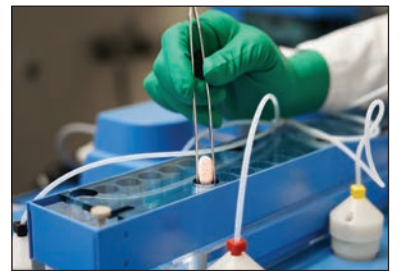


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Chronicle holiday closures

In observance of the Christmas holiday, the Chronicle office will be closed on Dec. 24, and in observance of the New Year holiday, the office will be closed Dec. 31.

Property Appraiser holiday hours

The Property Appraiser's office will be closed Dec. 24 and 27 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Normal hours of operation and services will resume Dec. 28. The office will also be closing early at 3 p.m. Dec. 31 and closed on Jan. 3 in observance of the New Year and will reopen Jan. 4 for normal hours of operation.

Clerk's office will close for holiday

The Clerk of Courts office will be closed Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Day to coincide with the Fifth Judicial Circuit's holiday calendar. They will reopen on Jan. 3.

All other local government offices will be open Dec. 31 and closed on Jan. 3. This includes Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Citrus County Property Appraiser, Citrus County Tax Collector and Citrus County Supervisor of Elections offices.

As an alternative, visit their website at citrusclerk.org to make online payments, search court case information and initiate a marriage license application. Online services provide the public an avenue to record documents, enroll in a payment plan, search official records and court records, request public records and more.

Death row proposal sparks opposition

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Supreme Court is considering a proposal that would allow Death Row inmates to represent themselves in certain court proceedings, an idea that has drawn opposition from defense attorneys, prosecutors and mental-health advocacy groups.

Justices last week scheduled a Feb. 10 hearing on the proposal, which centers on circuit-court proceedings that take place after defendants have been convicted and sentenced to death. The "post-conviction" proceedings often involve issues such as whether defendants received adequate legal representation in their trials or whether newly discovered evidence could clear them.

The proposal, which was released in May, has spurred opposition from a wide range of groups that argue Death Row inmates are not qualified to represent themselves in the often-complicated proceedings.

Five state attorneys filed comments in September opposing the proposed change. Miami-Dade County State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, for example, wrote that it is unlikely defendants "could competently represent themselves in a capital post-conviction setting" — a view echoed by the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

2021 a roller coaster for local businesses

Lack of employees still a concern

By MICHAEL D. BATES
Chronicle Reporter

When I wrote my year-in-review story this time last year, COVID-19 fears among business owners were starting to ease.

As the doors again swung open in 2021, those employers and managers were ready to welcome back customers. There was just one problem: they didn't have enough employees.

For whatever reason, un-

employed folks and others are not beating down the doors to get a job these days.

In April, Josh Wooten, president/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, said businesses were pleading for workers but can't find them because many are making more money staying home and being unemployed.

"That's what we're hearing from employers around our community," Wooten said. "There's no incentive to look for work."

To that end, Wooten fired off a letter to Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on behalf of the

chamber, urging him to bring back the reporting requirement of "actively seeking work" by claimants receiving unemployment benefits.

DeSantis did just that but the problem persists, as evidenced by the scores of 'Help Wanted' signs throughout Citrus County.

This is a concern that will linger into 2022.

Here comes Culver's

Citrus Countians love their restaurants and one in particular made headlines

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Michael D. Bates / Chronicle Reporter

The Crystal River Wawa store opened in May and debuted its new supercharger, charging stations behind the store. Crystal River Mayor Joe Meek said he felt the stations will be used heavily, commenting the supercharger stations are the only ones along U.S. 19 between St. Petersburg and Tallahassee.



Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Traffic crosses the Withlacoochee River on State Road 200 Wednesday to enter Marion County. The bridge, built in the 1930s, is in need of replacement, according to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber: Bridge needs replacing

By MICHAEL D. BATES
Chronicle Reporter

The Withlacoochee River bridge along State Road 200 needs to be replaced and built to enhanced safety standards, according to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber has added the project to its 2022 legislative priorities hoping to get state support.

The bridge was built in 1935. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) last inspected it in January 2021 and it received a federal sufficiency rating (SR) of 65 and a health index of 89.86, according to a chamber letter sent to Sen. Dennis Baxley.

The National Bridge Inventory rated it "functionally obsolete."

The "sufficiency rating" is a tool that is used to help



This bridge handles traffic entering and exiting Citrus and Marion counties on State Road 200.

determine whether a bridge that is structurally deficient or functionally obsolete should be repaired or just replaced.

According to the Federal Highway Bridge Program, a sufficiency rating of less than 80 but greater than 50

are eligible for rehabilitation funding under certain circumstances. If the rehabilitation costs are near the replacement costs, a bridge replacement can be allowed under the program.

The "health index" is a tool that measures the over-

all condition of a bridge. A health index below 85 generally indicates that some repairs are needed, although it doesn't mean the bridge is unsafe. A low health index may also indicate that it

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Florida, Texas see largest population booms

State grew by 211,196 residents

By JIM SAUNDERS
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida trailed only Texas in population increases from 2020 to 2021, while the nation had the slowest growth rate in its history, according to information released Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Florida grew by 211,196 residents from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2021, to a population of 21,781,128, the census estimates show. Texas grew by an estimated 310,288 residents to a population of 29,527,941.

California continued to

have the nation's largest population at 39,237,836, though it lost a net 261,902 residents from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2021. New York saw the largest decline of 319,020 residents, with its population dropping below 20 million, according to the census bureau.

While areas of the country such as Florida and Texas continued to see significant population increases, the nation's growth rate was 0.1 percent, the lowest rate ever. The census bureau said that stemmed from a combination of factors, including COVID-19 deaths.

"Population growth has been slowing for years because of lower birth rates and decreasing net interna-

tional migration, all while mortality rates are rising due to the aging of the nation's population," Kristie Wilder, a demographer in the census bureau's population division, said in a prepared statement. "Now, with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this combination has resulted in a historically slow pace of growth."

Florida had the largest net migration gains in the country, a measurement of people moving in and out of the state. But it also had the biggest "natural" decrease in population, which involves comparing numbers of births and deaths.

A report last week from state economists pointed to "stronger than expected net

migration" in Florida. But it also said, "Natural increase, the other component of population growth, was more negative than expected due to increased deaths."

The census bureau said 33 states saw population increases from 2020 to 2021, and 17 states and the District of Columbia lost population. Generally, the numbers show population shifts from states such as New York, California and Illinois to states in the South and parts of the West.

The largest numeric population gains were in Texas, Florida, Arizona, North Carolina and Georgia. The top percentages of growth

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Local Realtor joins Inverness council

Davis replaces Ken Hinkle

By FRED HIERS
Chronicle Reporter

Gene Davis was sworn into office of the Inverness City Council Tuesday, replacing former Councilman Ken Hinkle.

Davis said later he was privileged to sit on the dais with the other council members.

"I just hope I can add some substance" to the discussions,

Davis said during the Tuesday council meeting.

Councilwoman Linda Bega said Davis was a good fit to replace Hinkle, who resigned for personal reasons earlier this month.

Bega said that Davis, who was raised in Inverness, has history with the city and ample business experience.

Davis, 69, earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Florida State University with majors in risk management and insurance and real estate.

Davis started many businesses in the area and has been a Realtor/developer for several years.

He has sat on several local boards including the board of the Nature Coast Emergency Medical Services, SunTrust Banks of the Nature Coast, Citrus County Hospital Board, a member and past president of Inverness Kiwanis, and is a past president of The Realtors Association of Citrus County.

Mayor Bob Plaisted also welcomed Davis saying he's known Davis for many years and worked with him and that he will be an asset to the council.

Council Cabot McBride said of Davis that he was "not a good man for the job, he's the perfect man for the job."

When Hinkle resigned at the end of the Dec. 7 council meeting, Hinkle recommended that the remaining council members appoint Davis, who was in the audience. He was voted in unanimously.

The city's charter allows the council to appoint anyone eligible to a vacant council position.

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Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests from Dec. 21
Joshua James Jones, 27, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 21 for knowingly transmit child pornography, possess to promote photo/video with sexual conduct by child and knowingly possess photo/video/etc. with sexual conduct by child. Bond \$33,000.

William Estill Skaggs, 53, Floral City, arrested Dec. 21 for make, possess, throw, project, place or discharge destructive device. Bond \$5,000.

Richard Elton Peabody, 60, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 21 for using firearm under the influence of alcohol/drugs/etc. and knowingly discharge firearm in public place. Bond \$1,500.

