

# Hoops: Lecanto girls tops in county battle /B1

SATURDAY

TODAY & next morning

HIGH 82

LOW 60

Morning fog, then another sunny and warm day.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Lecanto High School student accused of false gun threat

A Lecanto High School (LHS) student was arrested Friday after an alleged false gun threat at the school during a class change.

According to a Citrus County School District press release, an LHS teacher activated her crisis alert badge at approximately 11:39 a.m. when it was reported to her that a possible gunman was in the hallway.

The student reportedly shouted that he saw another student with a gun, which resulted in students running through the hallway. According to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, one student was trampled when students ran for cover. The student was transported for medical treatment while other students sustained minor injuries.

Administration and law enforcement were notified and responded to the teacher's location. Subsequently, a lockdown of the Lecanto complex was initiated, including LHS, Lecanto Primary School, Lecanto Middle School, PACE and the Renaissance Center.

According to the district's news release, administration and law enforcement located the student and began an investigation. After identifying discrepancies in the student's story, they determined the student did not see a gun prior to making the announcement.

At 12:27 p.m. Friday, the school district announced on Facebook the lockdown had been lifted and classes resumed as normal.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of the student, who was reportedly charged with false report concerning the use of firearms in a violent manner, a second-degree felony.

"I want to be clear. Threats of violence should never be a joking matter and those seeking attention for these types of situations will be prosecuted to the fullest extent," school district Police Chief Dave Vincent said.

"Our administrators and first responders acted immediately to the reported threat for the safety of our students and staff and had resolution to the investigation in less than 30 minutes," Vincent added.

### Register to vote in Beverly Hills

The Supervisor of Elections office invites the public to visit them from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 16 at Carter's Ace Hardware, 3621 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills.

This is a convenient way to register to vote, make changes to your voter record or request a vote-by-mail ballot. Information to apply for election worker positions will also be available. If you are interested in having the elections office staff at your organization or business, contact Supervisor Maureen "Mo" Baird.

For more information, visit [votecitrus.gov](http://votecitrus.gov), email [vote@votecitrus.gov](mailto:vote@votecitrus.gov) or call 352-564-7120.

— From staff reports

## City ups fines for shopping plaza

Crystal Square owners have failed to fix code enforcement violations

By BUSTER THOMPSON  
Chronicle Reporter

Crystal Square incurred an upgraded code enforcement fine after owners of the vacant shopping plaza in Cry-

stal River failed to fix several violations on their property for almost six months.

After an evidentiary hearing Thursday, Dec. 9, at City Hall, Magistrate Robert Christensen ruled the plaza's owners continued to repeat the 11 city code offenses he verified back on June 15.

This includes: a leaking roof, crumbling facades, an inoperable fire alarm and

suppression system, exposed wiring, missing ceiling tiles and peeling paint.

"The property looks, based on the photographs, to be in almost the same condition," Christensen told Melissa Chluski, attorney for the plaza owners, "and there hasn't been any testimony from you or from anybody that anything has been done to improve the property."

Following recommenda-

tions from City Attorney Robert Batsel Jr., Christensen increased the daily \$250 penalty he imposed in the summer as a lien against Crystal Square to \$500.

Chluski argued her New York-based client has been trying to resolve the code violations by working with Crystal River, but city staff have ignored guidance on how to redevelop.

"The fact that ... my client

has done nothing is incorrect," she told Christensen. "The city is not responsive when we try to send out experts or any of our development partners."

Chluski also said it's been difficult to find someone to do a redevelopment job.

Assistant City Manager Brown "Jack" Dumas III told Christensen the people

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## Median mess heads back to county



Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Dead shrubbery fills much of the median along a large portion U.S. 98 near the Oak Village community in Sugarmill Woods located in southwest Citrus County. The Oak Village homeowners association and Citrus County are at odds about the condition of and who should maintain the median.

By MICHAEL D. BATES  
Staff writer

A terse letter from the county attorney's office apparently wasn't enough to persuade The Sugarmill Woods Oak Village Homeowners Association (HOA) to honor its contract and maintain its share of the median along U.S. 98.

So the whole matter once

again comes back to county commissioners for a decision.

County Administrator Randy Oliver said the HOA has done no maintenance on the median so the issue will be on the Jan. 4 meeting agenda.

The county attorney's office fired off a letter to HOA president David Quinn, asking him to "immediately

assume your obligations by maintaining the plantings within the median."

Those obligations include: removing litter, fallen palm fronds and twigs, watering and fertilizing the plants, mulching the plant beds, weeding, mowing and replacing dead or diseased plants.

The county inspected the site and found none of it

was done, despite a previous request to live up to the terms of the contract.

County Attorney Denise Dymond Lyn wrote in the letter that if the median "has not been restored and properly maintained, the board will direct further action."

All legal options, she said, would be considered.

"Please govern yourselves accordingly," Lyn wrote.

Quinn told the Chronicle via e-mail he had no comment.

Quinn told county commissioners at their October meeting he did not see why Oak Village should pay because the plants in the median look terrible and most of the newly planted growth is dead.

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Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Florida Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Tribby, left, and Rep. Dr. Ralph Massullo, R-Lecanto, listen to a citizen Friday afternoon, Dec. 10, 2021, during the annual Legislative Session in Inverness.

## Community presents wish lists to legislators

By MICHAEL D. BATES  
Staff writer

Rep. Ralph Massullo and Sen. Wilton Simpson made like Santa Claus on Friday as politicians, community leaders and citizens presented their wish lists for the new year.

The current legislative delegation takes the seats normally occupied by county

commissioners in their Inverness chambers and hears from constituents about projects important to them.

The hope is that the two Republicans will press for state money during the 2022 legislative session, which begins Jan. 11 and is scheduled to wrap up March 11.

John Murphy, chairman of

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## Students fulfill Angel Tree wishes

Gifts to benefit 16 local children under Salvation Army charity program

By BUSTER THOMPSON  
Chronicle Reporter

Lecanto Middle School heard the calls of local angels in need of a merry Christmas, and it answered.

Reminiscent of Santa, 44 of Dawn Demangone's sixth-graders packed clunky bags of toys and clothing into the back of a car the morning of Friday, Dec. 10, at their campus for the Salvation Army to collect for its Angel Tree program.

Their gifts will go to 16 of the 196 Citrus County children and teens the nonprofit's 42-year-old charity is helping this year.

"I feel very grateful; I'm helping children who don't get anything for Christmas," 12-year-old Lola Blanco said after loading her angel's new shirts, pants and dinosaur-themed miniature racetrack, "and it's great because I get to



Buster Thompson / Chronicle Reporter

Salvation Army Angel Tree Coordinator Angie Howland, left, helps Lecanto Middle School sixth-grader Kennedy DiMase load a bag of clothing and toys into a car Friday, Dec. 10, to donate to a Citrus County youth benefiting from the nonprofit's Angel Tree holiday charity program.

give them something they really want."

"If you give back to someone, you always get something in return," added 12-year-old Shane Van Dyke, who just dropped off his angel's "Nerf blaster." "Spread generosity out to the world, get generosity back from people."

Angel Tree Coordinator Angie Howland, who picked up the presents with Salvation Army volunteer Vicki Bowman, said dona-

tions like these have helped keep the organization from taking care of needs itself.

"The last three to four years," she said, "we really haven't had to go out to purchase for additional things to fill because of the community."

"I just think it's just awesome because it's unusual for kids to want to give to other kids," Bowman added.

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21110259 **\$22,993**

### 2021 TOYOTA COROLLA LE 21110301

**\$24,991**

### 2019 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT 2LT 21110199

**\$25,992**

### 2019 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING 21100335

**\$26,994**

### 2018 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE 21119018

**\$27,871**

### 2019 TOYOTA TACOMA SR 21110118

**\$27,993**

### 2019 FORD F-150 XL 21119016

**\$28,571**

### 2017 CADILLAC XT5 BASE 21110244

**\$29,521**

### 2020 TOYOTA CAMRY SE 21110197

**\$29,722**

### 2019 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE 21110060

**\$29,853**

### 2019 TOYOTA TACOMA SR5 V6 21110904

**\$31,694**

### 2019 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LE 211100326

**\$31,771**

### 2019 TOYOTA CAMRY XSE 21110092

**\$32,271**

### 2019 FORD FUSION SPORT 21110256

**\$32,451**

### 2019 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE 21110242

**\$32,991**

### 2017 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT LT1 21110230

**\$33,771**

### 2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED 21110273

**\$34,741**

### 2019 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD SPORT V6 21110215

**\$34,992**

### 2018 CADILLAC XT5 LUXURY 21110064

**\$35,994**

### 2019 TOYOTA RAV4 LIMITED 21110088

**\$36,451**

### 2020 TOYOTA TACOMA SR V6 21110159

**\$36,772**

### 2019 TOYOTA RAV4 LIMITED 21110251

**\$37,271**

### 2019 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD SPORT V6 21110306

**\$38,771**

### 2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 21110095

**\$38,772**

### 2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 21110293

**\$38,991**

### 2020 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD SPORT V6 21110195

**\$39,871**

### 2020 RAM 1500 BIG HORN/LONE STAR 21100324

**\$39,994**

### 2021 RAM 1500 BIG HORN/LONE STAR 21110006

**\$41,994**

### 2019 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER 21110335

**\$43,441**

### 2021 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD OFFROAD V6 21110071

**\$44,773**

### 2020 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT 21109017

**\$44,774**

### 2020 TOYOTA TACOMA LIMITED V6 21110270

**\$45,991**

### 2021 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 21110046

**\$46,771**

### 2018 GMC YUKON XL SLT 21109013

**\$47,554**

### 2020 RAM 3500 TRADESMAN 21110051

**\$66,471**

### 2015 TOYOTA COROLLA LE 21110065

**\$14,773**

### 2013 TOYOTA RAV4 LE 21110289

**\$17,881**

### 2014 TOYOTA RAV4 LIMITED 21110213

**\$19,772**

### 2019 TOYOTA COROLLA LE 21110142

**\$19,883**

### 2017 TOYOTA PRIUS TWO 21110201

**\$20,992**

### 2017 TOYOTA RAV4 LE 21110034

**\$21,591**

### 2021 TOYOTA COROLLA LE 21119006

**\$21,993**

### 2018 HONDA ACCORD SPORT 21110093

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPES

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Be realistic about what's possible, and you'll drum up interest in an idea you want to pursue. Communicate with people who can offer insight, and you'll gain confidence and inside information that will help you prepare for the future. Distance yourself from manipulative people.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A problem with a friend, relative or loved one will surface if someone isn't honest. Don't exaggerate or over-react. Be a good listener, assess the situation and offer a straightforward opinion.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Look at the possibilities and choose the people you want to work alongside. Make a difference at home or in your community. Pay attention to a loved one.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** An emotional matter will escalate. Put a positive spin on whatever you do or say. Change is upon you; it's up to you to take the path that adds to your happiness.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your imagination will run wild. Don't get caught up in something that isn't realistic. Focus on what's doable and helpful. You can make a difference if you use your skills, not your cash, to help others.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Take nothing for granted. Live up to your promises and take rules and regulations seriously. Channel your energy wisely and keep your life and relationships simple. Find someone who can help you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Confusion will set in if someone withholds information or you have too many options. Take a step back and do something physical. An energetic activity will help you gain needed perspective.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Broaden your scope, pay attention and put in the work required to get what you want. Share your vision and consider how to improve your relationships.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Keep your emotions in check. Be a good listener, and you will avoid saying something you'll regret. A creative outlet will ease stress and broaden your interest in a potentially lucrative hobby.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Gather information before you share your thoughts and feelings. It's up to you to be responsible and to allocate your time to suit your needs.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You'll encounter trouble if you aren't up-front. Be diplomatic, but not misleading. It's time to make a change that will take care of a problem that's been weighing you down.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Keep the peace and focus on domestic matters. Take the time to hear grievances and to make adjustments that will accommodate loved ones.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Look at the big picture. Baby steps will get you further ahead than making unrealistic promises and falling short. Be up-front about your feelings, and you'll find out where you stand.

ENTERTAINMENT

Florida aquarium creates legacy for famed Winter the Dolphin

By CURT ANDERSON  
Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — A Florida aquarium has created a legacy for its famed Winter the Dolphin following her recent death, including virtual reality encounters with the prosthetic-tailed star of the Dolphin Tale movies.

The Clearwater Marine Aquarium announced Friday that Winter's legacy will include an ongoing memorial, a special song and a plan to release the animal's cremated ashes in the Gulf of Mexico.

Winter died on Nov. 11 at age 16 of an inoperable intestinal problem. She was rescued in December 2005 along Florida's East Coast after her tail became caught in a crab trap rope. The tail had to be amputated.

The uplifting story of her recovery using an unprecedented prosthetic tail was the subject of the two Dolphin Tale films in 2011 and 2014, making the marine mammal a hero to people with disabilities and chronic illnesses around the world.

James "Buddy" Powell, president of the aquarium, said the virtual reality experience will allow people beginning in January to interact with Winter even though she's gone. It was built on videos and photos taken of Winter throughout her life.

"We have the technology available to us where guests will be able to virtually swim with Winter and experience her personality as if she were still alive," Powell said.



Chris O'Meara / AP

Clearwater Marine Aquarium senior marine mammal trainer Abby Stone works with Winter the Dolphin in Clearwater, Fla., in 2011. The 16-year-old female bottlenose dolphin died Nov. 11 while being treated for a gastrointestinal abnormality. The Clearwater Marine Aquarium announced Friday that Winter's legacy will include an ongoing memorial, a funding endowment, a special song and a plan to release the animal's cremated ashes in the Gulf of Mexico.

"We have the technology available to us where guests will be able to virtually swim with Winter and experience her personality as if she were still alive."

JAMES "BUDDY" POWELL

The aquarium, a former water treatment plant that recently completed an \$80 million renovation largely due to Winter's fame, will have a continuing memorial that encourages people to bring cards, notes and remembrances of the dolphin. The renovation includes a new 1.5 million-gallon habitat for dolphins.

The Winter's Endowment

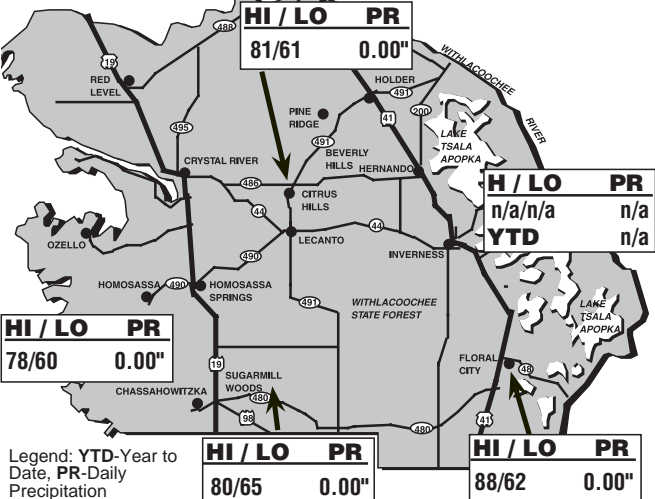
will use contributions for investment to continue the aquarium's work, which includes rehabilitation of other sea creatures such as turtles and manatees, Powell said.

There's also a song for Winter called "In Our Hearts You'll Be" with lyrics by Stephen Page and music by Rudiger. It's available now on music streaming services, Powell said. A portion of the song proceeds go to the aquarium's operations.

Lastly, the aquarium plans to scatter Winter's ashes in the adjacent Gulf of Mexico next month, Powell said.

"Returning W-Winter to her natural home is a poetic ending to her 16-year journey and we couldn't think of a better way to lay her spirit to rest," Powell said.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: YTD-Year to Date, PR-Daily Precipitation

**THREE DAY OUTLOOK** Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
High: 82° Low: 60°  
Morning fog then another sunny and warm day.

**SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING**  
High: 82° Low: 60°  
Early fog then sunshine.

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**  
High: 82° Low: 59°  
Partly sunny and warm.

**ALMANAC** Data from Crystal River Airport

**TEMPERATURE**  
Yesterday 84/61  
Record\* 88/27  
Normal 74/46  
Mean temp. 60  
Departure from mean 13

**DEW POINT**  
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 69°

**HUMIDITY**  
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 88%

**POLLEN COUNT\*\***  
Predominant: Trees

**PRECIPITATION**  
Yesterday 0.01"  
Total for the month 0.05"  
Total for the year 61.71"  
Normal for the year 50.11"

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

**BAROMETRIC PRESSURE** 30.12

**SOLUNAR TABLES** Provided by ezfshn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
12/11	SATURDAY	7:12	6:56	5:32	7:17
12/12	SUNDAY	7:13	7:38	5:33	7:59

**CELESTIAL OUTLOOK**

SUNSET TONIGHT ..... 5:32 pm  
SUNRISE TOMORROW ..... 7:13 am  
MOONRISE TODAY ..... 1:19 pm  
MOONSET TODAY ..... 12:26 am

**BURN CONDITIONS**

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

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

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2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 -or- Common Areas	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday		

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; Unincorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669. For more information, visit: https://www.citrusbocc.com/departments/water\_resources/watering\_restrictions.php

**TIDES**

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

**SATURDAY**

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	11:29 a.m. 0.5 ft	None
Crystal River***	9:35 a.m. 1.8 ft	4:17 a.m. 0.2 ft
Withlacoochee*	6:50 a.m. 2.5 ft	8:13 p.m. 0.5 ft
Homosassa***	10:20 a.m. 0.9 ft	None

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	79	63	pc	Miami	81	73	pc
Fort Lauderdale	82	70	s	Ocala	85	63	pc
Fort Myers	83	66	pc	Orlando	83	65	pc
Gainesville	83	62	pc	Pensacola	76	51	sh
Homestead	83	68	pc	Sarasota	82	65	pc
Jacksonville	82	61	mc	Tallahassee	80	59	mc
Key West	82	74	pc	Tampa	84	66	pc
Lakeland	84	64	pc	Vero Beach	81	64	pc
Melbourne	81	65	pc	W. Palm Bch.	80	73	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

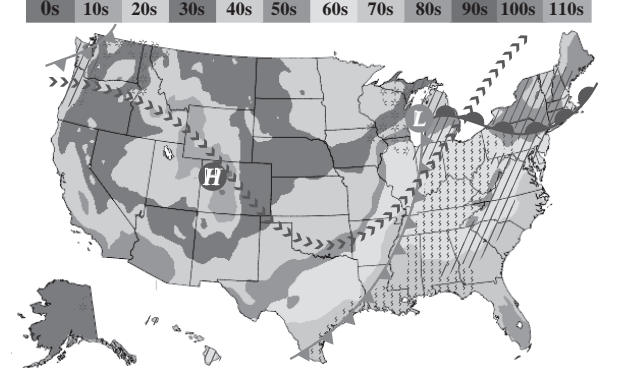
Today: Southeast winds around 10 knots then becoming south in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Patchy sea fog.

**Gulf water temperature**  
72°  
Taken at Crystal River

Location	FRI	THU	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	30.07	30.11	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.87	37.88	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.19	39.20	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.37	40.38	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.															
Saturday															
City	FRI			SAT			City	FRI			SAT				
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest		
Albany	43	28	Trace	61	35	ra	New Orleans	83	73	0.00	79	51	sh		
Albuquerque	49	33	Trace	44	19	s	New York City	50	39	0.00	65	43	sh		
Asheville	63	32	0.00	68	30	sh	Norfolk	52	34	0.05	74	46	mc		
Atlanta	55	46	0.24	70	37	sh	Oklahoma City	79	46	Trace	51	35	s		
Atlantic City	52	27	0.00	64	40	sh	Omaha	41	32	0.03	42	30	s		
Austin	85	71	0.01	60	35	mc	Palm Springs	66	46	0.00	66	46	s		
Baltimore	50	37	0.00	70	43	cl	Philadelphia	52	33	0.00	71	40	sh		
Billings	34	18	0.00	38	30	mc	Phoenix	63	52	0.35	68	43	s		
Birmingham	70	55	0.00	70	37	sh	Pittsburgh	59	43	0.00	65	32	sh		
Boise	38	20	0.04	40	36	rs	Portland, ME	27	19	0.02	47	38	sh		
Boston	45	28	Trace	61	42	sh	Portland, OR	47	41	Trace	49	40	ra		
Buffalo	50	36	0.00	65	34	sh	Providence, RI	48	30	0.00	61	41	sh		
Burlington, VT	39	19	0.02	52	35	ra	Raleigh	59	37	Trace	74	44	cl		
Charleston, SC	68	45	0.00	75	54	mc	Rapid City	28	19	0.05	38	28	s		
Charleston, WV	62	48	Trace	72	32	sh	Reno	40	20	0.00	46	31	mc		
Charlotte	54	44	0.03	70	42	sh	Rochester, NY	47	32	0.01	67	33	sh		
Chicago	47	34	0.47	41	30	rs	Sacramento	54	33	0.00	52	45	mc		
Cincinnati	59	37	0.11	65	29	sh	Salt Lake City	82	35	0.05	38	25	mc		
Cleveland	55	43	0.00	64	32	sh	San Antonio	88	73	0.00	62	37	pc		
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**MESS**

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The median strip in question extends about a mile along U.S. 98 – by the Oak Village entrances – and was supposed to be filled with flowers, shrubs and other landscaping to make it aesthetically pleasing. And for a while, it looked good, thanks to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) paying for all the greenery.

