) ￼				Motorcycle Race					
(NGEO)	109	65	109			The Lost JFK Tapes: The Assassination	Genius: Aretha "Respect" '14' ￼	Genius: Aretha "Do Right Woman" '14'		Genius: Aretha "Unforgettable" (N) '14'				Genius: Aretha "Do Right Woman" '14'					
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud	Hustle	Drama	Loud	Loud	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
(OWN)	125	24	103			Dateline on OWN	Dateline on OWN	Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN				Deadline: Crime	Dateline on OWN				
(OXY)	123	44	123			NCIS 'PG' ￼	NCIS 'PG' ￼	NCIS 'PG' ￼		NCIS 'PG' ￼				NCIS 'PG' ￼	NCIS 'PG' ￼				
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼		Doc Holliday joins Russell, Val Kilmer. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼					
(SEC)	745	72				The Paul Finebaum Show (N) (Live)	College Softball Texas A&M at LSU. From Tiger Park in Baton Rouge, La. (N) (Live)	CFP National Championship Ohio State vs Alabama. (Taped)											
(SHOW)	340	241	340			*** "Limitless" (2011) Bradley Cooper. 'PG-13' ￼	VICE 'MA' ￼	Shameless "Survivors" 'MA' ￼		"Summerland" (2020) Gemma Arterton. (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼				*** "Mamma Mia!" (2008) Meryl Streep. 'PG-13' ￼					
(SUN)	36	31	36			Rays Prospect	To Be Announced							Rays All-Access 2020	Inside Pitch				
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith. 'PG-13' ￼ (DVS)		** "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Bruce Willis. 'PG-13' ￼ (DVS)						** "Dracula Untold" (2014) Luke Evans. 'PG-13' ￼ (DVS)					
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	2021 NCAA Tournament		2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament		Foodies	Foodies	American	Conan	Seinfeld					
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "Something Wild" (1961, Drama) Carroll Baker, Ralph Meeker. 'NR' ￼		*** "Pillow Talk" (1959, Romance-Comedy) Rock Hudson. 'NR' ￼						*** "Lover Come Back" (1961, Romance-Comedy) Rock Hudson. 'NR' ￼					
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Street Outlaws (In Stereo) '14' ￼	Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N) '14'	Street Outlaws (N) (In Stereo) '14' ￼						Street Outlaws '14' ￼					
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	Seeking Sister Wife (In Stereo) 'PG'		Seeking Sister Wife	Return to Amish '14'	Unexpected (N) '14'	Unexpected '14'			Unexpected (N) '14'	Unexpected '14'				
(TMC)	350	261	350			*** "A Most Violent Year" (2014, Crime Drama) Oscar Isaac. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼		*** "Room" (2015, Drama) Brie Larson, Jacob Tremblay. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼		*** "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991) Jodie Foster. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼									
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ￼		2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament TBA. (N) (Live) ￼		Second Round: Teams	Snowpiercer 'MA' ￼ (DVS)								
(TOON)	38	58	38	33		Teen Titans Go! 'PG'	Gumball	Apple	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy			
(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	Unexplained	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering	UFOs: Uncovering		
(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	Jokes	Jokes	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	*** "Liar Liar" (1997) Jim Carrey.					
(TVL)	32	49	32	34	24	Andy G.	Andy G.	Andy G.	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King		
(USA)	47	32	47	17	18	Chicago P.D. "Turn the Light Off" '14'	Chicago P.D. "8:30 PM" (In Stereo) '14'			WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) 'PG, V' ￼				Young Rock 'PG'	Queen of the South				
(WE)	117	69	117			Criminal Minds "Broken" (In Stereo) '14'	Criminal Minds "Carbon Copy" '14'	Criminal Minds "The Gathering" '14'		Criminal Minds "Restoration" '14'				Criminal Minds "Pay It Forward" '14'	Criminal Minds "Alchemy" '14'				
(WGN-A)	18	18	18	18	20	NewsNation	The Donlon Report	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime					Banfield (N) ￼	The Donlon Report				

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: I found out a month ago that my wife has been sleeping with a plethora of men that she's met on a dating app. Her profile says she's single and that she also has a college degree, neither of which is true. She told me she is in love with another man. After I spoke to the man's wife, who did not know, she explained that her husband had cheated on her before and was living in their basement. She also said they have five children together and just declared bankruptcy. My wife was serious when she told me she was madly in love with him, missed him and wanted a future with this man. A future?