Jeremiah J. McCann, 46, Dunedin, arrested Dec. 21 for using firearm under the influence of alcohol/drugs/etc. and knowingly discharge firearm in public place. Bond \$1,500.

Christopher Charles Benjamin, 48, Inverness, arrested Dec. 21 for failure to appear. Bond \$2,000.

Randall Morgan Pepevnik, 31, Floral City, arrested Dec. 21 for two counts failure to appear. No bond.

Deshane Bronzell Crumity, 21, St. Petersburg, arrested Dec. 21 for two counts failure to appear. No bond.

Benjamin Zippy Tobiah Gilbert, 21, Citra, arrested Dec. 21 for violation of probation. No bond.

Loren Wyatt Lea, 35, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 21 for failure to appear. No bond.

William Estill Skaggs, 53, Floral City, arrested Dec. 21

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violation of probation. No bond.

Christina Nicole Bryant, 35, Hernando, arrested Dec. 21 for public assistance fraud over \$200. Bond \$2,000.

Destiny Michelle Lefke, 25, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 21 for failure to appear. No bond.

Mitchel Andrew Searle, 33, Hernando, arrested Dec. 21 for failure to appear. Bond \$2,000.

William George Harmon, 72, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 21 for DUI. Bond \$1,000.

Patrick Dwayne Bonanno, 52, arrested Dec. 21 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

Howard Edward Cooper, 60, Dunnellon, arrested Dec. 21 for assault and domestic battery. No bond.

Darra Ann Deshea Lee, 29, Floral City, arrested Dec. 21 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

Dale Philip Kosak, 72, Dunnellon, arrested Dec. 21 for DUI. Bond \$1,000.

Alex Henry Cleaveland, 41, Floral City, arrested Dec. 21 for possession of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and violation of probation. No bond.

Dale Philip Kosak, 72, Dunnellon, arrested Dec. 21 for exposure of sexual organs. Bond \$1,000.

Burglaries, thefts and vandalisms

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Monday, Dec. 21, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

Petit theft, 9:32 a.m. Dec. 17, off of Trapper Terrace, Hernando;
 Petit theft, 4:50 p.m. Dec.

19, off of U.S. 41, Inverness;
 Residential burglary, 2:14 a.m. Dec. 20 off of Flamingo Avenue, Inverness;
 Structure burglary, 6:40 a.m. Dec. 20 off of Kraft Court, Dunnellon;
 Commercial burglary, 7:07 a.m. Dec. 20 off of Homosassa Trail, Homosassa;
 Vehicle burglary, 7:46 a.m. Dec. 20 off of Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa;
 Petit theft, 9:13 a.m. Dec. 20 off of Cypress Circle, Homosassa;

Criminal mischief, 10:52 a.m. Dec. 20 off of U.S. 19, Crystal River;
 Petit theft, 11:15 a.m. Dec. 20 off of Quiver Terrace, Inverness;

Structure burglary, 1:56 p.m. Dec. 20 off of Pedersen Loop, Homosassa;
 Vehicle burglary, 2:38 p.m. Dec. 20 off of Florida Avenue, Inverness;

Grand theft, 3:25 p.m. Dec. 20 off of Fireside Way, Homosassa.

Residential burglary, 6:25 p.m. Dec. 20 off of Fichten Point, Homosassa;
 Criminal mischief, 7:31 p.m. Dec. 20 off of Lecanto Highway, Lecanto;

Misdemeanor retail theft, 10:47 a.m. Dec. 21 off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Theft, 5:14 p.m. Dec. 21, off of Saunders Way, Lecanto.

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.

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would be more economical to replace the bridge than to repair it.

"(The chamber) is urging the Legislature to recognize the need to replace the Withlacoochee River bridge and to begin now to develop a plan to rebuild it to the standards of a widened State Road 200," the letter said.

The letter was signed by Josh Wooten, president and CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce and

John Murphy, chairman of the chamber's government affairs committee.

Baxter represents District 12, which encompasses Sumter County and parts of Lake and Marion counties.

"There is a tremendous safety issue on this narrow bridge with little leeway for passing vehicles, and absolutely no safe crossing for pedestrians or bicycles," the chamber said.

"As growth quickly increases in both Citrus and Marion counties, and the Suncoast Parkway Extension to State Road 44 opens

in a couple of months, traffic exiting the parkway intending to make its way to Marion will likely cross over that bridge, thereby increasing stress on this little bridge."

Although the bridge is in the purview of FDOT District 7 it is on the border with Marion County so Senate President Wilton Simpson suggested the chamber contact Baxley.

"We hope we can count on your support to urge FDOT to move forward on a plan for the Withlacoochee Bridge," the letter concludes.

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The seat will again be up for election November 2022.

Also in city council business, the council members during the year's final council meeting thanked their City Manager Eric Williams and city staff for their good work and accomplishments.

Williams became the city manager almost two years ago after serving as assistant city manager for seven years.

"I could not be more pleased," said Plaisted of Williams' work. "I'm grateful, so grateful, he stayed and took the city manager job."

Councilwoman Jacquie Hepfer said of Williams, "We are blessed to have Eric

(and his staff). Everything is going good."

Council president David Ryan said that with the city's leadership Inverness "overcame ... challenges and excelled."

"People love this city," Ryan said. "That's just the way it is. You can't get any better than that."

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in May when Culver's announced it was building its first county location at the former West Gate Plaza at State Road 44 and Pleasant Grove Road in Inverness.

"I've met a lot of people who have actually told me they would love (a Culver's) in Inverness," said Joseph Knight, who will be the restaurant's general manager.

The new Culver's, set to open soon, will have a double drive-thru for folks who are fans of the Wisconsin-based chain's butter burgers.

Soaring home prices

Home prices in Citrus County continued to soar throughout the year.

Sellers made out like bandits. Buyers were stuck with limited inventory and – in some cases – were priced out of the market.

In October, the median price for an existing single-family home was a record \$250,000.

There are no signs of the market deteriorating as we head into 2022, according to Florida Realtors.

Continued low interest rates could be the reason. The Federal Reserve is now saying it probably won't raise them until later next year.

CORE debuts

Dawn Faherty had planned to retire in November after 35 years as a Florida public servant.

Until, that is, she was asked to head up a new initiative to help local businesses grow and expand.

Faherty became the executive director for the Citrus One-Stop Recovery and Economic (CORE) Business Center in downtown Inverness.

The CARES Advisory Committee, appointed by county commissioners in February, made the recommendation that Faherty run the center, which opened July 19 at the former Inverness Visitor Center at 203 E. Dampier St.

CORE's mission is "to provide an economic development hub for existing and prospective businesses to obtain all necessary

resources to start, grow and maintain a strong and healthy paradigm."

Where are the cars?

Supply-chain shortages hit much of the economy in 2021 and the automobile industry was no exception.

People looking for a new car or truck had tough going because there were not that many out there. Dealerships had – and are still having – a tough time getting computer chips due to factories being closed for so long during the pandemic.

That drove up prices. The average new-vehicle sales price topped \$40,000, up nearly 10 percent in two years.

The scarcity of new cars, trucks and SUVs led to a record 10 percent increase in used vehicle prices last year.

Duke Energy marks end of era

At 8 a.m. Saturday, June 12, Duke Energy marked the end of an era.

With a countdown from 10, more than 500 explosives with a force of about 450 pounds imploded two power houses at the company's Crystal River coal plant in Citrus County.

The 200-foot-tall by 125-foot-wide power houses consisted of boilers, steam turbine generators, drums, motors, pumps and pipes – the main equipment needed to generate 915 megawatts of energy for more than 50 years.

In November, the company imploded the remaining two 500-foot-tall stacks.

Wawa opens

Over 100 people attended the grand opening of the Crystal River Wawa in May.

Located at 505 NE U.S. 19, at the corner of State Road 44 and U.S. 19, construction had been delayed for months.

But all that was forgotten as folks stopped by for free coffee, free Wawa T-shirts and other festivities.

The store was the first to open in Florida with electric vehicle charging and marked the 50th such charging site in the Wawa chain.

Prosperity Citrus

Prosperity Citrus, a new initiative to break the chains of generational poverty

and cut childhood impoverishment in half by 2030, launched in August.

The Florida Chamber of Commerce debuted the initiative earlier in 2021 and it filtered down to individual county chambers, including Citrus, that tailored it for their respective communities.

And what a launch. Organizers held a free neighborhood cookout at Jim LeGrone Park in Crystal River.

Citrus County Commissioner Holly Davis is leading the charge for the local Prosperity Citrus project.

Wooten: The good and bad of 2021

The Chronicle asked Josh Wooten, president and CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, to comment on the year about to end and what businesses can expect going forward.