But the strip wasn't maintained and is now covered with overgrown grass and weeds. Most of the plantings have died.

FDOT officials sent a letter wanting to know why their investment is not being maintained. That set off a chain of events that has led to the recent action.

The median between east and westbound lanes of U.S. 98 in the Sugarmill Woods community of Oak Village is overgrown and much of the foliage is dead. The Oak Village Homeowners Association and Citrus County are at odds over the median.

Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor



**WISH**

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the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce governmental affairs committee, said there are many issues important to the business community. Two that he presented were \$20.7 million for upgrading Turkey Oak Drive as a bypass through Crystal River and \$2 million for completion of the Crystal River Riverwalk project.

Crystal River officials have said the Suncoast Parkway will increase traffic heading west on State Road 44, thus the need for bypassing traffic around the downtown district and alleviating congestion.

Crystal River Mayor Joe Meek said the city's "big ask" is funding help to start construction on the Riverwalk project. That will benefit not only Citrus County but the entire region, he said.

Massullo agreed and add-

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ed that the Riverwalk would also be a statewide benefit because there are few hometown coastal communities that would offer such amenities.

Sandra "Sam" Himmel thanked Simpson and Massullo for their support of Gov. Ron DeSantis' initiative to increase teacher salaries.

She said the new incremental \$15-an-hour salary requirement will require more funding for resources. And, as always, every effort must continue to increase mental health funding to help teachers and students,

Himmel added.

Citrus County Commission Chairman Ron Kitchen Jr. impressed on the legislators the need for funding for the Fort Island Trail project, which would establish a multi-use path from the beach to U.S. 19.

Inverness Mayor Robert Plaisted urged Simpson and Massullo to revisit the proposed connector trail between the Withlacoochee State Trail and Forest Drive through Whispering Pines Park.

DeSantis cut that project last year due to budget shortfalls from the pandem-

ic. Inverness was hoping for a \$200,000 share from the state to help pay for that project.

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But he said that money is not filtering down to the local level and it's making it hard to compete with other agencies.

"I can't do it," Prendergast said. "I don't know of any county that has the financial wherewithal right now."

He urged legislators to address the funding imbalance. A Key Training Center official said the agency is

having budgetary problems dealing with the new minimum wage requirements and asked for much-needed state help or service reductions

are possible.

Simpson and Massullo, for the most part, stayed quiet while agency representatives pleaded their funding case.

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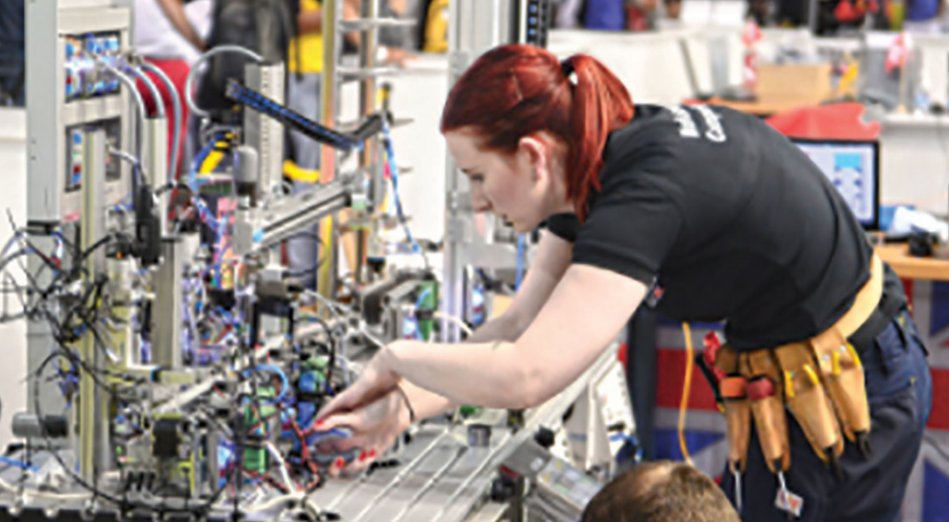


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Rosann Lane Strawn

Rosann Lane Strawn, 67, of Dunnellon, FL, went to be with God’s angels on November 24, 2021, at the HPH Hospice Center of Citrus County in Lecanto, FL.

R o s a n n was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, daughter of Robert C. Lane, Sr. and Rosie E. Lane. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her daughter Roselen Rae Strawn, a sister Rebecca J. Spurlock (Gary), and three brothers Robert C. Lane, Jr., Larry A. Lane (Ramonía), Gary L. Lane and nieces, nephews, great niece, and great nephews.

She was a devoted Mother, Aunt, and a great friend to many. She was involved with Habitat for Humanity for many years and later worked for them getting applicants approved for housing. She was a very active member of the community of Citrus County, and of Marion County.

A “Celebration of Life Ceremony” is on, Saturday, January 15, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon, 21501 County Road 40, Dunnellon, FL. 34431, Pastor Russ Randall and Pastor Eddie Fulford will preside.

In Lieu of Flowers, there is a “Go Fund Me” page set up for Roselen to help with expenses at <https://gofund.me/55591e51> or mail a check to Roselen R. Strawn, PO Box 1791, Dunnellon, FL, 34430.

Thomas Joe Miller



Thomas Joe Miller, 84, of Kokomo, died at 6:24 p.m. on December 8, 2021 at North Woods Village after a brief battle with lung cancer.

He was born on August 24, 1937 in Frankfort, Ind. to Charles Elwin “Ted” and Mary Marguerite (Davenport) Miller. Tom attended Frankfort High School before enlisting to serve in the United States Navy in 1954, where he was honorably discharged in 1962.

His marriage was to Mary L. Kemmerer in June of 1959. They divorced and he married Marguerite Leicht. She preceded him in death in 2000.

Tom spent his winters in Inverness, Florida. He worked as a member of the International Laborers of North America. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge as well as the Eagles Lodge. Tom was a member of Abundant Life Church in Kokomo. He was a big sports fan, particularly following IU Basketball.

Tom is survived by Wilma Lawman, his dear companion of the past 17 years; three children: Ronald E. of Lafayette, Randall E. of Oshkosh, WI, and Regena E. (Bob) Gourley of Rus-siaville; four grandchildren: Keith E. (Brachla) Miller of Fort Lee, VA, Kasey T. Miller of Lafayette, John B.(Kacie Rene) Lynch of Fowler, and Haley M. Miller of Clarks Hill; 10 great-grandchildren: Theodore, Oliver, and Arthur Miller, Kaylee Miller, Benson, Harlow, and Maverick Lynch, Gatlin Flick, Denton and Bernice Miller, and his niece Patty Miller. Preceding him in death are his parents, a brother: Jimmie D. Miller, and 2 nephews: Jimmie D. Miller, Jr. and Eddie Miller.

No services are planned. Archer-Weston Funeral & Cremation Center, 501 East Clinton Street, Frankfort is honored to assist the Miller family. Inurnment will take place in Green Lawn Memorial Park, Frankfort. Please

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visit [archerweston.com](http://archerweston.com), where you may leave a message for the family.

Horatio A Sholes

Horatio A Sholes, 72, of Dunnellon, FL passed away on December 8, 2021 under the care of Vitas Healthcare in Dunnellon, FL. Arrangements by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Inverness, FL.

Norma C. Kopena

Norma Kopena was born in Eustis, Florida, to Dewey Partridge and Elizabeth (Davis) Partridge on November 6, 1946. She was currently living in Citrus County Florida for the past 20 years.

She lost a five year fight with cancer on December 1, 2021.

Surviving are her loving husband of 34 years, David Kopena, and her son’s Jeff and Eric Meli and Chris and Ryan Kopena. Grandchildren Taylor and Lorelai Meli and Olivia, Ellie and Vivian Kopena.

Norma was a quiet, demure private person. An avid reader sometimes reading 5 books a week.

She worked for Aetna Health Insurance in customer relations. Florida HealthCare Daytona Beach in marketing customer relations. Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce where she worked to begin the Mount Dora Annual International Art Show.

She attended the University of Florida after graduating Sumter College and Mount Dora High School.

She will be missed by all who knew and met her.

Professional services rendered by Thomass Memorial Funeral Home.

Mary Smelko

Mrs. Mary Smelko, age 90 of Brooksville, Florida, died Saturday, December 4, 2021 in Lecanto, FL. Mary was born September 10, 1931, in Youngstown, OH, daughter of Vince Briody and Helen McGraw.

She moved to Brooksville, Florida from Ohio. Mary was a longtime resident of Hubbard, OH and worked for Truscon Steel for many years before retiring from Sparkles Market.

Mary Smelko was preceded in death by husband, Edward L Smelko Sr., and son Alan K. Smelko. Survivors include daughter, Carolyn L. Blasko and husband Joseph of New Middletown, Ohio, son, Edward L Smelko, Jr. and wife Tina of Chassahowitzka, FL, daughter-in-law, Melissa Smelko of Brooksville, FL, and grandchildren, Joseph, Steven, Amanda, Samantha, Crystal, Jacob, and their loving families.

Jenna Glea Surface

The Service of Remembrance for Miss Jenna Glea Surface, age 66 years, of Inverness, will be held 4:00 PM Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. Interment will be in Union, West Virginia. Friends may call from 3-4:00 PM Saturday at the Chapel. Online condolences can be left for the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com). Those, who wish, may make memorial donations to the First Church of God, 5336 E. Jasmine Lane, Inverness, FL 34453.



JENNA GLEA SURFACE

Miss Surface was born August 3, 1955 in Glendale, Arizona to Billie and Millie Surface and came to Inverness in 1972 from Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico. She passed away Monday, December 6, in Inverness.

Miss Surface retired from the Citrus County School System as a teacher’s aide after 42 years of dedicated service. She was a member of the First Church of God and a 1974 Graduate of Citrus High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Billie Marshall Surface Jr. Surviving are her brother, Dewey Surface, Clermont, GA; sister: Gayna Beasley, Inverness; 8 nieces; 2 nephews; and 14 great nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes.

DEATH ELSEWHERE

Mexican actor Carmen Salinas dies at 82

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican actor Carmen Salinas, known for movies like “Danzón,” “Man on Fire” and “Bellas de Noche” and telenovelas and series including “María la del Barrio” and “Mujeres Asesinas,” has died. She was 82.

Relatives of the actor announced her death Thursday night on Salinas’ Twitter account.

“With great sorrow, we inform you that leading actress Carmen Salinas passed away today,” says the message along with a black and white photograph of the artist, thanking her fans for their support.

Salinas had been in a coma after suffering a stroke in November. Details about her funeral services would be released later, her family said.

Jocular but always affable, Salinas could go from comedy to drama with ease.

Born to a humble single mother in Torreón, Coahuila, on October 5, 1939, she only went to elementary school and started her acting career as a child, in the 50’s, following into her sister Finita’s footsteps.

Salinas sang and did impersonations on the radio, and when she was a little older she participated in beauty and talent contests. Soon she began to perform in Coahuila and Mexico City venues including the famous El Patio nightclub, where she said she liked to party with actress Evita Muñoz “Chachita” and actor Pedro Infante.

By the 1960s, she was appearing in telenovelas like “Casa de Barrio,” “Frontera” and “Sublime Redención” before making her big screen debut in Roberto Gavaldón’s 1970’s “La Vida Inútil de Pito Pérez” and later acting in “El Crimen del Cácaro Gumaro,” “La Misma Luna,” “Todo el Poder,” “Danzón,” “Cartas a Elena,” “Esta Noche Cena Pancho,” “Que Viva Tepito!” and “Bellas de Noche.”

She also appeared in Tony Scott’s “Man on Fire,” a 2004 thriller filmed in Mexico.

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Michael Nesmith, the Monkee for all seasons, dies at 78

By JOHN ROGERS AND BRIAN MELLEY Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Nesmith, the singer-songwriter, author, actor-director and entrepreneur who will likely be best remembered as the wool-hatted, guitar-strumming member of the made-for-television rock band The Monkees, has died at 78.

Nesmith, who had undergone quadruple bypass surgery in 2018, died of natural causes at his Carmel Valley home near California’s Central Coast, his family said in a statement.

Nesmith was a struggling singer-songwriter in September 1966 when “The Monkees” television debut turned him and fellow band members Micky Dolenz, Peter Tork and David Jones into overnight rock stars.

After the group broke up in 1970, Nesmith moved on to a long and creative career, not only as a musician but as a writer, producer and director of films, author of several books, head of a media arts company and creator of a music video format that led to the creation of MTV.

Nesmith was running “hoot nights” at the popular West Hollywood nightclub The Troubadour when he saw a trade publication ad seeking “four insane boys” to play rock musicians in a band modeled after the Beatles.

The show featured the comical misadventures of a quartet that toiled around Los Angeles in a tricked-out Pontiac GTO called the MonkeeMobile and, when they weren’t chasing girls, pursued music stardom.

Each episode rolled out two or three new Monkees songs, six of which became Top 10 Billboard hits during the show’s two-year run. Three others, “I’m a Believer,” “Daydream Believer” and “Last Train to Clarksville,” reached No. 1.

Nesmith, with his twangy Texas accent and the wool hat he’d worn to his audition, became the serious but naive lead guitarist.

A prankster by nature, he’d



RH / AP

Mike Nesmith of The Monkees singing group appears at press conference at Warwick Hotel in New York on July 6, 1967. Nesmith, the guitar-strumming member of the 1960s, made-for-television rock band The Monkees, died at home Friday of natural causes, his family said in a statement. He was 78.



T. Sakakibara / AP

Members of The Monkees, clockwise from bottom center, Micky Dolenz, Davy Jones, Mike Nesmith and Peter Tork arrive at Tokyo International Airport on Sept. 30, 1968.

arrived at the audition carrying a guitar and bag of dirty laundry he said he planned to wash immediately afterward. With a harmonica around his neck, he stormed into a casting office, banging the door loudly. After pausing to gaze at a painting as if it were a mirror, he sat down and immediately put his feet up on a desk.

He got the job.

But he rebelled almost immediately when producers told him they were going to call his character “Wool Hat.” He demanded they use his real name, as they did with the other actors.

It would be the first of many confrontations Nesmith would have with producers during a tumultuous two-year run in which “The Monkees” won the 1967 Emmy for best comedy series.

Nesmith and Tork, the group’s two most accomplished musicians, railed against the program’s refusal to allow them to play their own instruments at recording sessions. But when Nesmith revealed that fact to reporters, music critics quickly turned on “The Monkees,” dismissing the show as a fraud and the band as the “Prefab Four,” a mocking reference to the Beatles’ nickname, Fab Four.

Nesmith, meanwhile, had written several songs he hoped to debut on the show, but almost all were dismissed by music producer Don Kirshner, as sounding too country.

Among them was “Different Drum,” which Linda Ronstadt recorded in 1967 for her first hit single.



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**BTV REPORT: DEC. 10, 2021**

By **CHRONICLE STAFF**

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Friday, Dec. 10, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

- Theft, 8:20 a.m. Dec. 9, off of Premiere Avenue, Homosassa;
- Theft, 9:42 a.m. Dec. 9, off of Morrow Point, Homosassa;
- Theft, 10:35 a.m. Dec. 9, off of Hummingbird Avenue, Inverness;
- Vehicle burglary, 11:50 a.m. Dec.

9, off of U.S. 19, Crystal River;

- Auto theft, 12:35 p.m. Dec. 9, off of Paul Drive, Inverness;
- Theft, 5:16 p.m. Dec. 9, off of Henry Blair Lane, Dunnellon.

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

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

**Fire damages Hernando mobile home**

A demolition crew for the house called in the blaze

By **BUSTER THOMPSON**  
Chronicle Reporter

Demolition workers called in a fire burning inside a Hernando home they was tasked to tear down.

Citrus County Fire Rescue (CCFR) crews responded at 2:51 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8,

to an address off of East Parsons Point Road, where firefighters arrived to find smoking coming from a 800-square-foot mobile home, according to CCFR on Friday.

Firefighters from CCFR stations in Hernando and Citrus Springs found the blaze on a wall in the kitchen of the vacant house, and had the fire controlled by 2:59 p.m.

No injuries were reported. A demolition crew hired to demolish the home told firefighters

they reported the fire after seeing smoke coming from within, according to CCFR.

Contact Chronicle reporter *Buster Thompson* at 352-564-2916, *bthompson@chronicleonline.com* or visit *tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso* to see more of his stories.

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PLAZA

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coming into city hall on behalf of Crystal Square were not certified to do contracting work in the city.

“We’re not going to tell them what to do to fix this situation ... they need to get a professional to do that,” he said. “I think the owner is being very foolish in not dealing with this head on. ... It’s created a nuisance building, and it’s a great concern to the city.”

Christensen told Chluski he sympathized with her client, but noted his job is to find whether there’s a code enforcement violation.

“I know the parties have been working together to find a long-term solution to this, but I’m not a part of that discussion nor do I intend to be,” he said. “Regardless ... your client does need to maintain the property just like every other property owner within the city of Crystal River.”

Christensen also found on Thursday the plaza owners

were disobeying two additional, yet previously documented code violations: overgrown grass and unsecured structures.

Christensen gave Crystal Square ownership, which shares the same name as its lot’s 579 SE U.S. 19 address, 10 days to seal their empty storefront from homeless people accessing it and exposing themselves to an unsafe establishment.

“That’s my biggest concern because that’s a public-safety concern,” he said. “We’ve got to get it closed.”

Crystal River Code Enforcement Officer Joe Palminteri testified at Thursday’s hearing to finding and photographing two holes large enough for a human to get through and into the building.

If Crystal Square isn’t properly secured by Dec. 20, Christensen said he will deem the offense a repeat violation with a daily \$500 fine.

In the meantime, Christensen ordered the plaza to accrue \$250 a day until either a fix or finding is made.

Palminteri’s photographs he took before Thursday’s hearing and submitted to Christensen as evidence also showed grass roughly 4 feet high.

Christensen noted Crystal Square did try to stay on top of mowing after he became aware of the issue earlier this year, but eventually let the grass get out of control.

With that said, Christensen ordered the fine for the overgrown grass to be \$500.

“Even though it’s captioned as a new violation,” he said, “it’s still a continuation.”

Since Christensen’s order from June, Crystal Square has amassed roughly \$44,500 in code enforcement fines.

Batsel and city officials have been trying to convince the owners of Crystal Square’s to either demolish or sell to someone who would level and redevelop the 8.37-acre property.

In exchange, the city would not only release the owners from their growing lien penalty, but also waive

their other set of unpaid utility charges in the sum of \$333,350.

Crystal River has also

threatened to file a lawsuit in court to prompt action on the plaza.

Contact Chronicle reporter Bust-

er Thompson at 352-564-2916, bthompson@chronicleonline.com or visit [tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso](http://tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso) to see more of his stories.

TREE

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It’s the second year Demangone’s students from her three classes wanted to put gifts under an Angel Tree, which is decorated with the holiday wish lists of children 16 years old and younger.

“It’s going to be a tradition,” she said. “It just brings joy to my heart knowing they’re learning to give; it’s not all about ‘me.’ They’re taking care of others now.”

Like last year, Demangone’s pupils were motivated to donate after learning about Angel Trees during a reading of a story in the “Chicken Soup for the Soul Christmas Treasury for Kids.”

“For my Christmas,” Lola said, “I believe it is very good to spread that kindness all around the world and spending time with your family, spending time with all the people you love – it’s just very grateful.”

Shane said YouTube influencer “MrBeast” also drove him to be selfless.

“He inspires me to give



Buster Thompson / Chronicle Reporter

A procession of Lecanto Middle School sixth-graders hoisting bags of clothing and toys makes its way Friday, Dec. 10, to a vehicle where Salvation Army Angel Tree Coordinator Angie Howland waits to help the load the gifts for Citrus County youths in need of presents during the holidays.

away to the people in need,” he said, “and I just like helping people; it’s just a part of my blood or something.”

Demangone said her students broke off into groups to fulfill their angels’ wishes, with many doing everything they could to ensure each wish was granted.

“These guys are awesome,” the teacher said. “Their hearts are there.”

Demangone she’s thankful the parents stepped in at the

last minute to help purchase gifts when they’re probably having a hard time buying for their own.