DEAR ANNIE

I uncovered her indiscretions about a month ago when I found all of the evidence on her cellphone. That night, I asked her to leave, and she did. I thought she was going to her parent's house, but I'm not sure where she went that night. I think she had a lot of options.

We have two sons, ages 12 and 14. I informed them that their mother had been cheating on me and that we are getting a divorce. In front of the kids, she pulled a butcher knife on me and threatened me because she wanted her phone. My 14-year-old son had to disarm her.

I was completely blindsided by everything that has happened. The boys live with me because of continuity in their lives and school. I have gotten them therapy as well as confided with their principal to see the school psychologist. My grieving emotions swing between anger and depression. I am praying I finally reach acceptance.

She pretends everything is OK in front of the boys. She took them out to dinner last week and asked if I wanted to join them. I declined because I didn't want to confuse the boys more. After being with her for 20 years and 12 years of marriage, the last thing I said to her before she left was, "I have no idea who you are."

I have been doing good by my sons, but I can see the depression on their faces. I don't know anyone who has experienced something this crazy, and I, too, am getting therapy. How do I get past all of this? How do I stay strong to get through my divorce, and most importantly, how do I make sure my sons will be OK?

Does she have a multiple personality disorder? My therapist told me to stop trying to understand craziness. She said that we don't even understand crazy — we only recognize it.

Help! What do I need to do to bring normalcy back to me and my sons and get to that acceptance stage where whatever and whoever she is becomes indifferent and irrelevant to me? — Crushed Spirit

Dear Crushed Spirit: You certainly have been through trauma, and it takes time to heal from traumas. You're taking some important steps in getting support for you and your sons. Your therapist is correct in pointing out that you can't fully understand why your wife did what she did, but you can understand yourself and how you respond to the situation. Be kind and patient with yourself and your sons. Don't expect to get to the acceptance stage right away; just know that it will take time.

You are grieving the loss of your marriage. While there might not be people who have your exact situation, there are divorce support groups for fathers. I would suggest you look up a local support group.

I am so sorry that you are going through this, but you sound like an amazing father and a good person. It won't be right away, but if each day you work on your grief and trauma, then, before you know it, you and your sons will be feeling good again and experiencing joy. The is one of those situations where it is worth reminding yourself, each day, that life is a cinch by the inch and hard by the yard.

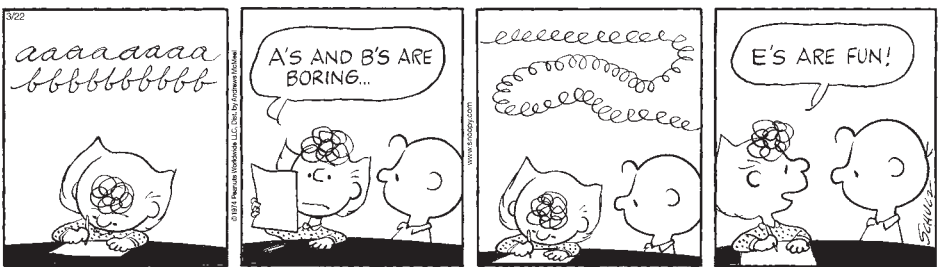
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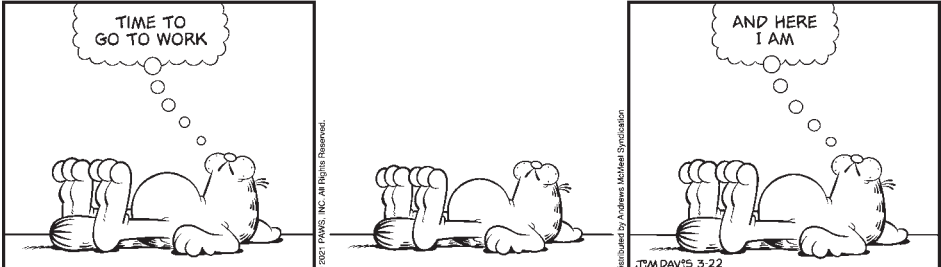
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Anne Maverick of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, did not enter the Christmas Competition, but she did submit several senryu. Four of these she labeled "to help remember conventions." Let's start this week with those.