Here's what he said: "In 2021 the economy stabilized. Many of our businesses rebounded nicely. There is still a shortage of qualified people seeking employment. It has gotten better but it's still the number one complaint I hear from our businesses.

"Our unemployment rate has decreased from 5.3 percent to 4.9 percent since this time last year so that's good. Due to the pandemic we have seen early retirements and second breadwinners decide to stay home. I'm of the opinion that if you want a job, there are jobs available.

"(In 2021) we saw a lot of interest and groundbreaking from national chains. No doubt the Suncoast Parkway is fueling some of that. We also fared very well in the tourist arena. We saw expansion in healthcare and construction.

"Overall, 2021 was an OK year for most of our businesses and some really thrived. (In) 2022, we need to focus on more opportunities for higher wages and upward mobility for the workforce."

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were in Idaho, Utah, Montana, Arizona and South Carolina. Florida was eighth in percentage of growth.

The report last week by state economists included

somewhat different population estimates for Florida – differences that also have occurred in the past. But the state economists predicted continued steady growth the coming years, projecting a population of 24.47 million in 2030.

The economists predicted average growth of 309,867

residents a year, or 849 a day, from April 1, 2021, to April 1, 2026.

"These increases are analogous to adding a city about the size of Orlando every year," said an executive summary of the report by a state panel known as the Demographic Estimating Conference.

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2:00pm-4:00pm
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NEWS BRIEFS

VFW Post 4337 to have Christmas dinner Dec. 24

Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 in Inverness is having a Christmas dinner Dec. 24 at the post, 906 State Road 44 in Inverness.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Music will be provided by Roger Carrier.

The post will be open to the public all day Dec. 25. Post 4337 is a non-smoking post. For more information, call 352-344-3495.

Oakwood Village Homeowners' Association to meet

The Oakwood Village Homeowners' Association Inc. will have a meeting at 10 a.m. Dec. 30 at Villages Services Cooperative, Inc., 2541 N. Reston Terrace in Hernando for consideration of the 2022 budget.

Citrus libraries offering new legal resources

Citrus County Libraries has announced that new categories of digital content are now available. Users with a library card can access a new resource, LawDepot, through the Libby app.

LawDepot offers legal forms with customizable legal documents and templates for lease agreements, resumes and everything in between. All you need to do is download the free Libby app, add Citrus County Library System, look for "Extras" to get started.

This new resource is being added as an additional resource to the Law Library that is maintained by Citrus County Libraries at the Lakes Region branch in Inverness.

Learn more about using Libby, attend one of the "Getting Started with Libby" classes:

■ 10:15 a.m. Dec. 23 at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St. in Crystal River. Call 352-795-3716.

■ 10:15 a.m. Dec. 30 at the Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills. Call 352-746-6622.

To register, visit citruslibraries.org or call your nearest branch.

Correction

The Kings Bay Lions Club meets at 10 a.m. the first Saturday monthly for breakfast at Oysters Restaurant in Crystal River. A wrong time was listed in the Wednesday edition of the Chronicle. The club is seeking new members to assist them in their Vision/Hearing and Diabetic Screening projects.

For information, call 352-513-3740.

Clarification

In the editorial, "City must fix park problems fairly," on Page 10 of the Wednesday, Dec. 22, edition of the Chronicle it should be know Crystal River residents would not be required to pay for entry into Hunter Springs Park under a proposed plan.



From left are: Cpl. Clarence Peres, U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran; Danielle Damato Doty, Central Ridge Library branch supervisor; Shaunda Burdette, Citrus County Education Foundation executive director; Eric C. Head, library director; Adam Chang, library region manager; Debbie Reilly, library region manager; Paul Pilny, Citrus County Toys for Tots coordinator; Richard Mills, Toys for Tots volunteer; and Cpl. Walt Clevenger, U.S. Marine Corps Korean War veteran.

Libraries, Foundation partner with Toys for Tots

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This year, Citrus Libraries was delighted to once again partner with Marine Toys for Tots to assist in distributing books to children in the community.

Citrus County Toys for Tots coordinator Paul Pilny learned they would be receiving more than 1,700 new books to go to children during the holidays.

"Paul called me on a Monday and by Wednesday they were at the library dropping off dozens of boxes of books," Central Ridge Library branch supervisor Danielle Damato Doty said.

This year, Citrus Libraries also enlisted the help of the Citrus County Education Foundation. With their assistance, the books have been distributed to local elementary and middle school

children.

"The Citrus County Education Foundation has a direct connection to the schools and know where the biggest needs are," library director Eric C. Head said. "With their help we are able to get the books into students' hands quickly and efficiently."

"We are hopeful that donations such as this one will happen more regularly, and

we look forward to every opportunity to help foster a love of reading, especially during the holiday season," Head added. "And, it was a real honor to be joined by these U.S. Marine Corps veterans to kick off this year's distribution."

Toys for Tots has been spreading happiness and hope during the holiday season since 1947 and currently serves more than 850

communities across the country.

To learn more about the Citrus County Toys for Tots program and the impact they have on the community, visit beverly-hills-fl.toysfortots.org.

To stay up-to-date on everything within the Citrus County Library System, visit citruslibraries.org or @CitrusLibraries on Facebook and Instagram.

Inverness provides sewer services to downtown homes

By FRED HIERS
Chronicle Reporter

One of the oldest downtown neighborhoods in Inverness 700 feet west of Lake Henderson and just north of city hall is still on septic systems, but not for much longer.

The Inverness City Council agreed Tuesday on a deal with homeowners Althea and Arthur Franklin on Zephyr Street to bring city sewer services to the area established more than 70 years ago.

City Manager Eric Williams said the failure of the city to provide sewer service there was "a black eye for the city."

Williams told the Chronicle that the omission was

especially troublesome because the city had recently repaved much of Zephyr Street and should have then added the utility lines.

"These people deserve better than this," Williams said.

There are three homes north of Zephyr Street and between Seminole Avenue and Pine Avenue currently using individual onsite septic systems.

The properties were never connected to the city's central sewer collection system during the Zephyr Street improvement project.

To make matters worse recent flooding caused the septic tanks and drain fields to become saturated, leaving the systems inoperable for a time, Williams said.

"This condition significantly affects quality of life for those occupying these residential properties," Williams wrote his council members.

To put in sewer lines Williams said the city needed a ten-foot utility easement from the Franklin family.

As part of the deal, the city will compensate the Franklins by connecting their home to the new sewer line at no charge to them. The other two homeowners will have to pay connection fees. Once the system is in-

stalled and operating all three septic systems will have to be abandoned, Williams said.

In the area of the three homes there are also several empty lots. If they are ever developed, the new sewer lines will be able to provide service to those new homes.

The project will cost \$20,000.

Williams said the service was "a long time coming."

Councilwoman Linda Bega said she was surprised the area had been passed over.

"It's kind of hard to believe there are (homes) in the middle of downtown still on septic," she said.

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Judge weighs pregame prayer dispute

By RYAN DAILEY
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A federal judge heard arguments Tuesday in a more than five-year legal battle over whether the Florida High School Athletic Association violated a Christian school's free-speech rights by preventing a prayer from being read over a loudspeaker before a football game.

The case stems from the 2015 class 2A state championship game in Orlando's Camping World Stadium between Cambridge Christian School of Tampa, which filed the lawsuit, and Jacksonville's University Christian School.

U.S. District Judge Char-

lene Edwards Honeywell in 2017 dismissed the case, rejecting Cambridge Christian's arguments that blocking the prayer was a violation of the First Amendment. But in 2019, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned Honeywell's ruling, sending the case back to the Tampa-based district court.

Jesse Panuccio, an attorney representing Cambridge Christian, argued during Tuesday's hearing before Honeywell that the FHSAA displayed "viewpoint discrimination and arbitrariness" in its decision to block the prayer from being read over the stadium's public address system.

Part of the Christian

school's argument is that the FHSAA allowed a pre-game prayer over the loudspeaker at a 2012 state championship at the same stadium.

"There are two data points, two times that schools requested to pray at the class 2A championship game. And in 50 percent of them, the FHSAA approved the request. That is arbitrary application," Panuccio said.

The FHSAA, however, said in a motion for summary judgment that it is a "state actor" that hosted the championship game in a publicly owned stadium and that speech over loudspeakers at such events is tightly controlled.

The athletic association contended that speech over

loudspeakers at its events is considered "government speech" and that messages or prayers — or "private speech" — could be construed as being endorsed by the FHSAA.