“I was amazed because they just go above and beyond,” she said, “and it has to come from the parents to teach their kids to love others.”

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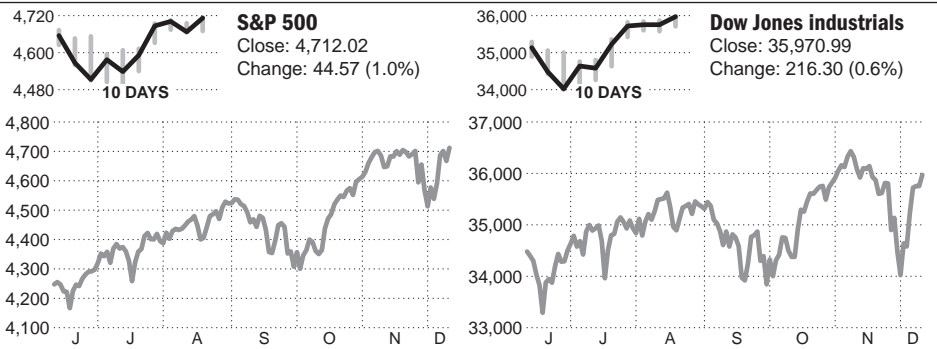
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	NYSE	NASD		HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,424	3,977	DOW	35,982.69	35,710.43	35,970.99	+216.30	+0.60%	+175.3%
Pvs. Volume	3,486	4,018	DOW Trans.	16,421.79	16,276.32	16,404.67	+77.60	+0.48%	+31.16%
Advanced	1276	1501	DOW Util.	939.33	932.28	935.67	+4.54	+0.49%	+8.22%
Declined	1191	2041	NYSE Comp.	16,888.58	16,762.94	16,856.63	+76.15	+0.45%	+16.05%
New Highs	44	40	NASDAQ	15,677.60	15,477.85	15,630.60	+113.23	+0.73%	+12.28%
New Lows	42	135	S&P 500	4,713.57	4,670.24	4,712.02	+44.57	+0.95%	+25.45%
			S&P 400	2,798.24	2,756.38	2,779.84	+2.52	+0.09%	+20.52%
			Wilshire 5000	48,051.50	47,584.09	47,962.05	+325.93	+0.68%	+21.56%
			Russell 2000	2,240.38	2,200.10	2,211.81	-8.40	-0.38%	+12.00%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	52-WK RANGE	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	22.22		33.88	22.84	-1.10	-0.4				-20.6	-18.1	cc	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96		143.55	142.75	+1.66	+1.2				+18.0	+19.6	36	0.80
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08		79.67	57.92	+5.2	+0.9				-17.2	-16.3	20	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	28.14		48.69	44.52	+0.3	+0.1				+46.9	+55.3	13	0.84
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42		29.00	26.87	-1.10	-0.4				+9.3	+6.5	13	0.64f
Citigroup	C	57.28		80.29	60.71	-1.43	-2.3				-1.5	+10.5	6	2.04
Disney	DIS	142.04		203.02	152.71	-2.3	-0.2				-15.7	-0.3		...
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56		108.38	101.51	+1.23	+1.2				+10.9	+14.5	57	3.94f
EPR Properties	EPR	29.79		56.07	47.22	+4.48	+1.0				+45.3	+45.4		3.00
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.12		29.29	25.34	...	...				-7.1	-2.5		2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.44		66.38	63.01	+4.0	+0.6				+52.9	+56.1		3.52f
Ford Motor	F	8.43		20.79	21.45	+1.88	+9.6				+144.0	+115.2	25	0.40
Gen Electric	GE	82.88		116.17	96.95	-8.8	-0.9				+12.5	+12.5		0.32
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	153.75		263.92	243.55	+2.11	+0.9				+48.1	+52.0	22	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59		420.61	415.40	+4.06	+1.0				+56.4	+59.7	29	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24		68.49	50.59	+1.1	+0.2				+1.5	+4.8	10	1.39
IBM	IBM	114.56		152.84	124.09	+5.2	+0.4				-1.4	+7.9	21	6.56
LQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11		60.05	57.97	+7.1	+1.2				+64.5	+56.9	19	...
Lowes Cos	LOW	149.31		260.82	261.38	+3.23	+1.3				+62.8	+71.6	27	3.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66		16.60	12.13	+0.06	+0.5				+24.4	+27.2		1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73		263.10	264.97	+2.63	+1.0				+23.5	+27.1	29	5.16
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	209.11		349.67	342.54	+9.44	+2.8				+54.0	+56.1	38	2.48f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	163.16		262.42	264.92	+5.74	+2.2				+55.8	+48.7	46	2.84
NestEra Energy	NEE	68.33		90.92	90.28	+3.7	+0.4				+17.0	+24.7	56	1.54
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10		20.35	18.12	-2.5	-1.4				+11.6	+21.2	44	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	15.07		24.89	22.23	-0.06	-0.3				+37.9	+46.0	9	0.68
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53		140.65	132.88	+2.31	+1.8				+14.9	+13.7	17	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	159.56		202.26	196.00	+2.60	+1.3				+19.4	+20.4	25	4.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	186.38		258.86	204.00	-1.03	-0.5				-3.6	+7.8	26	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.74		61.82	50.19	+0.3	+0.1				-14.6	-13.7	9	2.56f
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53		20.36	15.10	+1.6	+1.1				-8.4	-4.5	cc	1.06e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28		152.57	141.03	+2.53	+1.8				-2.2	-6.8	40	2.20
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.03		57.05	49.50	+3.3	+0.7				+24.1	+20.0	19	1.91

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

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.49% Friday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
LAST	3.25	.13
6 MO AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Commodities

U.S. crude oil gained 1% Friday, and natural gas rose nearly 3%. Wholesale gasoline and heating oil prices closed slightly higher. Gold and silver also rose.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.06	.06	...	.08
6-month T-bill	.13	.12	+0.01	.09
52-wk T-bill	.26	.26	...	.10
2-year T-note	.67	.70	-0.03	.14
5-year T-note	1.25	1.26	-0.01	.39
7-year T-note	1.42	1.42	...	.65
10-year T-note	1.49	1.48	+0.01	.89
30-year T-bond	1.89	1.87	+0.02	1.64

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK	6MO	1YR
48 month new car loan	3.59	▲ 3.55	3.58	4.01
Money market account	0.07	■ 0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28	■ 0.28	0.29	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	■ 6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.25	▲ 3.18	3.07	3.08
15 year fixed mortgage	2.53	▲ 2.51	2.40	2.36

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	71.67	70.94	+1.03	+47.7
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14	...	+49.1
Heating Oil (gal)	2.25	2.25	+0.06	+51.8
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.93	3.81	+2.91	+54.6
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.14	2.13	+0.41	+50.1
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1782.90	1774.60	+0.47	-5.8
Silver (oz)	22.16	21.97	+0.85	-15.8
Platinum (oz)	934.20	937.70	-0.37	-13.1
Copper (lb)	4.28	4.33	-1.09	+21.9
Palladium (oz)	1748.10	1811.80	-3.52	-28.6
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.37	1.37	+0.10	+21.2
Coffee (lb)	2.33	2.40	-3.16	+61.4
Corn (bu)	5.89	5.89	...	+21.6
Cotton (lb)	1.06	1.07	-0.34	+36.0
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1069.30	1024.30	+4.39	+22.2
Orange Juice (lb)	1.27	1.29	-1.20	+3.4
Soybeans (bu)	12.68	12.65	+0.26	-3.6
Wheat (bu)	7.82	7.74	+1.10	+22.1

MutualFunds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmronBalA m	33.95	+23	+14.1	+15.4	+13.7	+11.0
	CptWldGrInC m	66.33	+46	+13.0	+15.7	+17.0	+12.7
	CptInclBldrA m	69.59	+46	+12.4	+13.2	+10.3	+7.8
	FdmTlInvsA m	80.11	+72	+19.9	+22.4	+19.2	+15.0
	GrfAmrCA m	80.07	+38	+18.6	+22.7	+26.2	+20.3
	IncAmrCA m	26.46	+18	+14.5	+15.3	+11.9	+9.0
	InvCAMrCA m	53.92	+59	+23.5	+25.8	+19.2	+14.3
	NwPrspctvA m	70.20	+29	+16.1	+20.3	+25.3	+19.3
	WAMtlInvsA m	60.54	+80	+25.7	+27.6	+17.8	+14.6
	WAMtlInvsA m	60.54	+80	+25.7	+27.6	+17.8	+14.6
Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.20	...	-1.0	-0.5	+6.1	+4.5
	Stk	246.37	+1.53	+29.9	+29.8	+1.8	+13.4
Fidelity	500ldxInsPm	x163.33	+97	+21.1	+30.3	+23.5	+18.0
	BCGrowth	188.21	+38	+24.0	+28.6	+38.0	+29.5
	Contrafund x	18.78	-1.49	+24.5	+28.2	+27.3	+22.3
	GrCo	41.01	-0.1	+24.8	+27.8	+40.0	+30.3
	TiIMktldxInsPm	x132.20	-46	+24.2	+27.3	+23.1	+17.4
	USBdlldxInsPm	11.99	...	-1.8	-1.5	+5.0	+3.6
	SP500ldx x	72.30	...	+25.9	+28.9	+23.1	+17.7
	BCGr	196.62	+68	+18.8	+21.5	+25.7	+23.3
	500ldxAdmrl	436.14	+4.14	+27.1	+30.3	+23.5	+18.0
	DivGrInv	39.98	+4.0	+21.8	+24.2	+19.4	+16.1
Schwab	GrldxAdmrl	165.29	+1.42	+27.2	+31.9	+32.5	+24.5
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Stocks end higher

By ALEX VEIGA

Associated Press

Technology companies led a rally on Wall Street that powered the S&P 500 to an all-time high and gave the index its best weekly gain since February.

The S&P 500 rose 1 percent, enough to recoup its losses from a day earlier. The benchmark index closed higher four of the last five days, finishing 3.8 percent higher for the week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.6 percent and the Nasdaq composite gained 0.7 percent, both recovering from declines in the early going. Smaller-company stocks lagged the broader market, leaving the Russell 2000 index 0.4 percent lower.

A late wave of buying solidified the gains for the market, which had wavered between small gains and losses in morning trading after the government reported another big rise in inflation last month.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said prices for U.S. consumers jumped 6.8 percent in November compared with a year earlier. Surging costs for food, energy, housing and other items have left Americans enduring their highest annual inflation rate since 1982. Core prices, which exclude food and energy, rose 4.9 percent year over year.

Still, markets were relieved to see that the report was in line with expectations.

“Many have felt the effects of inflation in their day-to-day, so this likely isn’t a

huge shocker to the market,” said Mike Loewengart, managing director, investment strategy at E-Trade.

The S&P 500 rose 44.57 points to 4,712.02, a new high. It set its previous record high on Nov. 18.

The Dow gained 216.30 points to 35,970.99. The tech-heavy Nasdaq rose 113.23 points to 15,630.60. The Russell 2000 fell 8.40 points to 2,211.81. The indexes all posted weekly gains.

The latest inflation data comes ahead of the Federal Reserve’s two-day meeting of policymakers next week. Rising inflation has prompted the central bank to speed up the pace at which it trims its bond purchases, which have helped keep interest rates low.

Federal Reserve Chair Jay Powell has suggested the central bank could move more quickly to pare back, or taper, the amount of bonds it’s been purchasing each month to keep long-term interest rates low.

Analysts say the elevated inflation figures ramp up the pressure on the Fed to follow through on Powell’s comments. Many investors also expect the Fed to start raising interest rates from current ultra-low levels starting in the middle of next year.

“The inflation print from this morning will reinforce the Fed’s resolve to accelerate tapering. With the strength in the economic recovery, it is time to take the crutches away,” said Anu Gaggar, global investment strategist for Commonwealth Financial Network.

Apart from a decline

Thursday, stocks have bounced back this week following two weeks of volatile trading that left the S&P 500 with back-to-back weekly losses. The index has now recovered most of the losses after the discovery of the omicron variant of COVID-19 was announced last month. It’s now up 25.5 percent for the year.

Investors’ worries over omicron eased this week amid encouraging signs that the variant may be less dangerous than delta. Pfizer said this week that its lab tests suggest the drugmaker’s COVID-19 boosters provide protection against the new strain.

More than 70 percent of the stocks in the S&P 500 rose, with technology companies doing most of the heavy lifting. Business software maker Oracle surged 15.6 percent for the biggest gain in the S&P 500 after reporting strong quarterly results. Microsoft and Apple each rose 2.8 percent.

Makers and sellers of household goods also helped lift the S&P 500. Costco climbed 6.6 percent, while Coca-Cola rose 2.6 percent.

Energy futures closed higher. The price of U.S. crude oil rose 1 percent. That helped give a modest boost to energy sector stocks in the S&P 500. Devon



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► “A pun is the lowest form of humor — when you don’t think of it first.”  
Oscar Levant

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## CEMETARY IMPROVEMENTS

# Communication efforts need improvement

Solitude wraps itself around a person when they enter Pine Hill Cemetery, the last resting place for souls since 1890. There is a somber air, a quietness that is fitting for this almost two-acre tract that is thought to be the oldest black cemetery in Citrus County. Pine Hill Cemetery is surrounded by the Inverness-owned Oak Ridge Cemetery, a much-larger burial ground of 22 acres.

But it was a bumpy road to get into the Pine Hill cemetery until the county laid asphalt millings over the county owned portion of a gravel road bisecting the cemetery in November. Citrus County officials responded quickly when Dr. Devonte White made it a mission to address road repairs in the county-owned cemetery, and a road that was due for much needed maintenance.

County Commissioner Scott Carnahan is to be commended for helping spur the county into this quick action. At the same time the millings were laid, the county took the opportunity to lay water lines and a hose spigot. Dr. White has stated that he and others in the community want to gain improvements to bring Pine Hill up to the standards of the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

A meeting in early November was held to brainstorm ideas for improvements, and another meeting was held Dec. 3. All five county commissioners received invitations to the December meeting, but none showed up which resulted in grumbling from Dr. White and several persons who attended the gathering.

Florida’s Sunshine Law was the reasoning behind

some commissioners response. This law prohibits public officials from attending an event which might result in matters coming up for a vote at a commission meeting unless the meeting was advertised and had minutes taken. Another rationale

from some not attending was the invite was short notice and other commitments had been made, as well as the invite was lost in the hundreds of emails received.

The lack of county representation was a hot topic at the meeting, but attendees

also discussed multiple improvements to the cemetery including the placement of a historical marker, dog waste stations, directional signage and more sheriff patrols. All fine suggestions.

But without any county representation there wasn’t the ebb and flow of a dialogue between concerned citizens and Citrus County officials to get the ball rolling. Frankly, the county dropped the ball on this one.

Although Commissioner Carnahan spurred the asphalt millings to be rolled over the graveled pathway to help flatten the road, the lack of any representation not just from any of the five commissioners but from any county employee shows a lack of leadership direction. This should be a “lessons learned.”

County management at the highest level could have — and should have — directed an appropriate employee to attend the December meeting to both show the county is listening to community concerns and to interact with the citizens who place Pine Hill Cemetery’s improvements as a priority.

That’s a bumpy road that needs to be smoothed over.

### THE ISSUE:

Pine Hill Cemetery upgrades.

### OUR OPINION:

County needs better communication efforts.

## Paid parental leave

I read an article in a newspaper about other countries paying families money to help raise their young children. It is called paid family leave for new parents. They have this in Japan, Sweden and Britain. This sounds really nice.

They praise this as being a great help for all of us. But they only tell you one side of the story. They don’t tell you all about the high taxes they all have to pay for all this. There is always two sides to every story.

The truth comes out. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer but in between time, whatever time we have (legalized pot), ain’t we got fun.

Ruth H. Kennedy  
Homosassa

## New mandates for Florida

In an ironic twist, Florida just replaced one set of government mandates for another. Gov. DeSantis recently signed laws to “protect Floridians from losing their jobs due to COVID-19 vaccine mandates and protect parents’ rights to make health care decisions for students.” These new mandates were passed through a special session of the Florida Legislature. Our own Senate President Wilton Simpson and Rep. Dr. Ralph Massullo expressed enthusiasm for them. The administration describes the laws as “the strongest pro-freedom, anti-mandate action taken by any state in the nation.”

Florida’s new mandates go beyond the workplace into schools. Educational institutions may not require students to be COVID-19 vaccinated. School districts may not have school face

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debilitating illness home to parents, older relatives, or younger siblings. Florida now punishes school officials who take seriously the charge to protect and safeguard the health and well-being of students and staff.

Our leaders claim to be anti-mandate, but they have just created seven new government mandates! In their quest for votes, they have arrogantly twisted the idea of individual rights and freedom. They don’t even pretend to care about responsibility to one another. Hypocrisy at its finest. Remember in November!

Betty Honkonen  
Lecanto

## Test people at the border

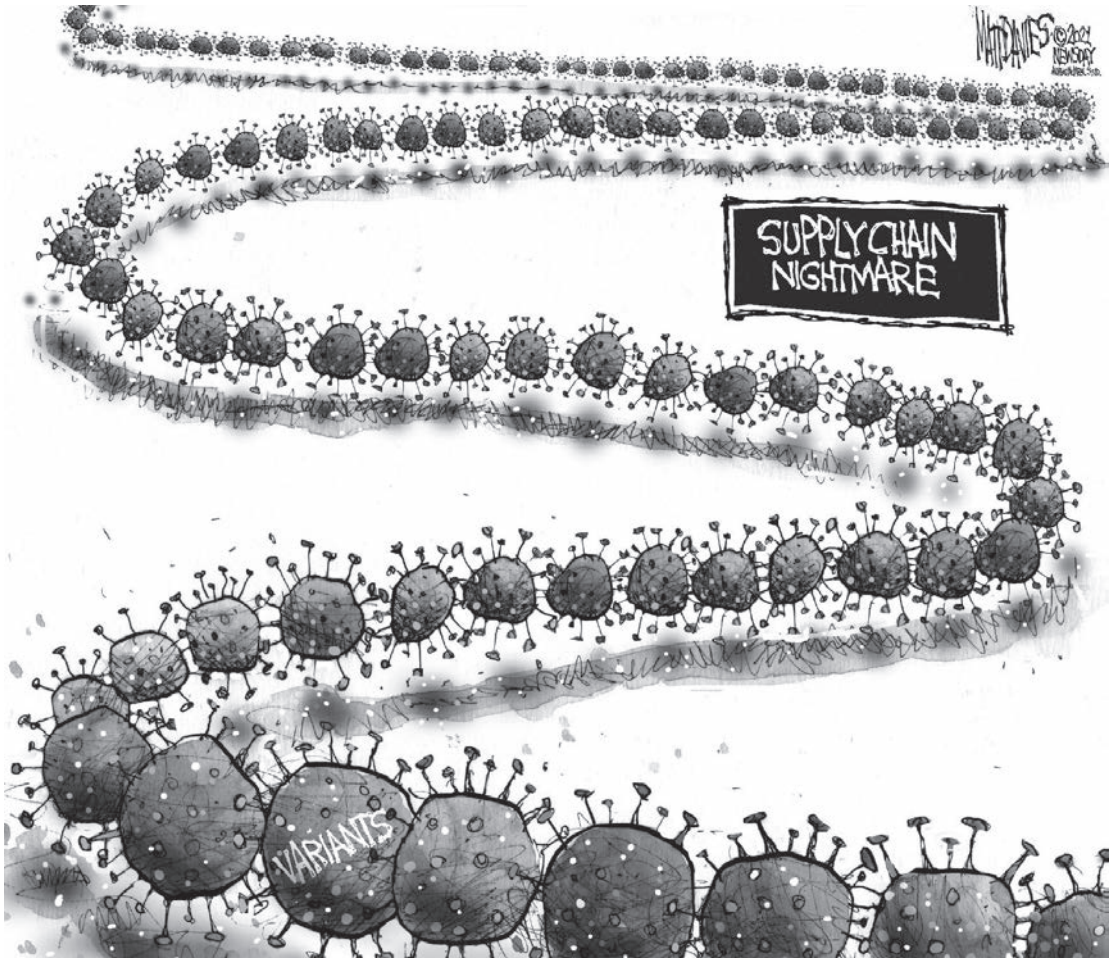
In light of the latest COVID variant, “Omicron,” and countries across the world closing their borders and testing travelers, would it not seem reasonable to cease the massive illegal folks entering this country or at least test them as well?

Biden is blaming the COVID-19 pandemic for his crashing poll numbers and he will jump on this bandwagon as well.

Does it make any sense at all to not address the border crisis now?