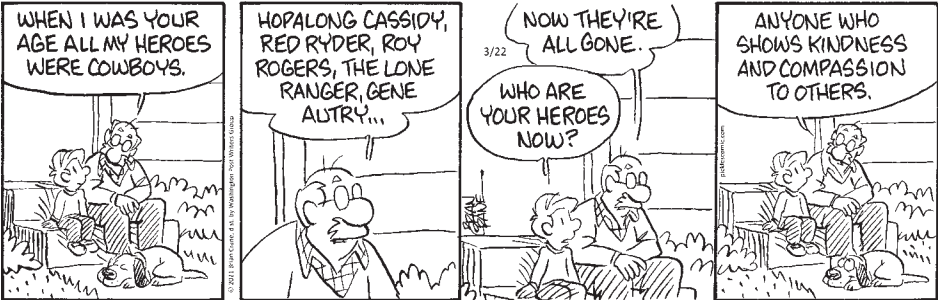
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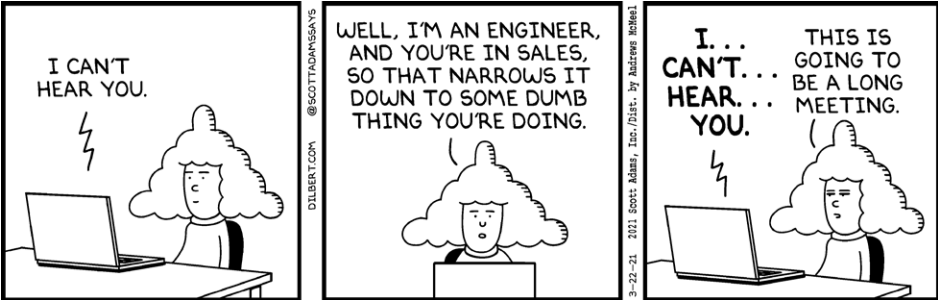
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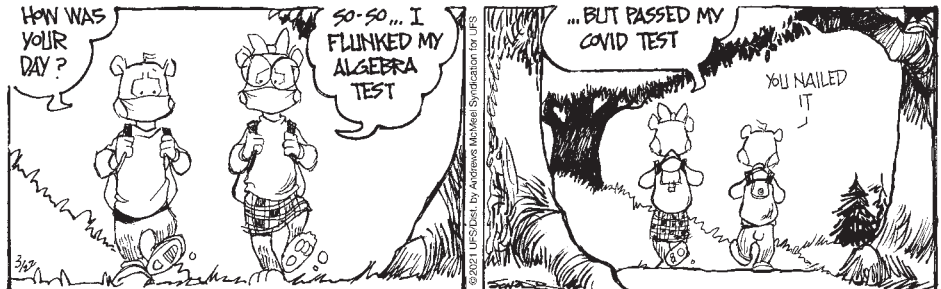
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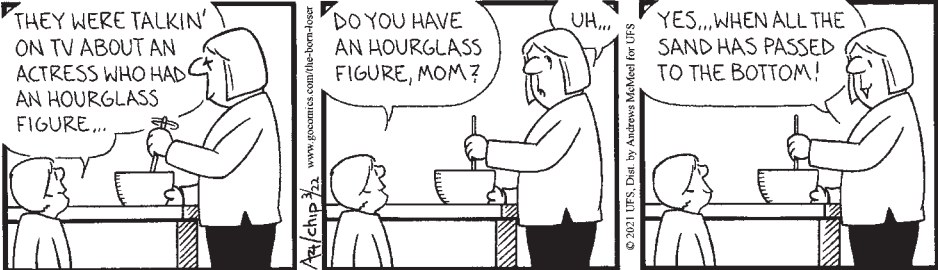
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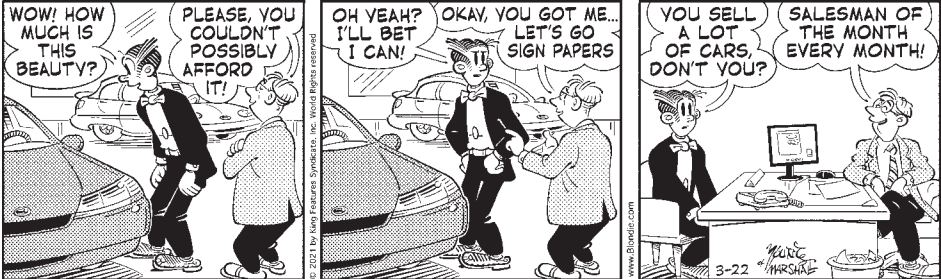
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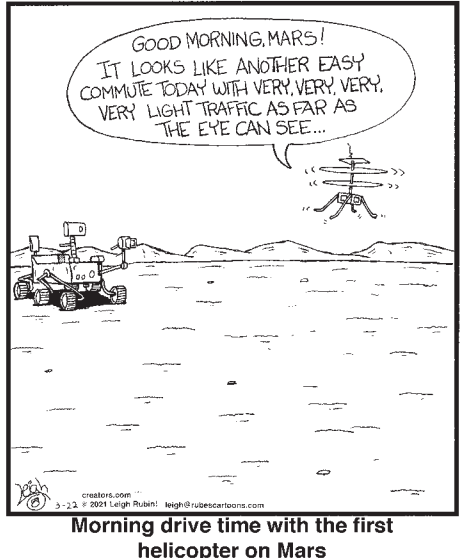