In a motion for summary judgement filed in April, Cambridge Christian's attorneys argued the athletic association has no written policy prohibiting prayers being read over a loudspeaker. Cambridge Christian also contended that the FHSAA has previously written messages of a religious nature on its various social media accounts.

In addition, Panuccio pointed to the FHSAA allowing "secular invocations" like moments of silence.

Man accused of battery on fellow inmate

Reportedly threw boiling water in victim's face

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Chronicle Reporter

A Floral City man used a jail microwave to boil water and throw it on a fellow inmate, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

Lucas David Britts, 25, was arrested and charged with battery by de-

tainee upon other detainee. Bond was set at \$2,000.

On Dec. 19, deputies were dispatched to the Citrus County Detention Facility in Lecanto in reference to a past disturbance.

According to the report Britts and another inmate were involved in an altercation. Britts reportedly boiled a cup of water and threw it on his fellow inmate, causing burns on the side of his face.

Deputies checked the facility security cameras and observed Britts placing a cup into the microwave, which was located in his living quarters. He reportedly heated the cup for several minutes before throwing its contents on the inmate.

Britts remained at the detention facility, where he was booked for the alleged incident.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Reza Salazar, from surviving clown to Broadway

By SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As part of the cast of “Clyde’s,” Reza Salazar does eight performances a week at the Hayes Theater on Broadway alongside award-winning Uzo Aduba and others. It’s an achievement that he does not take for granted: The Peruvian actor began his career out of necessity at a very young age, when he and his mother would dress up as clowns to earn a living.

“I believe that what I did with my mother is still my foundation, the essence of what I continue to do now,” says Salazar. “I always have the clown inside, and it has opened the doors to Broadway, really.”

“Clyde’s,” written by two-time Pulitzer winner Lynn Nottage and directed by Kate Whoriskey, takes place in a sandwich shop whose owner (Aduba) hires ex-convicts to give them a chance to re-enter society. While the insensitive Clyde tries to keep them under her control, forcing them to stick to her old ways and recipes, they dream of creating the perfect sandwich.

Salazar plays Rafael, one of these employees, with Kara Young as his love interest Letitia, Ron Cephas Jones as the inspiring father-figure Montrellous, and Edmund Donovan as the newly hired Jason.

Born in Lima to a Peruvian father and Argentine mother, he was 4 when his parents divorced and his mother took him to Cali, Colombia, on a “vacation” that lasted three and a half years. Thus began an unstable life full of hardship that also led them to Ecuador, Bolivia and Argentina before finally arriving, a decade later, in the United States.

“It was the late 80s, early 90s,” says the actor, who as a child says that he had a “very good time” trav-



Polk & Co.
Reza Salazar during a performance of “Clyde’s,” in New York.

eling with his mother “like Che Guevara around South America. We didn’t travel by plane, we traveled from town to town in buses. But in Colombia we met with very difficult moments.”

With no money to pay for a nanny, it occurred to his mother to dress up as clowns just to attract attention at a street fair, where she would try to sell some handmade decorations.

“We didn’t have a show or any number, and we didn’t sell anything that day!”, Salazar remembers with a laugh. “We did have an audience that looked at us and laughed ... The sale went badly for us, but we did well with the characters. ... She named us ‘Hany and Bingo’.

“It’s interesting, I was already working as an actor without knowing that I was an actor, because we were really very poor,” he adds. “When we traveled we rented rooms. I never had a house, we never had a TV. The little television that I could see was when we would work in the streets outside the electronic stores.”

Asked if he had any fun working as a clown, Salazar replies that it was a way of being closer to his mother at a difficult moment.

“It was something that at that time I did not analyze as a child, but I think it made me feel safe, it made me feel protected, and in some way, it created stories between us that we have until now, that only she and I have lived.”

His life took a nice turn in Salta, in the north of Argentina, where he says they began a new chapter.

One day they saw a sign outside the Teatro La Fundación, the main theater in the city, offering acting classes for children and adults. At first his mother thought to enroll him because she couldn’t pay for both, but as there was no room, she ended up studying herself, taking him again with her as she had no one to leave him with.

“Rafael Monte, the director of that theater group at the time, says that I would stand from the seats and do everything that the others did without anyone paying much attention, until one day they looked at me and invited me to the stage to take the class with them.”

“That’s when I realized for the first time that what I was doing

was something that had respect, and that it was not just something from the street or something where I only made people laugh or amuse them, but that there was an instrument of voice, of movement, there were books, methods, and that these actors in Salta took it very seriously. ...”

At 14 they moved to North Carolina, where a Spanish-speaking senior at his high school encouraged him to audition for the drama club play even though he was a freshman and did not speak any English. She translated for him.

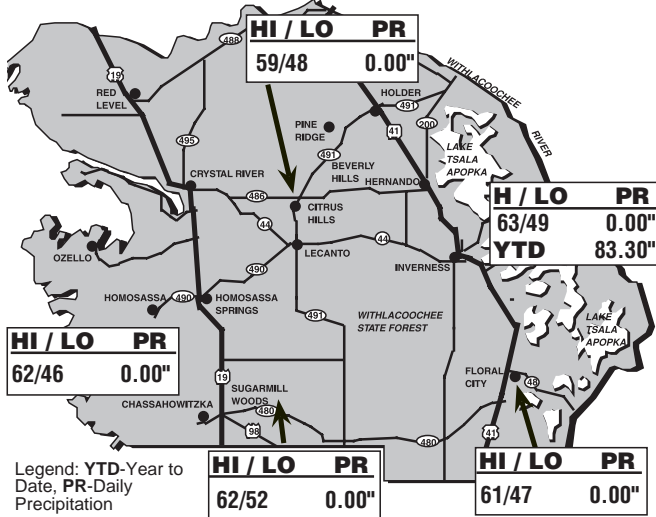
When the time to consider going to college arrived, Salazar, who back then didn’t have the required documents to live in the US, said that this situation would not allow him to apply for a scholarship. So he followed the advice of the drama club director and, at 18, he moved to New York to study acting at the HB Studio.

Here he played music on the Subway and made flower arrangements and other jobs until at 20, with his immigration status solved, he landed a role in an episode of “Law & Order.”

“‘Law and Order’ was something out of this world. I remember that I went to audition and they said, ‘Very well, we want you to come back this afternoon, but can you have more accent?’ I called my mother on the phone and made her speak English for about an hour before returning.”

Today Salazar’s credits include Broadway’s “Sweat,” also by Nottage, as well as “Richard II,” “Mobile Unit’s The Tempest,” “Oedipus El Rey” and “My Mañana Comes” off-Broadway. He has appeared on TV shows including “Daredevil” and “The Blacklist,” and the movies “The Imperialists Are Still Alive” and “See Girl Run.”

YESTERDAY’S WEATHER



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

THREE DAY OUTLOOK Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay Street

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 66° Low: 44°
Sunny and chilly.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 73° Low: 50°
Sunny and nice.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING
High: 72° Low: 58°
Mostly sunny.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	68	56	pc	Miami	74	66	s
Fort Lauderdale	75	62	s	Ocala	67	43	s
Fort Myers	70	53	s	Orlando	68	53	s
Gainesville	66	42	s	Pensacola	63	51	s
Homestead	74	58	s	Sarasota	70	52	s
Jacksonville	65	44	s	Tallahassee	63	40	s
Key West	73	63	s	Tampa	69	52	s
Lakeland	67	50	s	Vero Beach	72	58	s
Melbourne	71	58	s	W. Palm Bch.	72	67	s

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 15 knots then becoming north 5 to 10 knots in the afternoon. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Tonight: Northeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet.