It seems likely there could be another lockdown across our country, but not the southern border. And there is so much more. The politicians in Washington are hell bent on fundamentally changing (killing) our republic; Democrats and some Republicans as well. Check it out, and vote them out.

Vern Stephan  
Hernando



## Gas cheaper in The Villages

I have two questions this morning: Why, when I live in Hernando, am I able to go to The Villages and pay \$3.01 for gas today when all the gas around here is \$3.29 to \$3.35? The second question: Is Ron Kitchen going to ask the governor of Florida to sell the state parks to private entities and is he going to go to Washington and ask the national government to sell the national parks? (See Dec. 6, Page A6 editorial, “BCC shoots down Ozello park proposal.”)

### Treat people with respect

(Re the Monday, Dec. 6, Page A6 Sound Off) “A sign of the times”: Good for that waitress. She was probably talked down to or insulted by somebody. I’ve seen the way some of the customers treat waitresses around here and if you think people are standing in line for the waitress job, you are wrong. Two restaurants have closed around here because they can’t get help. So wake up and smell the roses and treat people with respect. Don’t take out your problems on people that are serving you at restaurants or stores. Use some Christmas spirit.

## Airboats noisy in early morning

After 11 o’clock last night, airboaters were in back of my property making a lot of noise between 1 and 2 o’clock in the morning. This woke me up. I believe there were two or three of them and they crossed close by Retreat and Turner Camp Road. I thought we had an ordinance that states that airboats should be off the water by 11 o’clock. This is kind of ridiculous and very annoying to people that live in that neighborhood because most of us are all retired, and, like most of them, should go to bed about 9 o’clock. And the airboats should have to be off the water by 9 o’clock instead of 11. It’s ridiculous. Thank you very much for this complaint.

### Don’t leave dogs outside

This call is in regards to people leaving their dogs chained outside in this weather. For one thing, you’re not allowed to leave a dog chained up outside. I know there’s people that do it back in the woods, in the backwoods. So if you see one out in the cold, please call Animal Control and then pray that they will do something about it. Pray real hard.



## Hot Corner: CLARK’S LETTER

■ My wife and I would like to thank Mr. Kenneth Clark for his excellent, excellent letter in the Chronicle this morning titled, “Keep your infection to yourself” (Sunday, Dec. 5, Page C2). As a couple that are vaccinated, try to be protected and do the best for our neighbors, he hit the nail on the head with his letter. Thank you, Mr. Clark.

■ Wow, the article by Mr. Clark in Sunday’s newspaper about “Keep the infection to yourself,” was one of the most succinct and brutally honest explanations of the cost of not getting immunized or not wearing masks. I

lost a beloved family member due to their stubbornness of not taking the COVID immunization. Thank you.

■ I agree with everything that Kenneth Clark wrote in today’s paper about the unvaccinated. I agree with every single word. The unvaccinated are taking away my freedom. They should all have to stay home unless when they go out, they could all wear a big cardboard “U” around their neck so I could stay 6 feet away from them. It’s impossible to ask every person out there if they’re vaccinated or not.



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via AP, File

**Barbie H. leads a protest against the six-week abortion ban on Sept. 1, at the Capitol in Austin, Texas. A Texas judge has ruled the enforcement scheme behind the nation's strictest abortion law is unconstitutional in a narrow ruling that still leaves a near-total ban on abortions in place.**

## Court won't stop Texas abortion ban, but allows clinics to sue

**By MARK SHERMAN**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday left in place Texas' ban on most abortions, offering only a glimmer of daylight for clinics in the state to challenge the nation's most restrictive abortion law. The decision, little more than a week after the court signaled it would roll back abortion rights and possibly overturn its landmark Roe v. Wade decision, was greeted with dismay by abortion rights supporters but praise by opponents.

Five conservative justices, including three appointed by former President Donald Trump, formed a majority to limit who can be sued by the clinics, a result that both sides said probably will prevent federal courts from effectively blocking the law.

Texas licensing officials may be sued, but not state court judges, court clerks or state Attorney General Ken Paxton, the court ruled. That seems to leave people free, under the unusual structure of the Texas law, to sue abortion clinics and anyone else who "aids or abets" an abortion performed after cardiac activity is detected in an embryo, around six weeks and before some women know they're pregnant.

"The Supreme Court has essentially greenlit Texas's cynical scheme and prevented federal courts from blocking an unconstitutional law," the Center for Reproductive Rights, which represents the Texas clinics, said on Twitter.

The court acted more than a month after hearing arguments over the law, which makes no exceptions for rape or incest.

The law has been in place for about three months, since Sept. 1. The Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide has stood since 1973.

President Joe Biden voiced concern over the high court decision to keep the Texas law in effect and restated his support for legislation that has cleared the House of Representatives and would codify in federal law the abortion right now at risk.

"We have more work to do, but I will always stand with women to protect and defend their long-recognized, constitutional right under Roe v. Wade," Biden said in a statement.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, who has consistently voted against abortion rights, did not mention Roe in his main opinion for the court Friday. Gorsuch is one of the Trump appointees, along with Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.

## National Guard helping with virus

**By ED WHITE**  
Associated Press

More U.S. states desperate to defend against COVID-19 are calling on the National Guard and other military personnel to assist virus-weary medical staffs at hospitals and other care centers. People who became sick after refusing to get vaccinated are overwhelming hospitals in certain states, especially in the Northeast and the Upper Midwest. New York, meanwhile, announced a statewide indoor mask order, effective Monday and lasting five weeks through the holiday season.

"We're entering a time of uncertainty, and we could either plateau here or our cases could get out of control," Gov. Kathy Hochul warned Friday.

In Michigan, health director Elizabeth Hertel was equally blunt: "I want to be absolutely clear: You are risking serious illness, hospitalization and even death" without a vaccination.

The seven-day rolling average for daily new cases in the U.S. rose over the past two weeks to 117,677 by Thursday, compared to 84,756 on Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day, according to Johns Hopkins University. The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 has soared to about 54,000 on average, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Meanwhile, the country is approaching a new milestone of 800,000 COVID-19 deaths. More than 200 million Americans, or about 60 percent of the population, are now fully vaccinated.

In Maine, which hit a pandemic high this week with nearly 400 COVID-19 patients in hospitals, as many as 75 members of the National Guard were being summoned to try to keep people out of critical care with monoclonal antibodies and to perform other non-clinical tasks.

Maine has one of the highest



David Goldman / AP

**Rhode Island Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Griego works in a coronavirus mass-vaccination site at the former Citizens Bank headquarters in Cranston, R.I. More U.S. states desperate to defend against COVID-19 are calling on the National Guard and other military personnel to assist virus-weary medical staffs at hospitals and other care centers.**

COVID-19 vaccination rates in the country – 73 percent – but that rate lags in many of the state's rural pockets.

The New York National Guard said it had deployed 120 Army medics and Air Force medical technicians to 12 nursing homes and long-term care facilities to relieve fatigued staff.

Dr. Paolo Marciano, chief medical officer at Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan, said it was a "tremendous lifeline" to get assistance from the Defense Department, which has more than 60 nurses, doctors and respiratory therapists assigned to the state.

"It allowed us to be able to care for the COVID patients and at the

same time still maintain the level of care that cancer patients require or people with chronic illnesses," Marciano said. "Where we are today is really just keeping our heads above water."

New York's mask order covers all indoor public places unless a business or venue has a vaccine requirement. The state reported more than 68,000 positive tests for the virus in a seven-day period that ended Wednesday, the most for any seven-day stretch since February.

New York City and several upstate New York counties already have mask mandates. Critics, however, said the governor's announcement was another burden for businesses.

"Government overreach at its worst," said Republican

Assemblyman Mike Lawler.

Michigan is sending more ventilators to hospitals and asking for even more from the national stockpile. Infection rates and hospitalizations are at record levels, 21 months into the pandemic. The first case of the omicron variant was confirmed Thursday in the Grand Rapids area.

The largest hospital system in Indiana enlisted National Guard for support this week at a time when the number of COVID-19 patients in the state has more than doubled in the past month. The state's COVID-19 hospitalizations are now higher than Indiana's summer surge that peaked in September and are approaching the pandemic peak reached in late 2020.



Javier Vegas / AP

**Accompanied by his granddaughter, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro shows his ballot during regional elections, at the Escuela Ecológica Bolivariana Simon Rodriguez at the Tiuna neighborhood of Caracas, Venezuela, on Sunday, Nov. 21. Venezuelans go to the polls to elect state governors and other local officials.**

## U.S. hostage envoy visited Venezuela to meet jailed Americans

**By JOSHUA GOODMAN and ERIC TUCKER**  
Associated Press

MIAMI — A senior U.S. diplomat quietly traveled to Venezuela this week and met with imprisoned Americans as part of an ongoing effort to secure release of men the Biden administration believes are being held as bargaining chips by a top U.S. adversary, The Associated Press has learned.

Roger Carstens, the special presidential envoy for hostage affairs and the government's top hostage negotiator, arrived in Caracas on a chartered flight Tuesday evening and returned home Friday in a previously unreported visit.

It's not clear who in the heavily sanctioned socialist administration of President Nicolás Maduro he met.

But it was the first known face-to-face outreach by a top U.S. official since the Trump administration shuttered the American Embassy in Caracas in March 2019 after recognizing opposition leader Juan Guaidó as Venezue-

la's legitimate leader. Ever since, relations between the two countries have grown steadily more hostile, with the U.S. government imposing strict oil sanctions on the country and targeting top officials with criminal indictments, something Maduro has likened to a "soft coup."

"It was a good thing to see the guys, to show them that their government cares. It was also positive to report back to their families that I had seen them," Carstens told the AP, adding that he was grateful to Maduro's aides for inviting him down for what he described as a "wellness check."

The timing of the visit is likely to raise eyebrows, coming on the heels of gubernatorial elections considered deeply undemocratic by the Biden administration after numerous opposition candidates were barred from running.

"Fearful of the voice and vote of Venezuelans, the regime grossly skewed the process to determine the result of this election long before any ballots had been cast," the State Department

said after the Nov. 21 vote.

The Maduro government, which in the past hasn't hesitated to publicize peacemaking missions by prominent American interlocutors, has kept mum about the surprise visit. Carstens confirmed the visit late Friday afternoon. During his visit, he was permitted to check on a group of six American oil executives held in Caracas' infamous El Helicoide prison, a one-time modernist shopping mall converted into a facility housing the government's top opponents.

One person familiar with the visit described Carstens' jailhouse meeting with the six executives from Houston-based Citgo, which lasted about 90 minutes, as highly emotional. Carstens told the prisoners he had discussed their case with Maduro government officials while in Caracas but declined to say whom.

The person and several others with knowledge of the meeting spoke on condition of anonymity to AP because they were not authorized to discuss Carstens' travels.

## 'The internet's on fire' as techs race to fix software flaw

**By FRANK BAJAK**  
AP Technology Writer

BOSTON — A critical vulnerability in a widely used software tool — one quickly exploited in the online game Minecraft — is rapidly emerging as a major threat to organizations around the world.

"The internet's on fire right now," said Adam Meyers, senior vice president of intelligence at the cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike. "People are scrambling to patch," he said, "and all kinds of people scrambling to exploit it." He said Friday morning that in the 12 hours since the bug's existence was disclosed that it had been "fully weaponized," meaning malefactors had developed and distributed tools to exploit it.

The flaw may be the worst computer vulnerability discovered in years. It was uncovered in an open-source logging tool that is ubiquitous in cloud servers and enterprise software used across industry and government. Unless it is fixed, it grants criminals, spies and programming novices alike easy access to internal networks where they can

loot valuable data, plant malware, erase crucial information and much more.

"I'd be hard-pressed to think of a company that's not at risk," said Joe Sullivan, chief security officer for Cloudflare, whose online infrastructure protects websites from malicious actors. Untold millions of servers have it installed, and experts said the fallout would not be known for several days.

Amit Yoran, CEO of the cybersecurity firm Tenable, called it "the single biggest, most critical vulnerability of the last decade" — and possibly the biggest in the history of modern computing.

The vulnerability, dubbed 'Log4Shell,' was rated 10 on a scale of one to 10 the Apache Software Foundation, which oversees development of the software. Anyone with the exploit can obtain full access to an unpatched computer that uses the software,

Experts said the extreme ease with which the vulnerability lets an attacker access a web server — no password required — is what makes it so dangerous.



Damian Dovarganes / AP

**Lydia Winters shows off Microsoft's "Minecraft" built specifically for HoloLens at the Xbox E3 2015 briefing before Electronic Entertainment Expo, June 15, 2015, in Los Angeles. Security experts around the world raced Friday to patch one of the worst computer vulnerabilities discovered in years.**



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No child care will be provided. All are welcome to attend.  
Inverness First United Methodist Church will have a free movie night with Santa from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the church, 1140 Turner Camp Road. The movie is outside, so bring a chair and/or blanket.

■ **Hope Lutheran Church**  
Hope Lutheran Church will host the “Citrus Consort Singers” at 4 p.m. Dec. 19 at the church, 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.  
The title of the concert is “Journey to Christmas” and this talented group of singers will present many favorite Christmas songs.  
All those in neighboring communities are welcome to join. There is no charge for tickets but a free will offering will be accepted to benefit Hope’s ministries in the community.  
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First United Methodist Church will have a Blue Christmas Service, a free community event, at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 19 in the sanctuary, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. in Homosassa.  
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Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a birthday party for Jesus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 18, 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive in Lecanto.  
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Faith Lutheran Church will hold an advent service at 5 p.m. Dec. 15, 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive in Lecanto. These will be followed by a potluck supper.  
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■ **St. Benedict Catholic Church**  
St. Benedict Catholic Church is hosting a craft and car show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 11 at the church, 455 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Crystal River (Ozello Road and U.S. 19).  
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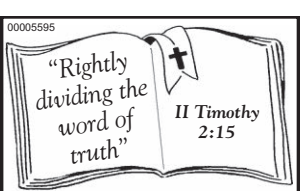
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## Let there be peace

This past week at my church the focus of the service was peace.

Jesus, our gift of peace, our restorer of peace.

In one of the prayers we implored of God: “O great God, we need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our places of work and school, our communities and our whole world ...not just peace of quiet, but the peace of love, of justice, of harmony and grace.

“Peace with You. Peace with one another, peace with ourselves.

“Make us whole. Make things right. Bring us peace. Amen.”

Two things went through my mind as we prayed this prayer. The first was an elementary school Christmas program years ago where a class of third graders sang, “Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.”

Such sweet voices.

However, as the kids sang of peace and letting it “begin with me,” two kids elbowed each other with obvious anger and annoyance.

It was funny and sad at the same time and spoke volumes about the state of humanity.

Second, I thought about the Christmas carol “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day,” written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow during the American Civil War, a time of great unease.

In it he laments, “In despair I bowed my head. ‘There is no peace on earth,’ I said. For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men.”

A few weeks ago, someone called into the Chronicle Sound Off to complain about someone sitting alone at a restaurant in a booth.

The caller said, “I went ... and told this guy: ‘Go sit in your car, go sit on the porch or go do something, because I’ve got to feed my family and I can’t do it when one person’s sitting in a place for six people, feeding his pie hole.

“I mean, you’ve got to get up and get out so I can feed my family.”

Naturally, that prompted others to call in and berate the caller.

For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men.

As we wait for Christmas, we sing of peace because that’s what we desperately lack and need and want.

We want to eat our dinner in peace without someone telling us to get up and get out. We want to go to a shopping mall or workplace or school and not get shot.

We want a world where unrest and senseless violence isn’t the norm.

We sing about peace because in a world of unpeace it’s what we long for most.

William Barclay, a 20th century Scottish author, wrote that the only kind of peace the world offers is one of escape is one of escape, a peace that comes from refusing to face things and avoiding trouble.

During Advent, we sing of a forever peace that’s both available now and yet to come, a down payment for the time when Jesus returns to right every wrong and restore everything we have destroyed.

We sing about the One the prophets foretold, the Prince of Peace, the One who is peace himself.

In his carol, Longfellow lamented the lack of peace and he despaired of the hate that was and still is so strong and seems to be winning.

But, in the very next stanza he wrote — and we still sing — these words of hope and promise: “Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: ‘God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail with peace on earth, good will to men.’”

Because Jesus is our peace.

Author and Chronicle writer Nancy Kennedy can be reached at 352-564-2927 or via email at

# ‘Light in this World’



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

The Spot Family Center Program Director Evelyn Vissicchio passes two meals to a couple passing through their parking lot in 2020. According to Vissicchio, The Spot is a Christian organization that aims to help families and children in need and provides emergency relief to those individuals who require it.

## The Spot and its annual Christmas Jam: More than just a holiday party

MARGO WILSON  
*For the Chronicle*

Eighteen years ago, Joe and Evelyn Vissicchio felt they would like to do something special at Christmas for needy children.

So, the Vissicchios collected gifts for children and their families, loaded up some UHauls, and staged a seven-day gift giveaway at Jim LeGrone Memorial Park in Crystal River.

They served about 60 families that year, a number that has grown to about 700 in recent years for The Spot Family Center Christmas Jam.

The Vissicchios’ efforts also evolved into The Spot Family Center, an organization providing emergency food, clothing, toiletries and other goods to those in need throughout the year.

Until recently, The Spot center was housed in a city-owned building at LeGrone Park in Crystal River.

But this fall, the center lost its lease and had to move from the site it had occupied since 2006.

The Spot center has moved to the ministry building at Crystal River Church of God; however, Joe Vissicchio, who’s a member of the church with wife, Evelyn, said he’d like to find a permanent home for The Spot center and does not want to ask his church to support the center indefinitely.

The Spot center has not had the budget to offer a full array of programming to children and their families throughout the year, according to Joe.

“We’re a grassroots, mom-and-pop organization,” he said.

Now the city of Crystal River has awarded the lease on the building to the YMCA of the Suncoast. The Y has proposed offering supervised recreation and after-school and summer youth programs at the park.

Nevertheless, the Vissicchios said they are grateful to the city for providing the building to them over the years and are happy the Y will be able to help many children.

When they first started their gift giveaway, the Vissicchios wanted to help kids whose parents were unable to provide a happy holiday, Evelyn said.

The kids “were staying with uncles, older brothers and sisters, grandparents. A lot of the kids — their parents aren’t there,” Evelyn said.

When The Spot center has been able to

provide entertainment, food and gifts at the holidays, “That’s what’s given them joy,” she said.

The Spot Center’s Christmas Jam has become a tradition in Crystal River — and Citrus County — not only for children and their families, but for volunteers, and for the Vissicchio family as well.

Joe and Evelyn said that there’s not been a Christmas when their children, Joshua, 19, and Gianna, 12, haven’t participated in the Jam.

And daughter Gabriella, 23, was just a wee one when the holiday giveaway was launched. The Vissicchios said their children look forward to the event.

So do many of the volunteers, who return year after year. There’s much preparation that leads up to the Jam.

On Dec. 14 from 6-8 p.m. the volunteers will gather at Crystal River’s Church of God gym, 2180 NW 12th Ave., to wrap gifts.

Then on Dec. 23 and 24, volunteers will help distribute food, gifts, and holiday cheer at the Christmas Jam at the Church of God’s Ministry Complex, 2121 U.S. 19, Crystal River. The event is from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. both days.

On the 23rd there will be music, bounce houses, games, and prizes, as well as a grocery giveaway and a hot meal. On the 24th, gifts will be given to children and their families, and a hot turkey dinner served. Registration for those receiving services is mandatory on each night from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Evelyn said because they had to move from LeGrone Park, she and Joe weren’t sure how their holiday giveaway would unfold this year. Then, the senior pastor at their church offered the church’s ministry complex as a site for The Spot center.

“Everything kind of fell into place,” she said. “It’s coming together.”

During COVID, The Spot center offered drive-through hot meals to those who needed them. After people received stimulus checks, however, the need for the meals seemed to taper off, Joe said.

But The Spot center has continued helping families with emergency needs over the past year. For example, if a family’s house burned down, The Spot center might provide food and clothes to help tide the family over.

If a family were left stranded for most any reason, the Vissicchios would make the effort to alleviate the suffering.

The Spot center is a Christian organization and has partnered with local

Baptist and Catholic churches, among others, the Vissicchios said. However, The Spot center is nondenominational.

When the center started, “We weren’t connected to a church,” Evelyn said.

“We’re a nonprofit. We are more missionary-oriented. We’re about feeding and helping families — and we’re Christian.”

She said the center has encouraged those whom they help to find a church community that might assist them through difficult times.

The Vissicchios said the rewards have been many for keeping their holiday gift giveaway going, even though the work to prepare for it is intense.

“It’s kind of like giving birth,” Joe said. “But a couple months pass and then we say, ‘Yeah, we’re going to do it again. Oh, man. I’m glad we did it again.’”

He said various area Santas have volunteered for the Christmas Jam, and one year, a Santa started crying.