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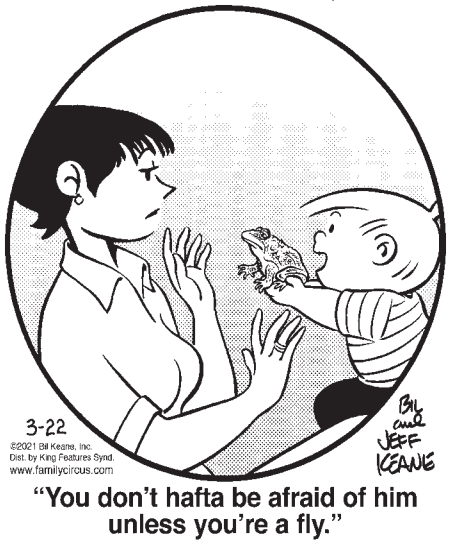
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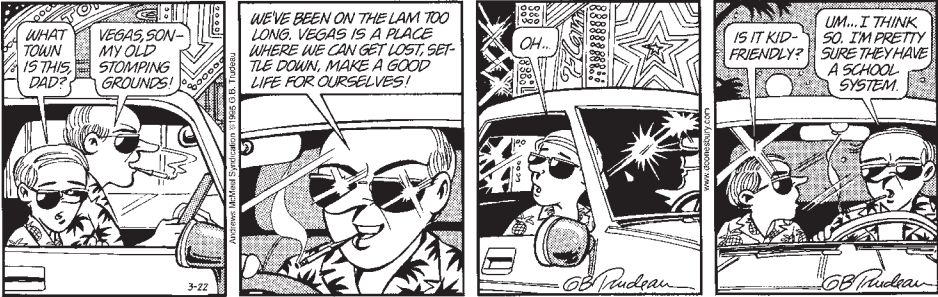
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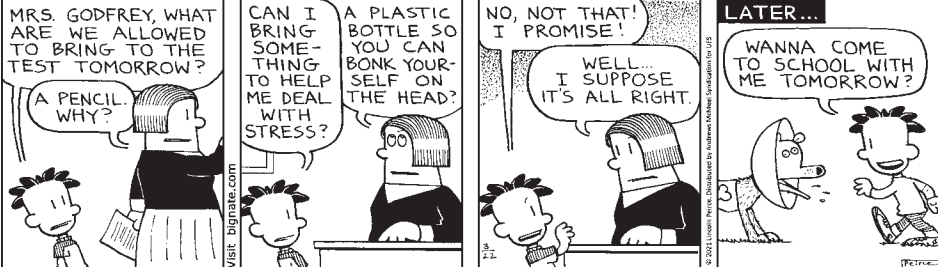
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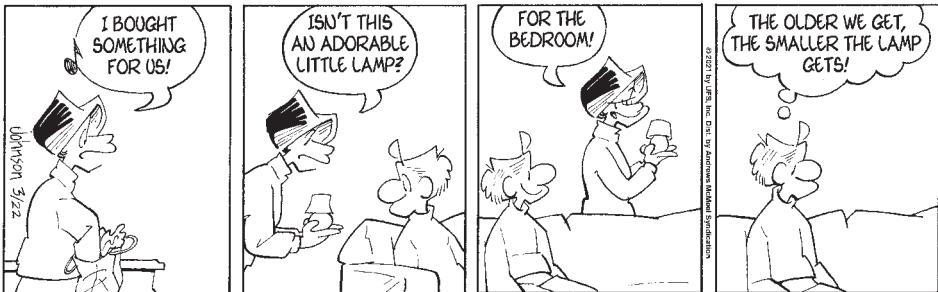
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: V equals B