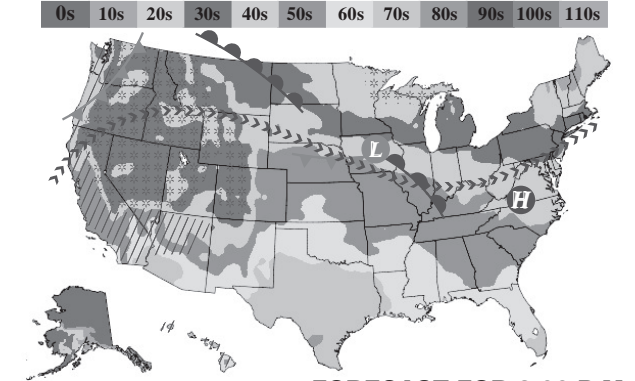
Gulf water temperature
65°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	WED	TUE	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	29.50	29.51	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.83	37.84	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.16	39.17	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.33	40.34	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. Thursday

City	WED			THU			WED			THU			
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	
Albany	43	30	Trace	30	23	pc	New Orleans	59	52	0.00	69	56	s
Albuquerque	58	25	0.00	59	33	mc	Sacramento	52	42	0.57	56	47	ra
Asheville	47	36	Trace	56	32	s	San Antonio	79	46	0.00	73	58	mc
Atlanta	54	37	0.00	57	36	s	San Diego	64	49	0.00	65	56	ra
Atlantic City	41	38	0.05	42	34	s	San Francisco	52	46	1.04	60	48	ra
Austin	75	49	0.00	73	59	pc	Savannah	61	41	0.13	59	38	s
Baltimore	50	34	0.14	41	32	s	Seattle	51	41	0.60	43	38	sh
Birmingham	52	39	0.00	50	29	mc	Spokane	45	25	0.18	40	28	rs
Boise	46	30	0.03	46	34	ra	St. Louis	43	25	0.00	60	45	pc
Boston	43	36	0.10	31	23	s	St. Ste Marie	28	16	0.29	29	25	sn
Buffalo	43	28	Trace	36	30	sn	Syracuse	39	30	0.03	31	27	ss
Burlington, VT	38	28	Trace	23	17	pc	Topeka	56	19	0.00	60	43	pc
Charleston, SC	59	43	0.00	57	38	s	Washington	51	37	0.07	42	34	s
Charleston, WV	39	28	0.00	52	40	s							
Charlotte	61	34	0.00	51	35	s							
Chicago	32	20	0.00	45	34	mc							
Cincinnati	39	27	0.00	49	39	pc							
Cleveland	43	28	Trace	42	36	mc							
Columbia, SC	63	39	0.09	55	31	s							
Columbus, OH	36	25	0.00	43	37	mc							
Concord, NH	38	19	0.70	28	17	ss							
Dallas	66	42	0.00	72	59	mc							
Denver	35	33	0.00	64	40	pc							
Des Moines	43	15	0.00	49	35	pc							
Detroit	39	25	0.00	38	34	sn							
El Paso	70	39	0.00	72	49	pc							
Evansville, IN	40	28	0.00	54	45	s							
Harrisburg	47	28	0.00	38	31	pc							
Hartford	47	32	0.22	33	24	s							
Houston	72	43	0.00	79	63	pc							
Indianapolis	34	21	0.00	46	40	pc							
Kansas City	54	23	0.00	57	45	pc							
Las Vegas	57	36	0.00	66	53	ra							
Little Rock	52	32	0.00	63	54	pc							
Los Angeles	64	47	0.00	59	52	ra							
Louisville	43	30	0.00	52	43	s							
Memphis	54	37	0.00	62	53	s							
Milwaukee	28	17	0.00	42	29	mc							
Minneapolis	25	7	0.00	35	25	pc							
Mobile	65	41	0.00	64	47	s							
Montgomery	61	36	0.00	66	37	s							
Nashville	47	35	0.00	59	44	s							

ALMANAC Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE
Yesterday 63/47
Record* 84/25
Normal 71/44
Mean temp. 58
Departure from mean -3

PRECIPITATION
Yesterday 0.00"
Total for the month 0.83"
Total for the year 62.49"
Normal for the year 51.05"

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

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 29.96

DEW POINT
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 47°

HUMIDITY
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 84%

POLLEN COUNT**
Predominant: Trees
Thu [] low [] med [] high []

**Light - only extreme allergic will show symptoms, moderate - most allergic will experience symptoms, heavy - all allergic will experience symptoms.

SOLUNAR TABLES Provided by ezfshn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR
12/23	THURSDAY	7:19	3:48	5:37	4:11
12/24	FRIDAY	7:19	4:35	5:38	4:58

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 5:37 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:19 am
MOONRISE TODAY 9:43 pm
MOONSET TODAY 10:45 am

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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TIDES

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

THURSDAY

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	8:34 a.m.	0.6 ft 9:07 p.m.
Crystal River**	6:28 a.m.	2.3 ft 7:40 p.m.
Withlacoochee*	3:19 a.m.	3.2 ft 5:07 p.m.
Homosassa***	7:01 a.m.	1.4 ft 9:11 p.m.

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c-cloudy; fg-fog; hz-haze; mc-mostly cloudy; pc-partly cloudy; ra-rain; rs-rain; snow; s-sunny; sh-showers; sm-smoke; sn-snow; ss-snow showers; t-thunderstorms

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 2021. There are eight days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 23, 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the Continental Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

On this date:

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, non-refueled round-the-world flight as it returned safely to Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 2001, Time magazine named New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani its Person of the Year for his steadfast response to the 9/11 terrorist attack.

Ten years ago: After days of stalemate and rancor, Congress approved a two-month renewal of payroll tax cuts for 160 million workers and unemployment benefits for millions; President Barack Obama immediately signed the bill into law.

Five years ago: Actor and writer Carrie Fisher was transported to a Los Angeles hospital after suffering a severe medical emergency on an international flight; she died four days later at age 60.

One year ago: Pfizer said it would supply the U.S. government with an additional 100 million doses of its COVID-19 vaccine under a new agreement between the pharmaceutical giant and the Trump administration.

Today's Birthdays: Former Emperor Akihito of Japan is 88. Actor-comedian Harry Shearer is 78. Actor Susan Lucci is 75. Rock musician Dave Murray (Iron Maiden) is 65. Actor Joan Severance is 63. Singer Terry Weeks is 58. Rock singer Eddie Vedder (Pearl Jam) is 57. Actor Elvy Yost is 34.

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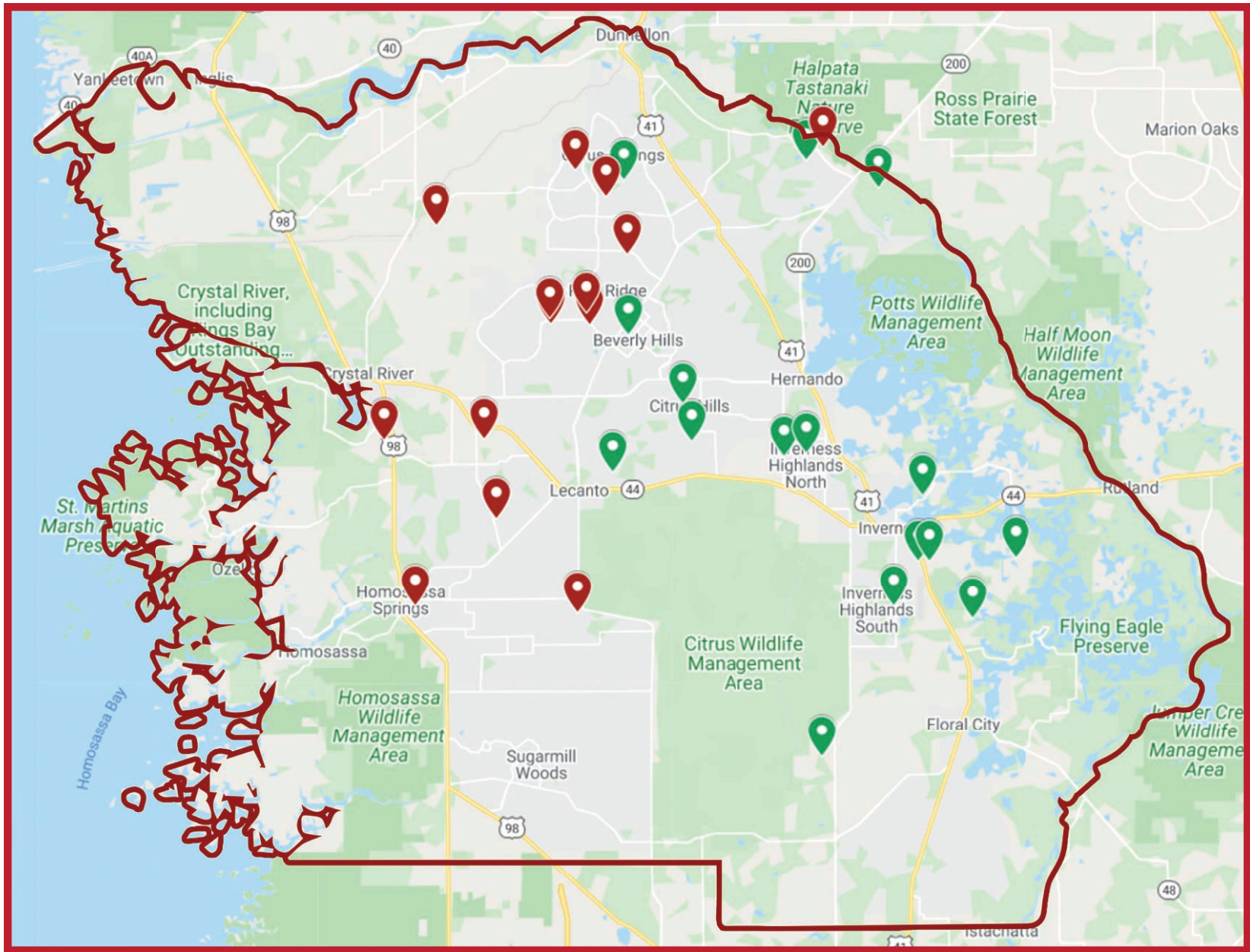
WINNERS