According to Joe, the Santa told him he usually listens to what kids want for Christmas. But the Christmas Jam was, for that Santa, the first time he had given out gifts.

One year, a father received a gift at the Christmas Jam. He told Joe, “In my whole life, I never had a gift for the holidays.”

For those who complain about Christmas being too commercial and about an event focused on giving gifts, Joe has this response:

“Everyone has to make a decision who God is. And I choose to believe he loves me, the children, and everyone in this world. If you give a cup of water to someone, you give it to Him.

“Yes, I use gifts as a good father does. A father wants his children to be fed, safe and feel loved,” Joe said.

Evelyn said she agrees with what Joe said. “We want to provide hope, love and community — being in community,” she said.

She said she had read a book, “Influencers.” It described some of the traits of influencers, including “They believe in God, and they help others,” she said.

“In our country, I believe we’re called to influence, to love and to influence love,” she said. “And that’s what we’re doing.”

She said although our times are “pretty dark and ugly, there has to be light in this world.”

And as Evelyn sees it, “Everyone who helps is part of the light.”

## RELIGION NOTES: FIND SUPPORT

### St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Bereavement Support Group Thursday meetings in the hall behind the church in Homosassa. We take a positive approach to grief by helping griever learn how to make a new life. Thirty years of experience. The group meets 1-3 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle is on U.S. 19, 300 yards southwest of Cardinal, just past Walmart, on the west side. For information, call 352-220-1959.

### The Hills Church

Celebrate Recovery meets every Monday from 6-8 p.m. at The Hills Church, 2 Civic Circle,

Beverly Hills. It is a Christ-centered recovery group for hurts, hang-ups and habits. No child care; authorized to sign court slips. Call Tom or Sheila Boss for more information, at 410-353-7857 or 410-271-4112. Celebraterecovery.com.

### North Oak Church

North Oak Church is offering group support for caregivers of dementia patients at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at the

church, 9324 N. Elkcarn Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

Caregiving is a difficult job and often goes unrewarded. Dementia has a unique set of difficulties and circumstances that can be helped by meeting with other caregivers who may be experiencing the same problems.

The group will be led by Bernie Collins, retired psychiatric nurse. No religious affiliation is needed to

attend.

For more information, call 352-489-1688 or visit northoakbc.org.

### Homosassa First United Methodist Church

The free Memory Lane Support Group & Respite Program meets from 1 to 3 p.m. every Monday at Homosassa First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St.

This program has been in existence for nearly 10 years. It started as a support group for caregivers, but quickly evolved into a support group for those caring for loved ones with memory issues and dementia. For more information, call 352-628-4083 or visit 1umc.org.

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## Michigan's Harbaugh AP coach of the year

Cincinnati's Fickell comes in 2nd in voting

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**  
AP College Football Writer

Michigan's Jim Harbaugh is The Associated Press college football coach of the year after leading the Wolverines to their first Big Ten title in 17 years and a berth in the College Football Playoff.

Harbaugh is the first Michigan coach to win the AP Coach of the Year Award presented by Regions Bank, and the first from the Big Ten since Penn State's Joe Paterno in 2005.

"It's a tremendous reflection on the entire staff, players," Harbaugh told the AP. "Everybody shares in it. A rising tide lifts all ships."

He received 22 of 53 first-place votes and 103 points from a panel of AP Top 25 voters to finish ahead of Cincinnati's Luke Fickell, who had 16 first-place votes and 88 points.

Baylor's Dave Aranda was third and Michigan State's Mel Tuck-

er was fourth. Kirby Smart was fifth with a first-place vote and Utah State's Blake Anderson was sixth, receiving three first-place votes.

Alabama's Nick Saban and Wake Forest's Dave Clawson also received first-place votes.

Harbaugh came into his seventh season as coach of his alma mater on a hot seat after going 2-4 in the Big Ten's abbreviated schedule in 2020. After his first losing season with Michigan, Harbaugh took a pay cut and had his buyout reduced, putting the school in better position to make a coaching change if this season didn't go well.

Harbaugh also made staff changes on the defensive side of the ball in the offseason.

Everything came together for the Wolverines this season. They beat Ohio State to snap an eight-game losing streak in the rivalry and reached the Big Ten title game for the first time, where they



AJ Mast / AP

Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh watches from the sideline during the first half of the Big Ten championship game against Iowa, Saturday in Indianapolis.

routed Iowa.

No. 2 Michigan (12-1) faces No. 3 Georgia (12-1) in its first College Football Playoff

appearance on Dec. 31 at the Orange Bowl.

"I love this team. I love this '21 team," Harbaugh said. "They've

got a bounce in their step every day. They've got a smile on their face. They've worked incredibly hard."

## Panthers pull away late

Lecanto girls claim 59-39 win over Citrus to end busy week for both teams

By **MATT PFIFFNER**  
Sports editor

LECANTO — After a busy week for both teams, it came down to who had more left in the tank. The Lecanto girls basketball team pulled away from Citrus midway through the third quarter on its way to a 59-39 victory Friday night at home.

It was the fourth game of the week for the Hurricanes (1-8), while the Panthers (6-4) wrapped up a three-game week of their own.

"I wish we would have come out a little more focused at the beginning. I'm sure their coach feels the same way. Both teams were tired. His team's fourth, our third," Lecanto head coach Ron Allan said. "We played Dunnellon last night in an up-and-down game the whole night. And whenever you're playing a county team, it's going to be a tough game. My hat's off to them. They played us really tough. We struggled mightily. We played a pretty good second half, I thought."

Citrus head coach Rich Archambault has enjoyed seeing the progression of his club throughout his first season in charge.

"We're still growing. We're getting better. I'm proud of what I have seen in the girls. They have improved so much. We're trying to develop a program that's going to last for years. We're getting there," he said. "We're going to hopefully win a ton of games in the second half of the year. We're definitely capable of doing it. And we aren't going to have any more four-game weeks. I want to get them fresh and healthy and ready to compete."

The Panthers ran out to a 9-1 lead in the opening minutes and took a 13-6 lead into the second quarter, led by eight points from Aleiza Rome.

Citrus' dynamic duo of Ashtyn Morris and Jillian Landgraf kept the Hurricanes within striking distance at halftime, by scoring all 17 of the team's points in the first 16 minutes.

A pair of layups and a 3-pointer by Landgraf cut the Panther's lead to 32-24 early in the third quarter.

But after that, it was all Panthers. Lecanto finished the third quarter on a 9-1 run and led by as many as 27 in the fourth quarter, when starters from both teams were getting a rest.

"I wrote up a play to get my shooters open and it worked a few times early. The defense shifted, so they had to shift too," Archambault said. "We played well at times. Lecanto is very aggressive. We've had a long week, so I pulled them out for a little bit, but they begged to go back in."

Morris and Landgraf ended up the only Hurricanes to score on the night, with Landgraf leading the way with 21 and Morris right behind with 18.

Peyton Spaulding and Aleiza Rome led a balanced Lecanto scoring attack with 15 points each. Lauren Diehl added 11, including three 3-pointers. Abcydee Rome was next with six points, while Abigail Harris, Shelby Pace and Sydney Spaulding added four



Photo by Matt Pfiffner

Citrus' Ashtyn Morris, left, looks to get around the defense of Lecanto's Abigail Harris during Friday night's game at Lecanto High School. The Panthers won 59-39.

points each.

Much of the scoring damage for the Panthers was done on the inside and the free throw line.

"We're not shooting the ball

really well from the perimeter. I tell the girls we want to shoot third-grade shots. Six to eight footers," Allan said. "We have to be able to finish around the rim. That was

good to see a lot of the kids score.

"We have two big ones next week, Nature Coast and Hernando. See if we can go into the break with one or two more wins."

## Pro Bowler, Super Bowl champ Demaryius Thomas dies

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Demaryius Thomas overcame a troubled childhood. He managed to shine as a receiver in Georgia Tech's run-oriented offense. By the time his NFL career was over, he had earned five straight Pro Bowl honors and a Super Bowl ring with the Denver Broncos.

The football world mourned Friday for Thomas, who died in his suburban Atlanta home at the age of 33 – less than six months after officially announcing his retirement from the NFL.

Tim Tebow, who delivered perhaps the most famous pass of Thomas' career, wrote on Twitter that he "woke up and saw the really devastating news about my teammate and friend."

"So many are going to remember him for his athletic ability," Tebow said, "but I'll be remembering him for his kindness, his smile that would light up a room, and the love he had for those in his life."

Thomas was found dead in his home Thursday night, said Officer Tim Lupo, public information officer for the police department in Roswell, Georgia.

"Preliminary information is that his death stems from a medical issue, and our investigators currently have no reason to believe otherwise," Lupo said early Friday.

LaTonya Bonseigneur, a first cousin who grew up with Thomas, told The Associated Press the family believes he died from a seizure.

"He had been suffering from seizures for over a year, and we believe he had a seizure when he was showering," Bonseigneur said in a telephone interview. "He was alone and a friend couldn't get hold of him, so he called his driver, who has a key because of these seizures, and he went into his home and found him in the shower."

Thomas last played in the NFL in 2019, appearing in 11 games with 10 starts for the New York Jets. He announced his retirement this past June in a video posted to the Broncos' Twitter account.

"I'm just happy to say I'm done and it did me well," Thomas said.

The Broncos said they were "devastated and completely heartbroken" at the death of one of their greatest players, who helped lead them to a pair of Super Bowls and a championship during the 2015 season.

Thomas was not married and had no children, according to Bonseigneur.



# Heisman gets defensive with Hutchinson, Anderson

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**  
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Bryce Young was disappointed for his friend.

The Alabama quarterback was thrilled to find out he was a Heisman Trophy finalist, of course, but believes teammate Will Anderson Jr. deserved the honor as well.

“That one sucked a lot,” Young said. ““It doesn’t make a lot of sense, if you ask me.”

Anderson, a sophomore linebacker, has been a terror this season, leading the nation in sacks (15.5) and tackles for loss (31.5), but he wasn’t able to crack the top four in the Heisman voting and that meant no trip to New York for Saturday’s presentation ceremony.

Young will be joined by fellow quarterbacks Kenny Pickett of Pittsburgh and C.J. Stroud of Ohio State along with Michigan defensive end Aidan Hutchinson.

Defensive players rarely get their due when it comes to the Heisman Trophy. The only winner to have played primarily defense was Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson in 1997, and even he dabbled in offense and returned punts. Only two defensive player have done as well as second-place in the award’s 86-year history.

“It’s tough, because this award is very quarterback dominant, offensively dominant players” Hutchinson said Friday during a media availability at a Manhattan hotel with Young and

Stroud. Pickett was in Baltimore for another award ceremony.

“So to be here and to be a finalist, it’s really great to put on for all the other defensive players in the country,” Hutchinson said. “It’s really such an honor to be here.”

The Heisman Trust made a tweak this year to the way finalists are determined. In the past, three to six players would be invited to New York as finalists based on the gap in votes received.

The plan going forward is for the top four vote-getters to be invited to New York – no more, no fewer.

“I definitely feel like he deserves it,” Young said of Anderson. “And a lot of people share that same opinion.”

While Anderson’s omission among the finalists seemed like a snub, it turns out this is already one of the best Heisman showings for defensive players .

It was revealed Anderson was fifth in the voting Thursday night, when the players who finished five through 10 were announced on ESPN. Georgia defensive tackle Jordan Davis finished ninth. Three defensive players in the top 10 matches the most since there were four in 1969.

No matter how the top four shakes out, Hutchinson and Anderson will be the first defensive players to finish in the top five of Heisman voting in the same season since 1962, when Minnesota’s Bobby Bell was third and Alabama’s Lee Roy Jordan was fourth.



Michigan defensive end Aidan Hutchinson rushes in on Maryland during the second half of a game between Maryland and Michigan, Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, in College Park, Md.

Pittsburgh defensive end Hugh Green in 1980 and Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te’o in 2012 were both runners-up for the Heisman. But since Green was a distant second to South Carolina running back George Rogers, only 40 defensive players have finished in the top 10 in the Heisman voting, including the three this year.

Hutchinson certainly earned his spot. The senior was a force for the Big Ten champions, but his traditional counting stats fell short of Anderson’s.

Hutchinson, whose father,

Chris, was a star defensive lineman for Michigan, has 14 sacks among his 15.5 tackles for loss, and 58 total tackles. He also had 12 hurries, forced two fumbles and broke up three passes. Anderson was credited with 91 total tackles, nine hurries and two passes broken up.

Hutchinson said the ability to accumulate stats and have the ball – and, to some extent, the game – in your hands is a huge advantage for offensive players when it comes to individual awards.

“But defensive players, it’s not necessarily graded by stats,” Hutchinson said. “I

could have a one-sack game and play my best ball, but against Ohio State I could have three sacks and not play my best. I think offensive players are put in a position sometimes more, especially quarterbacks running backs, to be game-changers. So if you’re a game-changer as a defensive player, I think that’s pretty big.”

Hutchinson’s true value might have been best judged by more modern metrics. Pro Football Focus, which grades players play-to-play each game the way coaches do, gave Hutchinson a 94.7 out of a 100 this season, the

best for any defensive player in the country.

Anderson’s grade of 89.8 was 10th among what PFF describes as edge defenders.

Young heads into Saturday as the clear favorite to win the Heisman, but Hutchinson is hoping maybe there is a Michigan thing going on with defensive players. The last Michigan player to be a finalist was defensive back Jabrill Peppers, who finished fifth in 2016.

“Glad to carry on this Michigan tradition of being a Heisman finalist,” Hutchinson said. “I think I make a strong case.”

# Utah’s Whittingham unanimous AP Pac-12 Coach of the Year

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**  
Associated Press

With everything Utah endured — and accomplished — this season, it’s no surprise coach Kyle Whittingham was named The Associated Press Pac-12 Coach of the Year for 2021.

Utah is going to the Rose Bowl for the first time after defeating Oregon in the Pac-12 championship, a game the Utes reached after righting themselves following a rocky start on the field.

Utah opened the season 1-2, losing its third game to San Diego State. The Utes won their next game, the conference opener against Washington State, then tragedy struck: defensive back Aaron Lowe was shot and killed at a party in Salt Lake City.

The team rallied, winning all but one of its remaining regular-season games, including a 38-7 victory at home over then-No. 3 Oregon on Nov. 20 that derailed the Ducks’ hopes for a playoff berth. They beat the Ducks again on Dec. 3 in the title game in Las Vegas.

Utah linebacker Devin Lloyd was recognized as the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year.

Offensive Player of the Year honors went to USC wide receiver Drake London and UCLA’s Zach Charbonnet, who came to the Bruins

from Michigan, was named Newcomer of the Year.

The 2021 AP All-Pac-12 team, as selected by a panel of 14 sports writers and sportscasters who regularly cover the league, with name, school, height, weight, class and hometown. (“u-” denotes unanimous selection):

## FIRST TEAM

Offense  
QB — Dorian Thompson-Robinson, UCLA, 6-1, 205, Sr., Las Vegas.

RB — B.J. Baylor, Oregon State, 5-11, 205, RS-Jr., Wharton, Texas.

RB — Tavion Thomas, Utah, 6-2, 221, So., Dayton, Ohio.

T — Braeden Daniels, Utah, 6-4, 300, So., Carrollton, Texas.

T — Abraham Lucas, Washington State, 6-7, 319, RS-Sr., Everett, Washington.

G — Andrew Vorhees, USC, 6-6, 320, RS-Sr., Kingsburg, California.

G — Nous Keobounnam, Oregon State, 6-2, 292, RS-Sr., Portland, Oregon.

C — Nick Ford, Utah, 6-5, 317, Jr., San Pedro, California.

TE — Greg Dulcich, UCLA, 6-4, 250, RS Jr., Glendale, California.

WR — Drake London, USC, 6-5, 210, Jr., Moorpark, California.

WR — Calvin Jackson Jr., Washington State, 5-10, 194, Sr., Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

K — (tie) Parker Lewis USC, 6-3, 205, So., Phoenix.

DE — Dean Janikowski, Washington State, 6-1, 211, RS-So., Fallbrook, California.

All Purpose — Britain Covey, Utah, 5-8, 170, Jr., Provo, Utah.

Defense  
DE — Kayvon Thibodeaux, Oregon, 6-5, 258, So., Los Angeles.

DE — Mika Tufua, Utah, 6-3, 250, Jr., Laie, Hawaii.

DT — Brandon Dorlus, Oregon, 6-3, 284, So., Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

DT — Popo Aumavae, Oregon, 6-5, 305, Jr., Stockton, California.

LB — u-Devin Lloyd, Utah, 6-3, 235, Jr., Chula Vista, California.

LB — Noah Sewell, Oregon, 6-3, 251, Fr., Malaeimi, American Samoa.

LB — Nephi Sewell, Utah, 6-0, 228, Jr., Malaeimi, American Samoa.

CB — Trent McDuffie, Washington, 5-11, 195, Jr., Westminster, California.

CB — Kylor Gordon, Washington, 6-0, 200, Jr., Mukilteo, Washington.

S — Verone McKinley III, Oregon, 5-11, 194, So., Carrollton, Texas.

S — Elijah Hicks, California, 5-11, 200, Sr., Long Beach, California.

P — Kyle Ostendorp, Arizona, 6-1, 215, So., Phoenix.

Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year — Drake London, USC.



Associated Press

Utah coach Kyle Whittingham watches from the sideline during the first half of the team’s game against Southern California on Oct. 9, 2021, in Los Angeles. Whittingham was named the Associated Press Pac-12 Coach of the Year for 2021.

Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year — Devin Lloyd, Utah.

Pac-12 Coach of the Year — u—Kyle Whittingham, Utah.

Pac-12 Newcomer of the Year — Zach Charbonnet, UCLA.

## SECOND TEAM

Offense  
QB — Cameron Rising, Utah, 6-2, 220, So., Ventura, California.

RB — Travis Dye, Oregon, 5-10, 190, Jr., Norco, California.

RB — Raachad White, Arizona State, 6-2, 210, RS-Sr.,

Kansas City.  
OT — Sean Rhyhan, UCLA, 6-5, 320, Jr., Ladera Ranch, California.

OT — Kellen Diesch, Arizona State, 6-7, 300, Sr., Trophy Club, Texas.

OG — Paul Grattan Jr., UCLA, 6-4, 300, RS-Sr., Pittsburgh.

OG — Sataoa Laumea, Utah, 6-4, 304, RS-Fr., Rialto, California.

C — Nathan Eldridge, Oregon State, 6-4, 297, RS-Sr., Anthem, Arizona.

TE — Brant Kuithe, Utah, 6-2, 230, Jr., Katy, Texas.

WR — Kyle Phillips, UCLA, 5-11, 191, RS Jr., San Mar-

cos, California.

WR — Travell Harris, Washington State, 5-9, 185, RS-Sr., Tampa, Florida.

All Purpose — Kyle Phillips, UCLA, 5-11, 191, RS-Jr., San Marcos, California.

K — Camden Lewis, Oregon, 5-11, 208, So., Charlotte, North Carolina.

Defense  
DE — Drake Jackson, USC, 6-4, 250, Jr., Corona, California.

DE — Ron Stone Jr., Washington State, 6-3, 240, RS-Jr., San Jose, California.

DT — D.J. Davidson, Arizona State, 6-5, 325, Sr., Mesa, Arizona.

DT — Junior Tafuna, Utah, 6-3, 290, Fr., Taylorsville, Utah

LB — Nate Landman, Colorado, 6-3, 235, Sr., Danville, California.

LB — Avery Roberts, Oregon State, 6-1, 234, RS-Jr., Wilmington, Delaware.

LB — Cameron Goode, California, 6-4, 240, RS-Sr., Spring, Texas.

CB — Clark Phillips III, Utah, 5-10, 185, Fr., Lakewood, California.

CB — Jay Shaw, UCLA, 5-11, 190, Sr., Corona, California.

S — Quentin Lake, UCLA, 6-1, 205, Sr., Irvine, California.

S — Vontae Davis, Utah, 6-0, 195, Sr., Rosenberg, Texas.

P — Race Porter, Washington, 6-3, 190, Sr., Seattle.