"M EABIHMBIE ZMOF HXDH MO
MOHIYJMICE LAP WIDYO BAYI DVAPH
LAPYEIWZ HXDO HXI TIYEAO WIDYOIF
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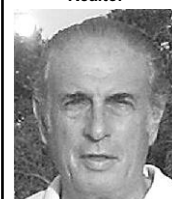
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Solution to Saturday's puzzle 3/22/21

7	8	1	4	9	5	3	2	6	
9	3	4	7	6	2	1	8	5	
6	5	2	8	1	3	7	9	4	
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8	1	7	2	5	4	9	6	3	
4	2	9	1	3	6	8	5	7	
2	7	8	5	4	1	6	3	9	
1	4	6	3	2	9	5	7	8	
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk

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Monday, March 22, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- ASLEEP

(ASLEEP; uh-SLEEP: Inactive; dormant; sleeping.)

Average mark 15 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 21 or more words in ASLEEP?
The list will be published tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S WORD -- LATITUDE

lade	adult	teal	ideal	dial
laid	aide	teat	idle	diel
late	ailed	tidal	utile	diet
latte	alit	tide	dale	dilate
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RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at kzsaxe@gmail.com.

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ACROSS

1 Buffalo Bill —
5 Baby's seat
8 Flu bug
12 Falco or Sedgwick
13 Left Bank friend
14 Evaluate
15 Peru's capital
16 Moved quickly
17 Crossing the ocean
18 Ogled
20 Unassuming
22 Orchestra leader — Baxter
23 Blast furnace input
24 Hitachi competitor
27 Captivate
30 Flamenco shout
31 Sporty trucks
32 Mag. staffers
34 Green vegetable

DOWN

1 Tiny room
2 Garfield's canine pal
3 Small coin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	B	B	A		E	Y	R	E		D	A	P
S	O	A	R		R	A	I	D		O	V	A
P	O	L	O		A	N	O	I	N	T	E	D
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B	U	D		A	G	A	R		S	I	A	M
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G	I	V	E	S		P	L	A	I	N	E	R
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R	A	E		E	I	R	E		B	I	T	E
E	N	S		D	E	R	N		O	R	A	L

4 Annually
5 Rendered fats
6 Doctors' grp.
7 Cash for incidentals (2 wds.)
8 First-class (hyph.)
9 Leisure

10 Road map nos.
11 Vegan's no-no
19 Want-ad abbr.
21 Assns.
24 Sponge up
25 Shake — (hurry)
26 Draw closer
27 Be, to Henri
28 Duffel filler
29 Rim
31 Soon to happen
33 Warmed the bench
35 Fortuneteller
38 "I" trouble?
39 Previously
40 Round Table knight
42 Pass, as a bill
43 Long-billed wader
44 Basilica area
45 Type of market
47 Bicycle part
48 Garbage bin output
49 Billionth, in combos
52 Type of whiskey

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1. Feed a line to actress Barrymore (1)

2. Tightly twisted little finger (2)

3. In-reserve SOS burst of light (1)

4. More elegant autograph writer (2)

5. Blood giver's dumb blunders (2)

6. Cerebral Bush VP Dick (2)

7. West Virginia city whirling woozily (2)

1. CUE DREW 2. KINKY PINKY 3. SPARE FLARE 4. FINER SIGNER
5. DONORS BONERS 6. BRAINY CHENEY 7. WHEELING REELING

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