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EAST

	Title	Address
1	Kasper Christmas	8160 W Barry Ct, Homosassa, FL 34446
2	Halo Hills Christmas	4450 S Halo Hills Terrace, Lecanto, FL 34461
3	Fox's Light Display	7160 N Fernandina Ave, Dunnellon, FL 34433
3	A Little Christmas cheer on the River	4027 E Riverside Dr, Dunnellon, FL 34434

	Title	Address
1	Light Up Lecanto	269 S Ponder Ave, Lecanto, FL 34461
2	The Stowe Street Christmas Display	1305 Stowe St, Inverness, FL 34450
3	Country Christmas	5680 E River Rd, Hernando, FL 34442



	Title	Address
	Fox's Light Display	7160 N Fernandina Ave, Dunnellon, FL 34433
	The Clemmons Lights	5685 W Justin Ct, Homosassa, FL 34448
	Christmas around the Circle	4000 N Hatchet Cir, Beverly Hills, FL 34465
	A Snowy Egret Christmas	2372 W Snowy Egret Pl, Citrus Springs, FL 34434
	Merry Christmas	4325 N Wigwam Terrace, Beverly Hills, FL 34465
	Kasper Christmas	8160 W Barry Ct, Homosassa, FL 34446
	Christmas in the Ridge	2905 W Birds Nest Dr, Beverly Hills, FL 34465
	Halo Hills Christmas	4450 S Halo Hills Terrace, Lecanto, FL 34461
	Hollywood Christmas Lights	761 N Hollywood Cir, Crystal River, FL 34429
	Rock Family Christmas Display	2925 W Beamwood Dr, Beverly Hills, FL 34465
	Rockin' around the Christmas Tree	1764 W Mc Neal Dr, Citrus Springs, FL 34434
	Santa's Gingerbread Christmas	741 N Country Club Dr, Crystal River, FL 34429
	Santa's alternate ride	8731 N Spartan Dr, Citrus Springs, FL 34433
	A little Christmas cheer on the river	4027 E Riverside Dr, Dunnellon, FL 34434

	Title	Address
	Vintage Christmas Blow Molds	9075 N Cedar Cove Rd, Dunnellon, FL 34434
	LightUpCitrus	745 N Heathrow Dr, Lecanto, FL 34461
	Lights on oak street	903 Oak St, Inverness, FL 34452
	May Bud Light You're Way!	195 N Croft Ave, Inverness, FL 34453
	LightupLecanto	269 S Ponder Ave, Lecanto, FL 34461
	Gunn Court Christmas	7075 E Gunn Ct, Inverness, FL 34450
	Perry's Christmas wonderland	3588 E Jonah Pl, Inverness, FL 34453
	Country Christmas	5680 E River Rd, Hernando, FL 34442
	Little Christmas Wonderland	4187 S Canton Terrace, Inverness, FL 34452
	Lights on Lake Tahoe	9807 E Lake Tahoe Dr, Inverness, FL 34450
	Gingerbread House	4008 E Highpoint Ln, Inverness, FL 34452
	In Memory of Nye Duncan	103 W Albany Ln, Hernando, FL 34442
	Nash Estate Light Show	4517 S Old Floral City Rd, Inverness, FL 34450
	The Stowe Street Christmas Display	1305 Stowe St, Inverness, FL 34450
	Home for the holidays	80 S Adams St, Beverly Hills, FL 34465
	Light up Golfview	8399 N Golfview Dr, Citrus Springs, FL 34434

OBITUARIES

Pauline Marcolini

Pauline Marcolini, age 77, passed away on 12/15/2021. She was born in New Jersey and lived in Palisades Park until she got married.



Cassidy, and Hailey, Marcolini and Hailey's mom Maria Mancuso and her cousin/sister Joan Shannon.

Pauline and her husband moved to Florida in 2002 and quickly became Floridians. She adored Florida!

Pauline is survived by her husband of 58 years, Carl, her two sons, Rob Marcolini and Mike Marcolini and wife Deirdre, her three granddaughters, Juliana,

Pauline spent over 20 years teaching handicapped children in Goshen, New York and was always willing to help anyone in need. She was a wonderful mother to Rob and Mike, a loving and caring wife to Carl and will be terribly missed by all the people she touched.

Virginia 'Ginny' Hausmann

Virginia, Ginny, Hausmann of Beverly Hills, Florida was born in pre-WW2 Philadelphia and raised in the New Jersey suburbs



she found at the UU brought her great comfort. Ginny was always a great source of wisdom and unfiltered advice for her children. Kirsten and Sam sought her counsel often, cherished their visits to Florida, and were a great source of pride for Ginny as they grew to be successful adults with families of their own. Susan, Michael, and Debbie were more than stepchildren, to Ginny they were her cherished kids. Ginny's grandchildren always felt her love and she beamed when speaking of them. As time passed Ginny slowed somewhat but was still a well-known figure around the Citrus County community. When she and Dick walked into any number of restaurants their favorite food and drink hit the table without delay.

Ginny was a Delta Gamma at Gettysburg College and went on to have a successful career in human resources management in the defense sector, private industry, and most notably was a long serving HR Director at the Boston Museum of Science. After her kids went off into the world Ginny became Ginny Fitzgerald and she and her love, Dick, moved to Florida for new adventures. True to form, this accomplished vocalist, although admittedly average piano player, avid sailor, and respected church member took on her new home State with zeal. Along the way in Florida, Ginny became a nature tour boat operator and guide at Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park, a Citrus County elections official, a Citrus County court mediator, and a volunteer firefighter with Citrus County Fire Rescue. Golden Retrievers were always found in their home, as over the years Ginny and Dick took in a series of rescue dogs who were lavished with love, attention, and an occasional treat from the table.

Saturday, December 11th 2021 Ginny left us on her terms after a short illness. Vibrant, beautiful, and witty 'til her last moments. Ginny was a rock not only for her family, but for so many coworkers and friends.

Ginny is survived by her husband Richard Fitzgerald, daughter Kirsten McCandless, son Sam Dahl, stepdaughter Susan Terino and husband John, stepson Michael Fitzgerald and wife Cindy, stepdaughter Debbie Vendzulas and husband Vinny. Ginny's beloved grandchildren are Emily, Hannah, Abby, John, Lizzie, Katherine, Danielle, Devon, Shaun, and Aiden. Ginny will also be missed by a host of great grandchildren, cousins, nephews and her best friends Sally and Noel. Ginny was predeceased by her parents Louise and Clarence Hausmann.

A celebration of life is being planned for March.

Ginny and Dick cruised the coast of Florida in their series of small boats and cruised the world on everything from riverboats to the largest luxury liners, finding joy and friends wherever they travelled. Ginny found great joy as a vocalist, board member, and service leader at Unitarian Universalist congregations in Sherborn, MA, Gainesville, FL and Citrus Springs, FL. Her faith and the friends



Sonny "Hoot" Gibson

This photo provided by Sonny "Hoot" Gibson shows Madix the cat, who was found in the rubble of Gibson's Mayfield, Ky. office building nine days after a tornado devastated much of the town.

9 days after tornado, cat found in rubble

By **REBECCA REYNOLDS**
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Nine days after a tornado demolished his three-story office building in downtown Mayfield, Kentucky, Sonny "Hoot" Gibson was standing in the rubble when he thought he heard a faint meow.

The noise was stifled and he couldn't locate Madix immediately so he called some employees who came to help search. Soon after, they found the cat in a hole beneath the rubble.

"It was just an incredible feeling to put him in my arms," Gibson said. "If cats actually have nine lives, he probably used up about eight of them in that nine-day period."

Other than being very hungry and thirsty, Madix was unscathed. Gibson said he took Madix home, where he will live out the rest of his days as a house cat.

Gibson said the story of Madix the survivor is becoming popular around the town of Mayfield, where a long-track tornado demolished huge parts of the community.

"It's a blessing for people to hear the story so they can take that and realize that great things can come out of terrible situations. If it's uplifting to one person, then Madix has served his purpose on this planet."