# Wreath's for Our Fallen Heroes

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**NBA standings**

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	18	8	.692	—
Philadelphia	14	12	.538	4
Boston	13	13	.500	5
Toronto	12	14	.462	6
New York	12	14	.462	6
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	11	.577	—
Washington	15	11	.577	—
Charlotte	15	13	.536	1
Atlanta	13	13	.500	2
Orlando	5	21	.192	10
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	9	.654	—
Milwaukee	17	10	.630	½
Cleveland	15	12	.556	2½
Indiana	12	16	.429	6
Detroit	4	21	.160	12½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	15	11	.577	—
Dallas	12	13	.480	2½
San Antonio	9	15	.375	5
Houston	8	17	.320	6½
New Orleans	8	20	.286	8
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	18	7	.720	—
Denver	12	13	.480	6
Portland	11	15	.423	7½
Minnesota	11	15	.423	7½
Oklahoma City	8	17	.320	10
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	21	4	.840	—
Phoenix	20	4	.833	½
L.A. Clippers	14	12	.538	7½
L.A. Lakers	14	13	.519	8
Sacramento	11	15	.423	10½

**Friday's Games**  
Indiana 106, Dallas 93  
Charlotte 124, Sacramento 123  
Toronto 90, New York 87  
Brooklyn 113, Atlanta 105  
L.A. Lakers 116, Oklahoma City 95  
Cleveland 123, Minnesota 106  
Milwaukee 123, Houston 114  
New Orleans 109, Detroit 93  
Boston at Phoenix, late

**Today's Games**  
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.  
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.  
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

**FOOTBALL**

**NFL standings**

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	4	0	.692	350	200
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	336	196
Miami	6	7	0	.462	254	288
N.Y. Jets	3	9	0	.250	217	367
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	304	290
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	371	283
Houston	2	10	0	.167	164	323
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	180	320
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	282	260
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	331	267
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	254	267
Pittsburgh	6	6	1	.500	272	322
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	303	259
L.A. Chargers	7	5	0	.583	314	315
Denver	6	6	0	.500	237	218
Las Vegas	6	6	0	.500	274	312
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	353	267
Washington	6	6	0	.500	246	297
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	337	291
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	211	273
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	9	3	0	.750	377	270
Atlanta	5	7	0	.417	216	332
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	236	253
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	274	276
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	283	242
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	344	333
Chicago	4	8	0	.333	201	287
Detroit	1	10	1	.125	203	316
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	10	2	0	.833	343	224
L.A. Rams	8	4	0	.667	336	270
San Francisco	6	6	0	.500	303	278
Seattle	4	8	0	.333	239	249
Thursday's Game						
Minnesota 36, Pittsburgh 28						

**HOCKEY**

**NHL standings**

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Florida	25	17	4	4	38	99 72
Tampa Bay	26	17	5	4	38	89 70
Toronto	28	18	8	2	38	88 71
Detroit	27	13	11	3	29	76 92
Boston	23	13	8	2	28	65 60
Buffalo	26	8	15	3	19	71 94
Ottawa	24	7	16	1	15	63 93
Montreal	28	6	19	3	15	61 98
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
N.Y. Rangers	26	18	5	3	39	79 67
Washington	27	16	5	6	38	94 69
Carolina	25	18	6	1	37	81 55
Pittsburgh	26	13	8	5	31	79 70
Columbus	25	13	11	1	27	81 82
New Jersey	25	10	10	5	25	73 85
Philadelphia	24	8	12	4	20	56 82
N.Y. Islanders	22	6	11	5	17	46 68
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Minnesota	26	19	6	1	39	101 74
Nashville	27	16	10	1	33	83 76
St. Louis	26	14	8	4	32	90 75
Colorado	23	14	7	2	30	102 80
Winnipeg	26	13	9	4	30	79 72
Dallas	24	13	9	2	28	68 68
Chicago	26	10	14	2	22	58 81
Arizona	25	5	18	2	12	45 96
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Calgary	27	15	6	6	36	85 58
Anaheim	28	15	8	5	35	91 79
Edmonton	25	16	9	0	32	89 77
Vegas	25	15	10	0	30	86 77
San Jose	27	14	12	1	29	73 76
Los Angeles	25	11	10	4	26	68 67
Vancouver	27	10	15	2	22	66 81
Seattle	26	9	15	2	20	73 93
Friday's Games						
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 2						
N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1						
Nashville 3, New Jersey 2						
Detroit at Colorado, late						
Florida at Arizona, late						
Philadelphia at Vegas, late						
Winnipeg at Vancouver, late						
Today's Games						
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 1 p.m.						
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.						
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.						
Montreal at St. Louis, 7 p.m.						
Washington at Buffalo, 7 p.m.						
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.						
Philadelphia at Arizona, 9 p.m.						
Boston at Calgary, 10 p.m.						
Carolina at Edmonton, 10 p.m.						
Columbus at Seattle, 10 p.m.						
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.						
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.						

*Florida* **LOTTERY**

*Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Florida Lottery:*

<b>PICK 2 (early)</b>	<b>PICK 4 (late)</b>
<b>3 - 4</b>	<b>3 - 7 - 5 - 0</b>
<b>PICK 2 (late)</b>	<b>PICK 5 (early)</b>
<b>8 - 0</b>	<b>2 - 2 - 5 - 8 - 9</b>
<b>PICK 3 (early)</b>	<b>PICK 5 (late)</b>
<b>6 - 0 - 5</b>	<b>7 - 5 - 1 - 3 - 0</b>
<b>PICK 3 (late)</b>	<b>FANTASY 5</b>
<b>7 - 4 - 1</b>	<b>16 - 18 - 23 - 26 - 27</b>
<b>PICK 4 (early)</b>	<b>JACKPOT</b>
<b>9 - 2 - 5 - 5</b>	<b>TRIPLE PLAY</b>
	<b>2 - 5 - 25 - 33 - 38 - 45</b>
<i>Thursday's winning numbers and payouts:</i>	<b>MEGA MILLIONS</b>
	<b>Unavailable</b>
	<b>CASH 4 LIFE</b>
	<b>17 - 33 - 40 - 53 - 60</b>
	<b>CASH BALL</b>
	<b>3</b>
<b>Fantasy 5:</b> 4 - 21 - 26 - 29 - 36	
5-of-5      2 winners      \$91,980.41	
4-of-5      236      \$125.50	
3-of-5      7,254      \$11	
<b>Cash 4 Life:</b> 17 - 25 - 34 - 38 - 49	
<b>Cash Ball:</b> 2	
5-of-5 CB      No winner	
5-of-5      No winner	
	Players should verify winning numbers at <a href="http://www.flalottery.com">www.flalottery.com</a> .

*On the* **AIRWAVES**

TODAY'S SPORTS	
AUTO RACING	
7:55 a.m. (ESPN2)	Formula 1 Racing Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Qualifying
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
11:30 a.m. (ESPN2)	Nebraska at Auburn
12 p.m. (BTN)	Wisconsin at Ohio State
12 p.m. (FOX)	Syracuse at Georgetown
12 p.m. (ESPNU)	Louisiana at Louisiana Tech
12 p.m. (FS1)	BYU at Creighton
1:30 p.m. (ESPN2)	Arkansas at Oklahoma
2 p.m. (ACCN)	Drake at Clemson
2 p.m. (BTN)	Penn State at Michigan State
2 p.m. (ESPNU)	Mississippi State at Colorado State
2 p.m. (FS1)	Central Connecticut State at Providence
2:30 p.m. (FOX)	UCLA at Marquette
3:15 p.m. (ESPN)	Missouri at Kansas
4 p.m. (ESPN2)	St. Bonaventure at Connecticut
4 p.m. (FS1)	Eastern Illinois at Butler
4:30 p.m. (SEC)	UNC-Greensboro at Tennessee
5 p.m. (FOX)	Arizona at Illinois
5 p.m. (NBCSPT)	Boston College at Saint Louis
5:15 p.m. (ESPN)	Kentucky at Notre Dame
6 p.m. (ESPN2)	LSU at Georgia Tech
6:30 p.m. (FS1)	Minnesota at Michigan
6:30 p.m. (SEC)	TCU at Texas A&M
7 p.m. (BSFL)	South Carolina Upstate at Wake Forest
8 p.m. (ACCN)	Elon at North Carolina
8:30 p.m. (FS1)	Cincinnati at Xavier
8:30 p.m. (SEC)	Western Kentucky at Ole Miss
10 p.m. (ESPN2)	Houston at Alabama
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
1 p.m. (ABC)	UCLA vs Connecticut
4 p.m. (ACCN)	New Hampshire at Boston College
6 p.m. (ACCN)	Clemson at Syracuse
NBA	
3:30 p.m. (BSFL)	Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Clippers
8:30 p.m. (ABC)	Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL	
12 a.m. (ESPNU)	Link Academy at Southern California Academy
BOXING	
9 p.m. (ESPN)	Vasiliy Lomachenko vs. Richard Commey
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
12 p.m. (ESPN)	FCS Division I quarterfinal: East Tennessee State at North Dakota State
3 p.m. (CBS)	Army at Navy
8 p.m. (ESPN)	Heisman Trophy Ceremony
GOLF	
1 p.m. (GOLF)	PGA Tour QBE Shootout, Second Round
3 p.m. (NBC)	PGA Tour QBE Shootout, Third Round
NHL	
1 p.m. (SUN)	Tampa Bay Lightning at Ottawa Senators
7 p.m. (NHL)	Chicago Blackhawks at Toronto Maple Leafs
COLLEGE HOCKEY	
4:30 p.m. (BTN)	Women: Minnesota-Duluth at Minnesota
7 p.m. (NBCSPT)	Michigan State at Notre Dame
8 p.m. (BTN)	Michigan at Ohio State
RUGBY	
1 a.m. (NBCSPT)	European Champions Cup: Exeter Chiefs vs Montpellier Herault (Same-day Tape)
FIGURE SKATING	
9 p.m. (NBCSPT)	ISU Grand Prix. Finals (Taped)
SOCCER	
7:25 a.m. (NBCSPT)	Premier League: Manchester City vs Wolverhampton Wanderers
9:55 a.m. (NBCSPT)	Premier League: Arsenal vs Southampton
10 a.m. (FS1)	2021 FIFA Arab Cup Quarterfinal: Egypt vs Jordan
10 a.m. (USA)	Premier League: Liverpool vs Aston Villa
12:30 p.m. (NBC)	Premier League: Norwich City vs Manchester United
3 p.m. (ABC)	2021 MLS Cup: New York City FC at Portland Timbers
TENNIS	
6 a.m. (TENNIS)	Florianopolis-ATP Challenger, Maia-ATP Challenger, Semifinals
TRACK AND FIELD	
1 a.m. (ACCN)	ACC Cross Country Championship (Taped)
WINTER SPORTS	
12:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)	FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Women's Super-G (Same-day Tape)
2 p.m. (NBCSPT)	FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup: Halfpipe
4 p.m. (NBCSPT)	IBU Biathlon World Cup Hochfilzen - Men's sprint (Taped)
5 p.m. (NBC)	FIS Snowboarding Copper Mountain
11 p.m. (NBCSPT)	IBU Biathlon World Cup: Men's 12.5km Pursuit (Same-day Tape)
UFC	
8 p.m. (ESPN2)	UFC 269: Oliveira vs Poirier – Prelims
<i>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.</i>	

Prep

CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS	
WRESTLING	
9:30 a.m.	Citrus, Crystal River, Lecanto at Hernando Kiwanis IBT



# CCS to host Fall Brawl 200 tonight



Dennis Burgeson / Special to the Chronicle

Jason Vail takes his car around Citrus County Speedway prior to a recent Wheel Man Sportsman Series event at Citrus County Speedway. Vail added his name to the growing list of competitors scheduled to compete tonight in the 4th Annual Fall Brawl 200 after winning the WMSS championship title last month. The event, the biggest outside of the WMSS, has attracted more than 20 entries vying for the \$10,000-to-win prize.

## Over 200 laps of high-intense Sportsman action expected

By **KIMBERLY KELLY**  
For the Chronicle

Over 20 of the best Sportsman drivers in Florida are expected to take on the 1/4-mile oval at Citrus County Speedway in Inverness on Saturday night in the 4th Annual Fall Brawl 200.

To date, the annual event has seen four different drivers take the title and it is anyone’s guess as to who will be this year’s champion. “We have drivers coming from all over the state of Florida,” race promoter Ronnie Bacelo said. “There will be 20-25 drivers. We have a guaranteed 20 already.”

With such a stout field, it is anyone’s guess as to who will take the \$10,000 prize.

“These cars are so equally

matched you have to get aggressive to make a move,” Bacelo said. “(Spectators) should expect to see a lot of side-by-side action. This is a full contact sport so there will be a lot of bumping and running.”

Former winners include Jason Vail (2016) at Desoto Speedway, and Joe Winchell (2018) and Brandon Morris (2019) at 417 Southern Speedway.

Vail is fresh off a successful run in the Wheel Man Sportsman Series where he posted six top five and six top ten finishes for the season. His best finish was second. He finished fourth in the High Kick 99 to end the 2021 season.

Despite not winning in the series this year his performance earned him the Wheel Man Sportsman title.

Earlier this year Vail won the Frostbite 200 at 417 Southern Speedway.

“There’s at least 15 capable of winning,” Brooke Storer said.

“You have to be patiently aggressive. That’s what these races are about. Once the green flag drops you gotta go and be up on the wheel all 200 laps. It’s definitely going to be a tough one.”

Despite coming off a season plagued with mechanical failures, Storer said the car is ready to go. She hopes to end 2021 with a win.

And then there are the local drivers who have proven performances at the Inverness Venue.

Jesse Henley won the Wheel Man Sportsman championship in both 2018 and 2020. Rex Struble finished third overall in the Wheel Man Sportsman series this season.

Both drivers added their names to the growing list of participants earlier this week.

“Citrus is definitely one of my favorite tracks,” Struble said. “200 laps is a long race. The goal is to be there on lap 200.”

Struble’s best finish was second

in 2021.

According to Bacelo, the event will run 200 laps with a break at the halfway mark to allow drivers to refuel and make adjustments to their racecar. They will run American Racer tire.

The Fall Brawl 200, originally scheduled for Oct. 23, was postponed due to national tire shortage issues. Fast forward two months, getting tires is no longer an issue.

“(Getting tires) has been an ongoing problem,” Citrus County Speedway’s General Manager Camron Ray said. “But it’s not an issue for this weekend. We’ve got tires.”

“We’ll be on American Racers for the first time at Citrus,” Struble said. “It’s going to be a challenge for everybody.”

“They are a little bit harder of a tire,” Ray said. “They don’t have as much grip.”

Because of that, car setups will be different and the cars are not expected to get down in the

corners as well like they had in the past. American Racer tires are an inch wider than the Hoosier Tire that had been used in the past, and the sidewalls are stiffer. That alone will make effect each car differently.

“It’s putting it back in the drivers’ hands to put on a good show,” Ray said. “It’s going to be different. Two-hundred laps is a long race. It’s going to be getting through the first hundred (that is important). The last 25 laps is probably going to be where it get really exciting.”

Included on the race card is the Signsfast Pure Stock 25, Outlaw Street Stock 25, and Crockett’s Towing Ford Outlaw 25 for their final race of the season.

Citrus County Speedway is located 2 miles south of Inverness at the Citrus County Fairgrounds. Grandstands open at 5:30 p.m., qualifying/heat races start at 6:30 p.m. with features at 7 p.m.

# Al Unser, a four-time winner of Indy 500, dies at 82

By **JENNA FRYER**  
AP Auto Racing Writer

Al Unser, one of only four drivers to win the Indianapolis 500 a record four times, died Thursday following a long illness. He was 82.

Unser died at his home in Chama, New Mexico, with his wife, Susan, by his side, Indianapolis Motor Speedway said early Friday. He had been battling cancer for 17 years.

“My heart is so saddened. My father passed away last night,” son Al Unser Jr., himself a two-time Indy 500 winner, posted on social media. “He was a Great man and even a Greater Father. Rest In Peace Dad!”

Unser is the third member of one of America’s most famed racing families to die in 2021. His oldest brother, three-time Indy 500 winner Bobby Unser, died in May, and Bobby Unser Jr. passed six weeks after his father.

Known as “Big Al” once his own son made a name for himself in racing, Unser is part of an elite club of four-time winners of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.” Unser won the Indy 500 in 1970, 1971, 1978 and 1987, and is the only driver in history to have both a sibling and a child also win one of the biggest races in the world.

His final victory at age 47 made him the oldest winner in Indy 500 history. He dominated in his first Indy win in 1970 by starting from the pole and leading all but 10 of the 200 laps. Unser beat runner-up Mark Donohue by 32 seconds that year.

Unser led over half the laps in three of his Indy 500 victories, and his 644 total laps led at Indianapolis is most in race history. He made 27 starts in the Indy 500, third most in history, and qualified once on the pole.

Unser won three Indy car national championships over his career, and his total of 39 victories is sixth on the all-time list.

He and son Al Jr. were the first father-son pairing at Indianapolis, and in 1985 they battled one another for the CART championship. A pass in the closing laps of the race gave Unser a fourth-place finish in the season finale at Miami’s Tamiami Park road course, and it was enough for him to beat Al Jr. for the championship by a single point. He fought back tears while describing the “empty feeling” of defeating his son.

Unser also ran five NASCAR races in his career, finishing fourth in the 1968 Daytona 500. He earned three top-10 finishes in NASCAR. He also won three times in the International Race of Champions, an all-star series that pitted the top drivers from various disciplines against each other.

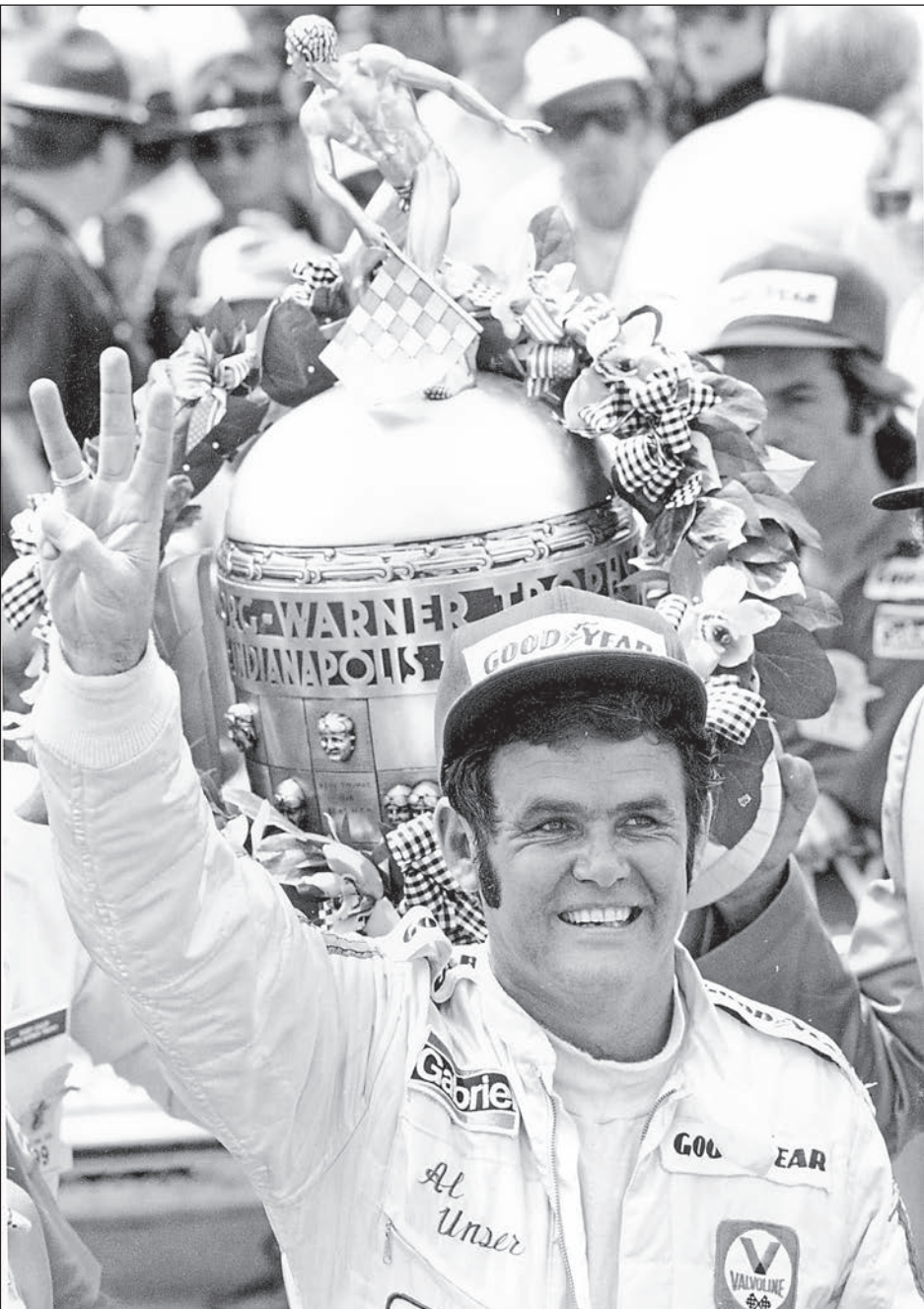
Unser won the Indy car “Triple Crown” by winning all three of the 500-mile races on the 1978 schedule, which included stops at Pocono Raceway and in Ontario, California. He’s the only driver in history to win all three of those races in the same season.

The Unser family combined for a record nine wins in the Indy 500; Al Jr. won the Indy 500 twice – in 1992 and 1994. Coincidentally, Al Unser, Al Unser Jr. and Bobby Unser all won their final Indy 500s driving for Roger Penske.

Helio Castroneves won his first three Indy 500s driving for Penske.

“Al was the quiet leader of the Unser family, a tremendous competitor and one of the greatest drivers to ever race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway,” Penske said. “We were honored to help Al earn a place in history with his fourth Indy victory ... and he will always be a big part of our team. Our thoughts are with the Unser family as they mourn the loss of a man that was beloved across the racing world and beyond.”

Unser earlier this year was at Indianapolis Motor Speedway to welcome



STF / AP

Formula 1 race car driver Al Unser waves three fingers in Victory Lane at Indianapolis Motor Speedway after winning the 62nd Indianapolis 500 in Indianapolis, Ind., on May 28, 1978. The Borg-Warner trophy, symbol of the Indy 500, is behind Unser. Al Unser, one of only four drivers to win the Indianapolis 500 a record four times, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021, following years of health issues. He was 82.

Castroneves as the newest member of the four-time winners club. Unser achieved the feat after A.J. Foyt, and Rick Mears won his fourth in 1991. Castroneves won in May to become the first new member in 30 years.

“Some days the race track smiles on you and some days, you got it the other way,” Unser said during the July

celebration. “It’s not always that you’re going to think you’re going to win because your chances are very slim. There’s 32 other guys who want it as bad as you do.”

Unser received his Baby Borg – the 18-inch replica of the Indy 500 winner’s Borg-Warner Trophy that lives onsite in the speedway’s museum – during a celebration in May with

family and friends. He was set to be honored in 2020 on the the 50th anniversary of his 1970 victory at Indianapolis, but the celebration was postponed because of the pandemic.

Both Castroneves and two-time Indy 500 winner Takuma Sato lauded Unser, with Sato calling Unser’s speech at the May winner’s ceremony “very funny and

so charming.”

“I will always remember Big Al welcoming me to the speedway,” Castroneves told The Associated Press on Friday. “He and Johnny Rutherford were the two helping me with my rookie orientation. He will be missed.”

The youngest of four racing brothers, Unser was born in in Albuquerque in 1939 to a family of hard-core racers. His father Jerry Unser and two uncles, Louis and Joe, were also drivers. Beginning in 1926 the family began competing in the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, an annual road race held in Colorado.

Al’s oldest brother, Jerry, became the first Unser to qualify for the Indianapolis 500 in 1958; he was killed in a crash during practice the following year.

Unser began racing himself in 1957 when he was 18, but competed mostly in sprint cars. He made it to Indy in 1965 driving in a car owned by Foyt and was part of a rookie class with future Indy 500 winners Mario Andretti (1969) and Gordon Johncock (1973, 1982).

“Al was one of the smartest drivers I ever raced against,” Andretti said. “I often said that I wished I could have had some of his patience.”

The Unser family combined for 73 career starts in the Indy 500 – a number bettered only by the 76 starts by the Andretti family. The Unser participation spans Al (27 races), Bobby (19), and Al Jr. (19), as well as Johnny (five), Robby (two) and Jerry (one).

Unser was inducted into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame in 1986 and the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1998. His collection of trophies and cars is housed at the Unser Racing Museum in Albuquerque.

Unser is survived by wife, Susan, and son, Al Jr. He was preceded in death by daughters Mary and Deborah.



SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 11, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum DL: Comcast, Dunnellon & Ingls					
	C	S	D/I	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2	(WESH) NBC	19	19	News	NBC News	Entertainment Tonight (N)		The Wall 'PG' Ⓢ		Dateline NBC (N) Ⓢ		Saturday Night Live '14'	News	SNL	
3	(WEDU) PBS	3	3	Eat Your Medicine	Pavlo: Live in Santorini Mediterranean guitarist Pavlo performs. 'G' Ⓢ			Country Pop Legends (My Music) Country and pop charts. (In Stereo) 'G' Ⓢ				Joe Bonamassa: Live From the Ryman Joe Bonamassa and his band perform.		Carpenters-Memories	
5	(WUFT) PBS	5	5	Big Band	Classical Rewind (My Music) 'G' Ⓢ			The Carpenters: Close to You & Christmas Memories				It's What's Happening Baby (My Music Presents) 'G'			
8	(WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Bucs All Access	Bucs Bruce Arians Show	The Wall "Jason and Jay" (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo) Ⓢ		Saturday Night Live (N) (In Stereo) '14' Ⓢ	NewsChannel 8	Saturday Night Live	
9	(WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	Paid Program 'G'	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers. From Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. (N) (In Stereo Live) Ⓢ		News Saturday		Hot Topics	
10	(WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	College Football	CBS Weekend News	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Jeopardy! 'G' Ⓢ	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer 'G' Ⓢ	Frosty the Snowman	Frosty Returns 'G'	48 Hours (N) (In Stereo) Ⓢ	10 Tampa Bay	Storm of Suspicion	
13	(WTVT) FOX	13	13		College Basketball Arizona at Illinois. (N) Ⓢ		TMZ (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ	9-1-1 The citywide blackout continues. '14'	9-1-1: Lone Star "The Big Heat" '14' Ⓢ (DVS)			FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) Ⓢ	I Can See Your Voice (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓢ (DVS)		
20	(WCJB) ABC			11	WCJB TV20	World News	Entertainment Tonight (N)	NBA	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers. (N)			WCJB TV20	The Song		
22	(WCFL) IND	2	2	2	Turning Point With David		R. Jeffress	The Three	Gaither Homecoming	Leslie Hale Ⓢ		Healing Tch	Christian Church	Passion	
23	(WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Citrus	Bible Say?	Chasing M	Vegas	Your Citrus County Court			Macabre Theater			
23	(WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Getting Real	Paid Prog.	NBA	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers. (N)		News		Inside Edit.	
23	(WMOR) IND	12	12		Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mom 'PG'	Mom '14'	MacGyver '14' Ⓢ	The First 48 'PG' Ⓢ	Family Guy	Family Guy	
33	(WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	Extra (N) 'PG' Ⓢ		Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8	Bucs All	Bucs	S.W.A.T.: "Fences" '14'	Ring of Honor Wrestling		
40	(WACX) TBN	21	21		Shake the	Roots	Jim Raley	Healing Touch		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gospel	Paid Prog.	S.Channel	Victory Gospel Hour
43	(WTOG) CW	4	4	4	Friends 'PG' Ⓢ	Friends 'PG' Ⓢ	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	"The Waltons' Homecoming" (2021) Bellamy Young. John Boy searches for his father on Christmas Eve.			SEAL Team A search for a new terrorist leader. '14'	SEAL Team A Marine pilot must be rescued. '14'		
50	(WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Teleton USA 2021 (N)		Teleton USA 2021 (N)		Teleton USA 2021 (N)			Teleton USA 2021 (N)			
51	(WOGX) FOX			13	College Basketball		FOX 51 News		9-1-1 '14' Ⓢ (DVS)	9-1-1: Lone Star '14'		FOX 51 News Saturday	I Can See Your Voice		
55	(WXPX) ION			17	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		
	(A&E)	54	48	54	*** "Den of Thieves" (2018) Gerard Butler. 'R'			*** "Olympus Has Fallen" (2013) Gerard Butler. 'R' Ⓢ			*** "Den of Thieves" (2018) 'R'				
	(ACCN)			99	Women's College Basketball Clemson at Syracuse.			College Basketball Elon at North Carolina. (N) (Live)			All ACC (N) All ACC All ACC All ACC				
	(AMC)	55	64	55	*** "Caddyshack" (1980) Chevy Chase. 'R' Ⓢ			*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray. 'PG-13' Ⓢ			**** "Ghostbusters" (1984) Bill Murray. 'PG'				
	(ANI)	52	35	52	The Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG'			The Zoo: Bronx Tales (N)			The Zoo (N) 'PG'			The Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG'	
	(BET)	96	71	96	*½ "Acrimony" (2018) Taraji P. Henson. 'R' Ⓢ			"Christmas Déjà Vu" (2021) Amber Riley. 'NR' Ⓢ			"Always and Forever" (2020, Suspense) 'PG-13' Ⓢ				
	(BIGTEN)	742	809		Women's College Hockey			College Hockey Michigan at Ohio State. (N) (Live) Ⓢ			B1G Show B1G Show B1G Ten				
	(BRAVO)	254	51	254	** "Sex and the City 2" 'R'			** "A Bad Moms Christmas" (2017) Mila Kunis. 'R' Ⓢ			** "A Bad Moms Christmas" (2017) Mila Kunis. 'R' Ⓢ				
	(BSFL)	35	39	35	Postgame			College Basketball			Focused			American Ninja Warrior	American Ninja Warrior
	(CC)	27	61	27	*½ "Blended" (2014)			"Hot Mess Holiday" (2021) Melanie Chandra. 'NR'			"Hot Mess Holiday" (2021) Melanie Chandra. 'NR'			*½ "Blended" (2014)	
	(CMT)	98	45	98	*** "Shrek" (2001) Voices of Mike Myers.			*** "Shrek 2" (2004) Voices of Mike Myers. 'PG'			** "Daddy Day Care" (2003) Eddie Murphy. 'PG'				
	(CNN)	40	29	40	CNN Newsroom			CNN Newsroom			CNN Heroes: 15 Years of			The Eighties 'PG' Ⓢ	The Nineties Ⓢ
	(ESPN)	33	27	33	College Basketball			SportsCenter (N) Ⓢ			Boxing (N) (Live)				
	(ESPN2)	37	28	34	College Basketball LSU at Georgia Tech. (N) (Live)			UFC 269: Oliveira vs Poirier - Prelims (N) (Live)			College Basketball Houston at Alabama. (N) (Live)				
	(FBN)	106	149	106	American			American			Kennedy Ⓢ			How America Works	
	(FLIX)			118	170			*** "Slap Shot" (1977) Paul Newman. 'R' Ⓢ			**** "When Harry Met Sally..." 'R'			*** "Pleasantville" (1998) Tobey Maguire.	54: Director
	(FNC)	44	37	44	Fox Report			Gutfeld! Ⓢ			Watters' World (N) Ⓢ			Justice With Jeanine	Unfiltered with
	(FOOD)	26	56	26	Holiday Baking			Holiday Baking			Holiday Baking			Holiday Baking	
	(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	**** "Toy Story 2"			*** "Toy Story 3" (2010) Voices of Tom Hanks. 'G' Ⓢ			**** "Toy Story 4" (2019) Voices of Tom Hanks. 'G' Ⓢ				
	(FS1)	732	112	732	Hoops Extra			College Basketball Minnesota at Michigan. (N) Ⓢ			College Basketball Cincinnati at Xavier. (N) Ⓢ			WWE Friday Night SmackDown Ⓢ	
	(FX)	30	60	30	** "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) 'PG'			*** "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" (2018) 'PG' Ⓢ			*** "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" (2018) 'PG' Ⓢ				
	(GOLF)	727	67	727	PGA Tour Golf QBE Shootout, Second Round. Ⓢ						PGA Tour Golf QBE Shootout, Second Round. Ⓢ				
	(HALL)	59	68	39	"Christmas Under Wraps" (2014) 'NR' Ⓢ (DVS)			"A Royal Queens Christmas" (2021) Megan Park.			"Christmas at Castle Hart" (2021) Lacey Chabert.				
	(HBO)	302	201	302	*** "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith. Ⓢ			*** "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith. 'PG-13' Ⓢ			Insecure			*** "The Italian Job"	
	(HBO2)	303	202	303	"The Bourne Legacy"			Red Blue Green			** "Anger Management" (2003) Ⓢ			*** "Cloverfield" (2008) 'PG-13'	*** "Speed" 'R'
	(HGTV)	23	57	23	Good Bones 'G' Ⓢ			Good Bones 'G' Ⓢ			Good Bones 'G' Ⓢ			Good Bones 'G' Ⓢ	
	(HIST)	51	54	51	Pawn Stars 'PG' Ⓢ			Pawn Stars 'PG' Ⓢ			Pawn Stars (N) 'PG' Ⓢ			Pawn Stars 'PG' Ⓢ	
	(LIFE)	24	38	24	"A Christmas Dance Reunion" (2021) Corbin Bleu.			"The Holiday Fix Up" (2021) Jana Kramer. 'NR' Ⓢ			"A Picture Perfect Holiday" (2021) Tatyana Ali. 'NR'				
	(LMN)	119	50	119	"The Nanny Murders" (2021) Mia Toppalian. 'NR' Ⓢ			"Dangerous Snow Day" (2021) Nicolette Langley.			"Obsessed With the Babysitter" (2021) 'NR' Ⓢ				
	(MSNBC)	42	41	42	Voices-Alicia Menendez			Voices-Alicia Menendez			Ayman (N) (Live) Ⓢ			Voices-Alicia Menendez	Ayman Ⓢ
	(NBCSN)	448	26	730	College Basketball			College Hockey Michigan State at Notre Dame. (N)			Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix. (N Same-day Tape)			IBU	
	(NGEO)	109	65	109	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14'			Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14'			Drugs, Inc. Heroin. '14'			Trafficked With Mariana	Trafficked With Mariana
	(NICK)	28	36	28	Loud House			Loud House			Loud House			SlimeTime	Friends '14'
	(NWSNTN)	18	18	18	Last Man			Last Man			NewsNation Prime (N)			Dan Abrams Live Ⓢ	Banfield Ⓢ
	(OWN)	125	24	103	"An En Vogue Christmas" (2014) Terry Ellis. 'NR'			Love & Marriage			Love & Marriage			Family or Fiancé (N) '14'	Love & Marriage
	(OXY)	123	44	123	Cold Justice '14' Ⓢ			Cold Justice '14' Ⓢ			911 Crisis Center (N) 'PG'			911 Crisis	911 Crisis
	(PARMT)	37	43	37	*** "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones. 'PG-13' Ⓢ			** "Men in Black II" (2002) Tommy Lee Jones.			*** "Men in Black 3" (2012) Ⓢ				
	(SEC)	745	72		Basketball			College Basketball TCU at Texas A&M. (N) (Live)			College Basketball Western Kentucky at Ole Miss. (N)			SEC Now	SEC Now
	(SHOW)	340	241	340	Yellowjackets 'MA' Ⓢ			Dexter: New Blood 'MA'			"The Real Charlie Chaplin" (2021) Charlie Carter.			Boxing Nonito Donaire vs. Reymart Gaballo. (N) Ⓢ	
	(SUN)	36	31	36	Football			Inside			Inside HEAT			Postgame	Inside HEAT
	(SYFY)	31	59	31	*** "Salt" (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie. 'PG-13'			*** "Peppermint" (2018) Jennifer Garner. 'R' Ⓢ			*** "Red" (2010, Action) Bruce Willis. 'PG-13'				
	(TBS)	49	23	49	Big Bang			Big Bang			Big Bang			The Grinch	The Grinch
	(TCM)	169	53	169	*** "The Man Who Came to Dinner" (1941)			*** "Lady on a Train" (1945) Deanna Durbin. 'NR'			*** "A Christmas Story" (1983) 'PG' Ⓢ (DVS)			Wipeout (In Stereo) 'PG'	
	(TDC)	53	34	53	Master Distiller			Master Distiller			Moonshiners '14' Ⓢ			Moonshiners '14' Ⓢ	
	(TLC)	50	46	50	My 600-Lb. Life '14'			Untold Stories of the E.R.			Santa Sent Me to the ER			Dr. Pimple Popper '14'	My Feet Are Killing Me
	(TMC)	350	261	350	Blackout			*** "Man on Fire" (2004) Denzel Washington. 'R' Ⓢ			"Sound of Violence" (2021) 'NR' Ⓢ			"Alive" (2019) Thomas Cocquerel. 'NR'	
	(TNT)	48	33	48	*** "Star Wars: A New Hope" (1977) 'PG'			*** "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill. 'PG'						"Star Wars: R"	
	(TOON)	38	58	38	Gumball			Gumball			*** "The Iron Giant" (1999) 'PG' Ⓢ			King of Hill	King of Hill
	(TRAV)	9	106	9	Destination Fear '14'			Destination Fear '14'			Destination Fear (N) 'PG'			Merry Scary Christmas	Merry Scary Christmas
	(truTV)	25	55	25	Imp. Jokers			Imp. Jokers			Imp. Jokers			Imp. Jokers	Tacoma FD
	(TVL)	32	49	32	Two Men			Two Men			Two Men			Two Men	Two Men
	(USA)	47	32	47	*** "The Blind Side" (2009) Sandra Bullock. Ⓢ			*** "The Proposal" (2009) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13' Ⓢ (DVS)			*** "The Proposal" (2009) 'PG-13'				
	(WE)	117	69	117	NCIS Officer's sword. 'PG'			NCIS "The Curse" 'PG'			NCIS "High Seas" 'PG'			NCIS "Sub Rosa" 'PG'	NCIS "PG" Ⓢ

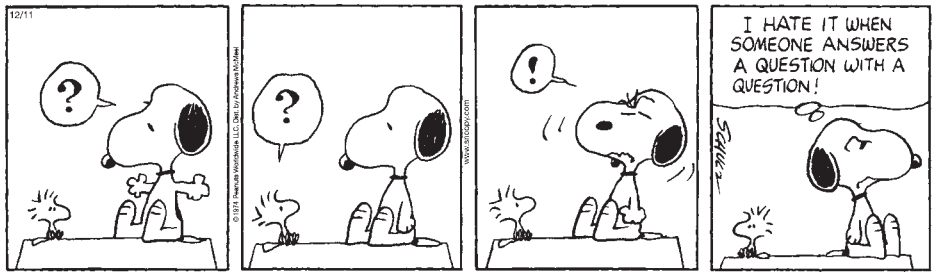
# Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: My husband works with a guy, “Dave.” I met Dave’s girlfriend, “Julie,” last summer, and she’s a sweet, earnest, trusting person. She and I became friends, and we text and meet for coffee when we can.