It instantly gave him hope that his office cat, Madix, who hadn't been seen since before the storms hit, was alive. Gibson said he had tried to find the solid black cat with yellow eyes that liked to greet customers of his rental business, but had given up after a few days.

"I don't know how anything could've survived not just the tornado but the destruction that came along with it," he said.

Gibson was standing in the rubble Sunday afternoon when he heard the faint noise.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TAKE STUDENTS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



Special to the Chronicle
Santa recently watched over a great group of people at the Lecanto Walmart. The Rotary Club of Crystal River, with the help of Crystal River High School Interact students and all Citrus County Rotary Clubs, took more than 90 students Christmas shopping for their families. This tradition is more than 30 years old.

Study: COVID surge expected in Florida, peaking in February

By **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MIAMI — With Floridians lining up by the tens of thousands for COVID tests across the state this week, University of Florida researchers predict that cases in the Sunshine State, driven by the new omicron variant, could peak in February with more than 30,000 reported cases a day.

The report by three UF researchers said the actual number of infections, both symptomatic and asymptomatic, could be significantly higher — up to 150,000 infections a day — under the most likely scenario in Florida.

"The number of projected infections is much larger than the number of reported cases because many infections are not reported, especially if they are asymptomatic or mild," the report released late last week said.

At the beginning of the month, Florida had a seven-day average of just over 1,400 cases, though that number has grown significantly as the omicron variant has spread. As of Monday, Florida had a seven-day average of more than 8,600 cases, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We have seen this omicron variant rapidly spreading like wildfire, especially as we head into the holiday season," Miami-Dade



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People wait in line to get tested for COVID-19 Wednesday outside the Stephen P. Clark Government Center building in downtown Miami. With Floridians lining up by the tens of thousands for COVID tests across the state this week, University of Florida researchers predict that cases in the Sunshine State, driven by the new omicron variant, could peak in February with more than 30,000 reported cases a day.

Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said Wednesday at a news conference announcing new efforts to combat the virus in Florida's most populous county.

Those efforts include a return to requiring masks at all county buildings and the opening of more COVID testing sites since demand has exploded in the past week across the county, as well as the state.

Levine Cava also said she has asked the federal government for more monoclonal antibody treatments,

which are used to treat those who have fallen ill with the virus. There has been a shortage of the treatment across the country.

The Miami-Dade mayor said the best thing anybody could do to protect against the new variant is to get vaccinated.

In response to the spreading new variant, Memorial Healthcare System in Hollywood said Wednesday it would limit most visitors, with exceptions made for end-of-life patients, labor and delivery, as well as pe-

diatric and special needs patients.

Meanwhile, Floridians seeking COVID tests at drive-through sites were waiting in long lines, some for several hours. At Barnett Park in Orlando, the wait was up to two hours.

"The majority are coming for tests for travel purposes or because they have Christmas gatherings in a few days," Daniella Sullivan, an Orange County Health Services administrator, told the Orlando Sentinel.

McConnell openly courts Manchin to leave Democrats, join GOP

By **KEVIN FREKING and FARNOUSH AMIRI**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitch McConnell is done with subtleties. The Senate Republican leader is putting his party's courtship of Joe Manchin on full public display after the West Virginia Democrat's fractious split with the White House over the president's big social and environmental spending package.

McConnell says Manchin "feels like a man alone" and if he were to switch parties, "he would be joining a lot of folks who have

similar views on a whole range of issues."

Whether Manchin is open to McConnell's appeal — he has consistently said he still sees himself as a Democrat — is uncertain. But it is clear that if he were to switch it would fundamentally alter the balance of power in Washington as well as seriously threaten Joe Biden's legislative prospects for the rest of his presidency.

McConnell dangled the prospect of Manchin retaining his prized Energy Committee chairmanship during an interview Wednesday and played up the West Virginian's growing distance

from Democrats in his opposition to Biden's package.

A flip by Manchin would give Republicans control of the Senate and effectively end any chance of Democrats being able to get legislation or nominations through on party-line votes.

The rift escalated after Manchin said over the weekend that he couldn't vote for the social spending package that Democrats have pitched as their top domestic priority going into next year's elections.

"I cannot vote to continue with this piece of legislation. I just can't. I've tried everything humanly possible.

I can't get there," Manchin told "Fox News Sunday."

That prompted a sharply worded response from White House press secretary Jen Psaki, who said Manchin had "in person" given Biden a written proposal that was "the same size and scope" as a framework for the bill that Democrats rallied behind in October — and that he had agreed to continue talks.

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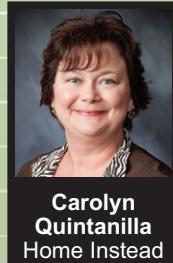
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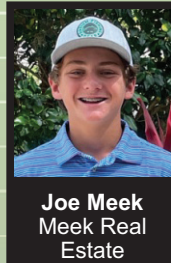
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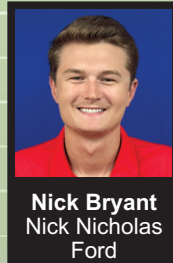
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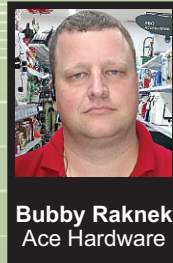
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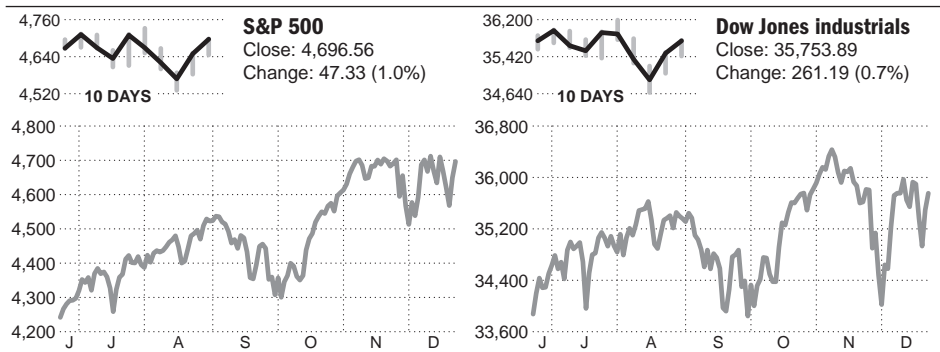
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StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,059	3,760						
Pvs. Volume	3,689	4,075						
Advanced	1941	2276						
Declined	529	1229						
New Highs	47	49						
New Lows	28	84						

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	33.88	24.78	+31	+1.3	▲	▲	▼	-13.8	-10.7	cc	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	145.06	141.05	+45	+0.3	▲	▼	▲	+16.6	+18.4	35	0.80
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	79.67	60.39	+37	+0.6	▲	▲	▲	-13.6	-17.2	21	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	28.73	48.69	44.28	+0.9	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	+46.1	+53.3	13	0.84
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	29.00	26.35	-0.6	-0.2	▲	▼	▲	+7.2	+9.4	13	0.64f
Citigroup	C	57.40	80.29	59.60	+22	+0.4	▲	▼	▼	-3.3	+2.1	6	2.04
Disney	DIS	142.04	203.02	151.88	+83	+0.5	▲	▲	▼	-16.2	-15.3
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	108.38	103.16	+14	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	+12.7	+19.1	58	3.94f
EPR Properties	EPR	29.79	56.07	46.15	+16	+0.3	▲	▼	▼	+42.0	+41.1	...	3.00
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.03	29.29	25.96	+16	+0.6	▲	▼	▲	-4.8	-2.8	...	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	40.53	66.38	60.99	+49	+0.8	▲	▼	▲	+48.0	+46.6	...	3.52f
Ford Motor	F	8.43	21.49	20.14	+53	+2.7	▲	▼	▲	+129.1	+118.1	23	0.40
Gen Electric	GE	82.88	116.17	93.07	+01	...	▲	▼	▼	+8.0	+4.4	...	0.32
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	156.43	263.92	252.07	+5.04	+2.0	▼	▲	▲	+53.3	+50.6	23	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59	420.61	395.64	+5.17	+1.3	▲	▼	▲	+48.9	+46.4	28	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	68.49	50.97	+20	+0.4	▲	▲	▼	+2.3	+7.4	10	1.39
IBM	IBM	114.56	152.84	129.75	+7.8	+0.6	▲	▲	▼	+3.1	+11.2	22	6.56
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	60.05	57.28	+4.3	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+62.5	+53.6	18	...
Lowes Cos	LOW	150.84	263.31	249.70	+2.72	+1.1	▲	▼	▲	+55.6	+52.2	26	3.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66	16.60	12.76	+0.8	+0.6	▲	▼	▲	+30.9	+32.7	...	1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	266.89	264.94	+5.5	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	+23.5	+24.1	29	5.16
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	349.67	333.20	+5.91	+1.8	▲	▼	▲	+49.8	+47.4	37	2.48f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	163.16	266.86	264.59	+2.98	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	+55.6	+52.0	46	2.84
NextEra Energy	NEE	68.33	92.70	90.80	+3.5	+0.4	▼	▲	▲	+17.7	+22.8	57	1.54
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	20.35	18.00	+0.5	+0.3	▲	▼	▲	+10.9	+14.6	44	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	15.16	24.89	21.34	+0.2	+0.1	▲	▼	▲	+32.4	+39.8	8	0.68
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	140.65	133.14	+1.25	+0.9	▼	▲	▲	+15.2	+19.8	17	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	159.56	202.26	186.93	+5.6	+0.3	▲	▼	▼	+13.9	+14.9	24	4.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	258.86	202.84	+4.9	+0.2	▼	▲	▼	-4.2	-2.7	25	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.69	60.13	52.77	-0.1	...	▼	▲	▼	-10.2	-8.0	10	2.56f
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	20.36	15.17	+0.1	+0.1	▼	▼	▼	-7.9	-7.2	cc	1.06e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	152.57	139.80	+1.8	+0.1	▲	▼	▲	-3.0	-3.1	39	2.20
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.03	57.05	50.41	+4.5	+0.9	▲	▲	▲	+26.4	+24.7	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.