Dave has been really unkind to her in public (my husband witnessed this a few times), and he’s said some shocking things to her. She finally broke up with him a few weeks ago but, being a sensitive and romantic soul,



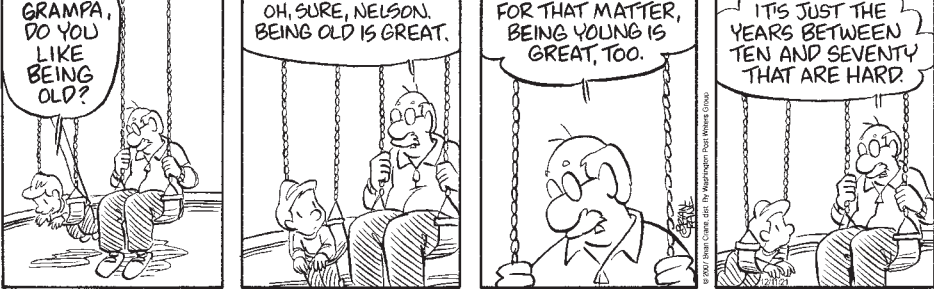
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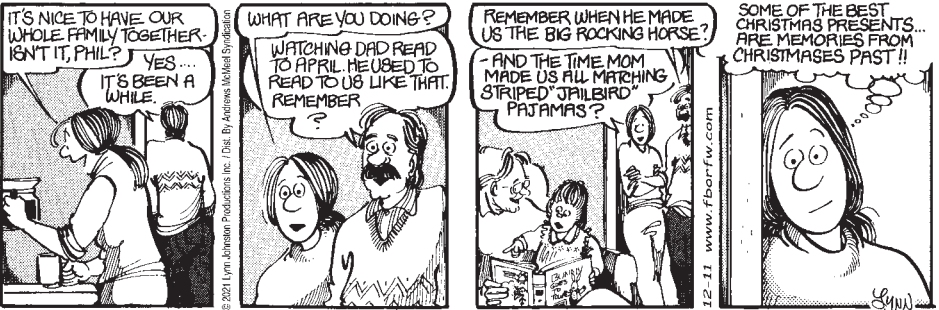
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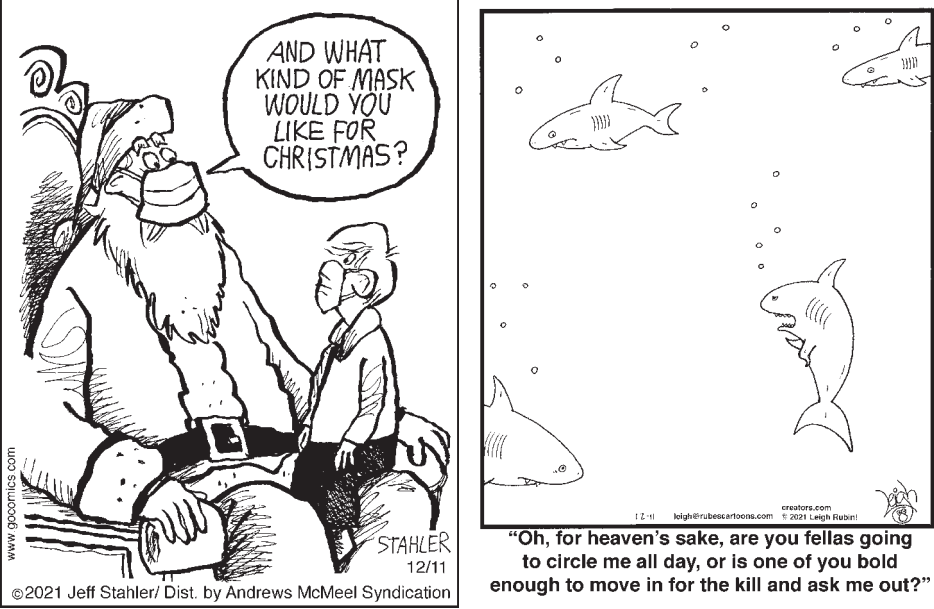


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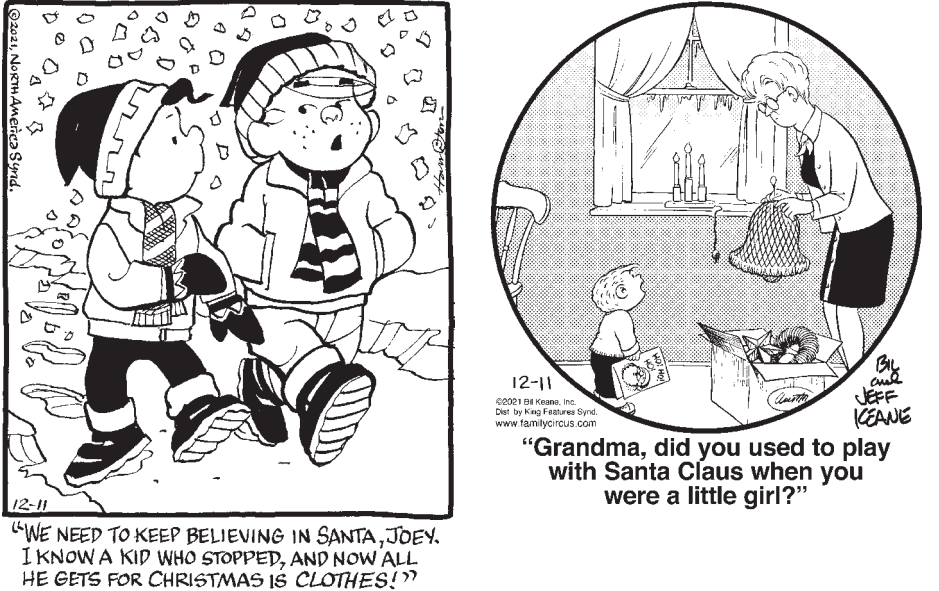
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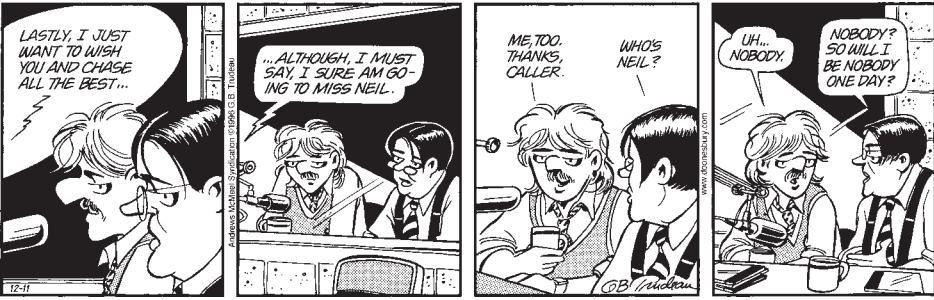


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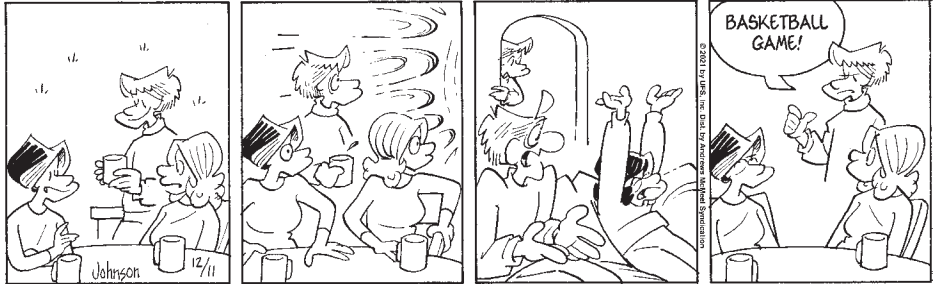
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"King Richard" PG13 — 11:30 a.m., 3, 6:30, 9:50 p.m.  
"Clifford The Big Red Dog" PG — 12:15, 3:30, 7:45, 10:30 p.m.  
"Eternals" PG-13 — 11 a.m., 2:30, 7, 10:10 p.m.  
**Sunday, Dec. 12**  
"Encanto" PG — noon, 4, 7:30, 10:35 p.m.  
"House of Gucci" R — 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 10:15 p.m.

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**Wednesday, Dec. 22**  
"Elf" (2003) PG — 3 p.m.

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

Today's clue: A equals W

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— KNPD XFKVGF

Previous Solution: "Friendship is one of the most tangible things in a world which offers fewer and fewer supports." — Kenneth Branagh

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# Column: Big-money coaches a symptom of misguided priorities

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**  
AP Sports Columnist

A new college football coach doesn't come cheaply, especially when the one you've targeted has a well-paying gig at Nike's Oregon campus.

Fortunately for the University of Miami, the school's hospital system raked in record profits last year during the devastating COVID-19 pandemic.

Turning lemons into lemonade, the U threw some of that coronavirus cash at Mario Cristobal in what may be the ultimate indictment of college athletics – not to mention our health-care system and the nation's entire set of misguided priorities.

Of course, the Hurricanes were merely the latest to join the crowd when they lured Cristobal away from Nike-backed Oregon and its wide array of ugly uniforms, clumsily working out a 10-

year, \$80-million deal while Manny Diaz was still their coach.

Indeed, it's already been quite an offseason for a season that still has a month to go.

Eager to raise its fallen star, Southern Cal plucked Lincoln Riley away from Oklahoma with a massive financial package that was surely somewhere north of \$100 million, though the exact details were not available from the private university.

Not to be outdone, LSU stunningly persuaded Brian Kelly, the winningest coach in Notre Dame history, to leave the Fighting Irish while they were still in contention for a berth in the College Football Playoff.

(They just missed out with a No. 5 ranking, which at least prevented the ludicrous scenario of Kelly's hastily appointed successor, Marcus Freeman, making his coaching debut in a national semi-

final game.)

Kelly, who has never won a national championship and will be hard-pressed to do so in Baton Rouge as long as that Nick Saban guy rules in Tuscaloosa, nevertheless received a staggering 10-year, \$95 million deal from LSU.

We presume he used some of that money to take a crash course in Cajun-speak, because the Massachusetts native who has never coached in the Deep South suddenly sounded like he just rolled in from an alligator hunt on the bayou.

The massive expenditure comes on top of the \$16.8 million buyout that the Tigers agreed to pay former coach Ed Orgeron, who was dumped just two years after winning a fortuitous national title while Joe Burrow was his QB.

Big-money boosters undoubtedly stepped in to largely fund the huge deals at USC and LSU – hey, rich

people can spend their money however they like – but Miami's hiring of Cristobal raised some troubling red flags.

You see, the pandemic proved to be a boon to the University of Miami's healthcare operations, which was the school's strongest area of growth over the past year.

Saying the quiet part out loud, Miami officials openly stated they would funnel some of that reported \$400 million profit into their struggling athletic program.

The hiring of Cristobal, a former Hurricanes player who went 35-13 with a pair of Pac-12 titles in five years at Oregon, is a big part of the effort to restore the school to its 1980s and '90s gridiron glory.

Like USC, Miami is a private university that can prioritize its spending however it chooses.

One can certainly make the

case – look no further than Saban's impact at Alabama – that a successful football team can more than pay for itself by bolstering a university's national reputation and fundraising efforts.

But no one worth their weight in public relations would advise a school to link a worldwide health crisis, one that has claimed nearly 800,000 American lives and more than 5 million victims around the world, to more wins on the football field.

That's downright sick.

In another PR blunder, Miami started its pursuit of Cristobal while Diaz was uncomfortably still dangling on the payroll.

When the Hurricanes were certain they would get their man, Diaz was fired.

The Hurricanes weren't the only ones blundering their way through one PR crisis after another.

Kelly's departure from Notre Dame could provide a

textbook full of examples on how not to do a job transition.

His assistant coaches and players found out through social media that he was heading to LSU. He finally delivered the news himself in an uncomfortable, early morning meeting that lasted about as long as a three-and-out possession. Then there was that Cajun accent he conjured up when speaking at an LSU basketball game.

Riley's introduction at USC was also cringeworthy, looking like something that Garth and Wayne might've filmed in their parent's basement (look it up, kids) – not the motion picture capital of the world.

Of course, college athletics going out of its way to embarrass itself is nothing new.

There are far more serious concerns than fake accents and amateurish pep rallies.

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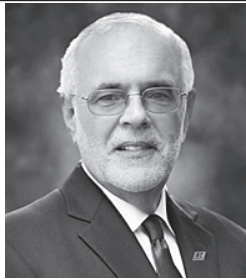
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Floor and Sides 2 yrs old  
w/ ramp \$500;  
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Homemade - Sky Blue and  
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\$75 **(863) 304-2697**

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Multiple shades of green and  
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BEEKMAN- Goat Milk- Vanilla-  
Set of 2 - 8oz. NEW- Never  
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**MERCHANDISE**

**BANJO**  
5 String banjo with locking hard  
case, Fender model FB54,  
excellent condition  
Pd \$475 Asking \$340 OBO  
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**BEANIE BABY COLLECTION**  
3 LG Boxes Full - All in NEW  
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NEVER USED /\$400 FOR ALL  
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for Car \$20  
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**BIRD HOUSES**  
10 Assorted Bird Houses used  
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\$70 for All  
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New 100% cotton cream  
colored \$10 **(352)513-5339**

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**YAMAHA OUTBOARD** - 2016,  
15HP Manual 4 stroke, low hrs  
- bought & serviced locally  
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**BODY SOUFFLE**  
PHILOSOPHY - 16oz Sealed  
\$25 ea  
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**Wooden Book Shelf**  
6 ft Tall , unused \$25  
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**DINNERWARE SET**  
Brand new 74pc Dinnerware  
Set - serves 10+ people  
with Duck Pattern -Excellent  
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heavy duty canvas , Exc cond  
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for 2012-2018 Volkswagon  
Beetle, Reflects the Sun,  
Silver \$100 **352-613-0529**

**CERAMIC STRAIGHTENER  
BRUSH**  
- SIMPLY STRAIGHT- BRAND  
NEW - \$20  
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SET OF 6 -STILL IN BOX  
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**CHANDELIER**  
6 LIGHTS W/ FROSTED  
GLOBES - NEVER USED \$50  
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**CHINA**  
Serving for 8, 35 pieces with  
serving bowls and platters, light  
blue trim, Never used \$60  
**(352)560-3019**

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including Trees and Lighted  
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offer for individual items.  
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SEALED-NEW- NEVER  
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**CLOTHES**  
Men's Medium w/ Large Travel  
Bag - Very Good Condition!  
\$30 Takes All **(352) 464-4089**

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LIONELS - NEW Condition!  
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**CONCERTINA**  
Vintage 1920's (accordion);  
Abalone inlay with hard case  
\$500 obo **352-586-1548**

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New, 3 Victorian floral round  
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**DEEP FRYER**  
**RIVAL- IN BOX - USED ONCE**  
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**Dell Laptop Computer**  
Reconditioned- In Excellent  
Shape includes Windows 10  
and DVD- \$125 OBO **Contact  
Bob (352) 228-9413**

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Condition \$25 **(352) 228-9413**

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**Dora the Explorer Play  
Kitchen** includes dishes  
Good Condition \$25  
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**DRAPES**  
Eclipse drapes, sage, room  
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sell \$30 pair **352-513-5339**

**DRAPES**  
New IKEA, 95% Blackout;  
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**FRAMED ART**  
Famous artist Raphael's  
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O'clock's. You dig! \$3 each  
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Genuine Porcelain Doll  
*Collectible Memories*  
Excellent Condition! \$25  
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*Collectors Choice* - Genuine  
Fine Bisque - Porcelain  
Limited Edition-Still in Package  
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Still in Package  
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**COLLECTIBLE DOLLS**  
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**Metro Mobility Electric 4  
Wheel SCOOTER**  
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**NEW IN BOX-** Black w/ red  
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portability. Paid over \$959-  
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Excellent Condition \$25  
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2 Piece pantsuit Micky Mouse;  
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**Bob's DISCARDED  
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Brinkman electric smoker,  
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sliding cutting surface. \$150;  
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Bosch with case \$40  
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**TOOLS - SANDER**  
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sander, \$15  
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**TOOLS -SAW SHARPNER**  
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45" RCA Flat Screen - \$50  
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Flat Screen, 32" Like New!  
\$55 **(352) 464-4089**

**TV STAND**  
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Good Condition! \$20  
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Blue and Red, in good cond.  
\$10 **352-613-0529**

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KING SIZE in Bag \$25  
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1097.5 Board Feet + 1x8x8=64  
New 1x8x8' Tongue & Groove  
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1950's \$8 **352-513-5339**

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value, All for \$100 **(352)503-  
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**WEDDING GOWN**  
SIZE 3 - \$100  
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**WET BRUSH**  
- **HAIR BRUSHES** - GLITTER  
EDITION, 2 in boxes - NEW  
\$20 **(352) 527-2085**

**Wooden Book Shelf**  
3 Feet Tall- Unused \$20  
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**COLLECTIBLES**  
WWII Diecast Metal Airplane  
Collection, 24 planes w/ boxes,  
\$500 obo **(352)341-1709**

**APPLIANCES**

**DISHWASHER**  
Bisque, Good Condition \$60  
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**ELECTRIC STOVE**  
Glass Top. Bisque, Good  
Condition \$75 **(352)527-1955**

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Emerson, free standing 1100  
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like new \$25 **(352)527-1955**

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28 CF, Bisque, top freezer,  
Good Condition \$100  
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GOOD CONDITION - \$15  
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**VENT**  
Over stove, inside vent, bisque,  
good condition \$30  
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**WASHER & DRYER**  
GE PROFILE PRODIGY  
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**FURNITURE**

**OFFICE CHAIR**  
Adjustable Desk/Drafting  
Chair - 23" to 33" - **BLACK**  
**Non Smoking Hm- Excellent  
Cond \$50 obo (352) 228-0267**

**FURNITURE**

**Furniture:** Beautiful queen BR  
set, drawers underneath and  
dresser \$200, Wood dining  
table and 6 chairs \$40, antique  
refinished dresser and mirror,  
\$100 OBO Need to sell! **Text  
for photos (845)283-1698**

**BED**  
Queen Bed Complete w/ Mat-  
tress & Frame (headboard,  
footboard, side rails) \$100 **352-  
464-4089**

**CORNER CABINET**  
SOLID OAK- 4 Doors  
Unused- \$50  
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**COUCH AND LOVE SEAT**  
Exc Cond, pretty light mauve  
and pink flowers on white  
background \$300  
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**Curio Cabinet**  
82"H x 40"W x 13"D with  
shelves- White washed \$100  
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**DESK**  
Large Metal Desk w/ 4 draw-  
ers. Excellent Condition! \$25  
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**END TABLE** - Dark Wood \$10  
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**FIREPLACE**  
Large Amish Oak Electric Heat  
Surge Mantel-Base, adjustable  
flame, two remotes, NICE!  
\$450 **352-897-5510**

**SECTIONAL SOFA**  
LG Lazy Boy Sectional / Color:  
Wheat - includes ottoman and  
3 matching pillows \$500 obo  
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**LOVESEAT**  
Cushioned loveseat w/ foot  
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**Outdoor Coffee Table**  
Wrought Iron, Rectangular  
Black \$100 **(352) 513-4492**

**OUTDOOR FURNITURE**  
Resin Wicker, 4pc - Brown  
Excellent Condition! \$550  
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Wooden, Cushioned  
Very Good Condition! \$25  
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Monitor** - Fitreno- New in box  
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Wheel SCOOTER**  
(M1 series LITE)  
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portability. Paid over \$959-  
Sacrifice \$700 obo Cash Only-  
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FULL SET- NAME BRAND  
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UMBRELLA**  
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**ACTION**  
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\$1300**  
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**\$1200**  
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**HOMOSASSA  
\$2500**  
**9 Dahoon Ct.**  
3/2/2 Pool home, lawn &  
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**\$1200**  
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		3		4				

Solution to Friday's puzzle 12/11/21

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

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](http://sudoku.org.uk)

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Saturday, December 11, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

# WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- ROTUNDAS

(ROTUNDAS: ro-TUN-das: Large central areas, as in hotels.)

Average mark 38 words  
Time limit 60 minutes

Can you find 55 or more words in ROTUNDAS?  
The list will be published Monday.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- SITUATED

said	statue	taste	aside	diet
sate	stead	taut	astute	dues
saute	stet	teat	audit	duet
seat	stud	test	east	dust
side	sued	tide	edit	duties
site	suet	tied	etui	
staid	suit	used	dais	
stat	suite	adieu	date	
state	idea	aide	deist	

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](mailto:kzsaxe@gmail.com).

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### ACROSS

1 Male doll  
4 Maraud  
8 Send off  
12 Forum hello  
13 Flying piscivore  
14 Salmon variety  
15 Uncomfortable seat  
16 Skein of yarn  
17 In a short time  
18 Built in advance  
20 A continent  
22 Strongman of myth  
23 Solidify  
24 Chong's partner  
28 "Pulp Fiction" actress  
31 Winning margin  
34 Derisive snort  
35 Sit down heavily

### DOWN

1 Phi Beta —  
36 Q.E.D. part  
37 Eggs, in biology  
38 Corrode  
39 Above, to poets  
40 Capacity for work  
42 Oz. or tsp.  
44 Sweepstakes  
48 Friendly gathering  
51 Less trusting  
52 Matured  
53 Osiris' beloved  
55 Thurs. follower  
56 Pince-nez part  
57 "Sister Act" roles  
58 Move to and —  
59 Trial balloon  
60 Low card  
61 — Juan

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

2 Turn inside out  
3 Stair post  
4 Go back over  
5 Graceful horse  
6 Lodging place  
7 Hockey feint  
8 Psych out  
9 Oahu port  
10 Flapjack chain  
11 Corncake  
19 Gem surface  
21 "Yuck!"  
25 Poet's black  
26 Icicle locale  
27 Blacken  
29 Yr. fractions  
30 Suitable  
31 Prefix for classic  
32 Crude metal  
33 Crusaders' foes  
35 He played the Wiz  
40 Theta preceder  
41 Slick  
43 Thick of things  
45 Spats  
46 — firma  
47 Rigel's constellation  
48 Cellar contents  
49 Kind of molding  
50 Fluff  
51 Pasta go-with  
54 "Big —" (Kerouac novel)

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# WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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

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1. Nile-snake-shaped brooch fastener (1)

2. Auto pioneer Henry served wine (1)

3. Flat-back core exercise leg-pull (1)

4. Untightened floodgate (1)

5. Game show host Lynch's overexertions (1)

6. Crop raiser's weapon suppliers (2)

7. Showing disdain for a danger alert (2)

1. ASP GLASS 2. FORD POURED 3. PLANK PRANK 4. LOOSE SLUCE  
5. JAMES STRAINS 6. FARMERS ARMERS 7. SCORNING WARNING

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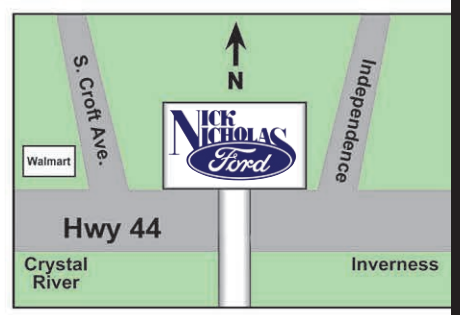
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