Interest Rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.46% Wednesday. 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. benchmark crude rose 2.3%. Heating oil prices rose more than 2%, while wholesale gasoline rose less than 1%. Natural gas rose 2.8%. Gold and silver prices rose.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.08	.07	+0.01	.09
6-month T-bill	.16	.1609
52-wk T-bill	.26	.29	-0.03	.09
2-year T-note	.68	.70	-0.02	.13
5-year T-note	1.23	1.24	-0.01	.37
7-year T-note	1.39	1.40	-0.01	.64
10-year T-note	1.46	1.48	-0.02	.90
30-year T-bond	1.85	1.89	-0.04	1.65

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	3.42	3.57	3.58	4.11
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	3.19	3.25	3.18	3.13
15 year fixed mortgage	2.50	2.52	2.52	2.43

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	72.76	71.12	+2.31	+50.0
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14	...	+49.1
Heating Oil (gal)	2.31	2.26	+2.21	+55.6
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.98	3.87	+2.77	+56.6
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.17	2.15	+0.73	+52.3

METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1801.60	1787.90	+0.77	-4.8
Silver (oz)	22.79	22.50	+1.29	-13.4
Platinum (oz)	968.40	927.80	+4.38	-10.0
Copper (lb)	4.39	4.34	+1.19	+24.9
Palladium (oz)	1887.10	1790.90	+5.37	-22.9

AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.36	1.36	+0.17	+20.2
Coffee (lb)	2.34	2.28	+2.32	+82.1
Corn (bu)	6.03	5.98	+0.71	+24.5
Cotton (lb)	1.09	1.07	+1.45	+39.3
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1022.70	1005.60	+1.78	+16.9
Orange Juice (lb)	1.47	1.40	+5.03	+19.5
Soybeans (bu)	13.29	13.08	+1.59	+1.0
Wheat (bu)	8.14	7.99	+1.88	+27.1

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*	
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.12	+21	+14.6	+16.1	+15.7	+11.1	
	CptlWldGrInCA m	62.72	+61	+13.1	+15.7	+18.9	+12.8	
	CptlInclBldrA m	69.02	+41	+13.1	+15.1	+11.8	+7.8	
	FdmTlInvsA m	74.83	+51	+20.7	+22.5	+22.4	+15.1	
	GrAmrcA m	73.62	+93	+18.2	+19.8	+29.7	+20.4	
	IncAmrcA m	25.45	+15	+15.6	+17.2	+13.6	+9.1	
	InvAmrcA m	51.02	+48	+23.1	+25.5	+22.0	+14.3	
	NwPrspctvA m	65.46	+95	+16.1	+18.6	+27.8	+19.5	
	WAMtlInvsA m	59.38	+50	+26.1	+29.0	+20.7	+14.5	
	Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.06	+0.2	-0.9	-0.6	+6.1	+4.5
		Stk	242.60	+1.19	+30.3	+33.8	+21.7	+13.6
		500IxdInvsPrm	162.87	+1.66	+26.8	+29.2	+27.0	+17.9
	Fidelity	BCGrowth	182.55	+2.20	+22.0	+20.9	+40.7	+29.2
		Contrafund	18.61	+1.5	+23.4	+24.4	+30.8	+22.1
		GoCo	40.29	+3.6	+22.6	+20.7	+44.3	+29.7
TlMktIxdInvsPrm		131.97	+1.28	+24.0	+25.5	+26.8	+17.4	
USBdIxdInvsPrm		12.00	+0.2	-1.7	-1.5	+4.9	+3.7	
SP500Ixd		71.13	...	+25.5	+27.6	+26.5	+17.6	
BCGr		177.32	+2.02	+17.4	+18.0	+29.5	+23.2	
Vanguard	500IxdAdmrl	433.33	+4.42	+26.8	+29.2	+27.0	+17.9	
	DivGrInV	40.14	+3.2	+22.3	+24.7	+22.7	+16.3	
	GrIxdAdmrl	163.92	+2.09	+26.1	+27.0	+36.5	+24.3	
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.72	...	+1.2	+1.2	+4.4	+3.9	
	IntlGrAdmrl	137.15	+9.1	-2.3	-0.4	+28.3	+21.0	
	MdCpldAdmrl	311.06	+2.16	+22.3	+22.6	+25.2	+15.3	
	PmCpAdmrl	166.70	+1.46	+19.9	+22.0	+23.4	+17.8	
	STInvmGrAdmrl	10.80	...	-0.5	-0.3	+3.6	+2.8	
	SmCpldAdmrl	107.09	+8.8	+15.8	+15.8	+22.3	+13.0	
	TlBldAdmrl x	11.21	...	-1.5	-1.4	+5.0	+3.7	
	TlInSlxdAdmrl	33.73	+2.6	+7.1	+10.2	+14.0	+9.8	
	TlInSlxdInV	20.16	+1.5	+7.1	+10.1	+14.0	+9.7	
	TlSMIxdAdmrl	116.36	+1.13	+24.0	+25.5	+26.8	+17.5	
	TlSMIxdInV	116.31	+1.13	+23.9	+25.4	+26.7	+17.3	
	WlIngtAdmrl	89.16	+6.3	+18.1	+19.7	+17.9	+12.1	
WlStyInAdmrl	69.58	+2.2	+7.7	+8.8	+11.2	+7.9		

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Stocks rise on Wall Street ahead of Christmas holiday

By DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writers

Stocks closed broadly higher on Wall Street Wednesday, adding to the market's gains this week ahead of the Christmas holiday.

The S&P 500 rose 1 percent after coming back from an early slide. The other indexes also recovered after sliding into the red in the early going. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.1 percent and the Nasdaq closed 1.2 percent higher. The Russell 2000, a measure of small-company stocks, rose 0.9%.

Every major U.S. index is still on track for weekly gains after a choppy several days where stocks bounced between sharp losses and solid gains.

"We've had strength yesterday and today, so the

markets are generally positive this week following a fair amount of pressure last week," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

The S&P 500 rose 47.33 points to 4,696.56. The index is now within 0.4 percent of the all-time high it set Dec. 10.

The Dow gained 261.19 points to 35,753.89, while the Nasdaq rose 180.81 points to 15,521.89. The Russell 2000 gained 18.96 points to 2,221.90.

The latest surge in coronavirus cases because of the omicron variant has been hanging over markets, along with concerns about rising inflation and its impact on economic growth.

The Commerce Department on Wednesday said the U.S. economy grew at a 2.3 percent rate in the third quarter, slightly bet-

OPINION

► *“The world has grown weary through the years, but at Christmas, it is young.”*

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EDITORIAL

State Rep. Massullo seeks millions for Citrus projects

State Rep. Ralph Massullo, a Lecanto physician who has represented Citrus County since 2016, is preparing for the 2022 legislative session by submitting more than \$60 million in funding requests for Citrus County projects. Massullo’s list includes the big three issues in Citrus County: water, transportation and mental health.

Water quality has long been a top priority here. The list includes \$4 million each for King’s Bay and Homosassa River restoration projects that focus on clearing harmful Lyngbya algae and on planting beneficial eel grass. The Save Crystal River group has previously benefitted from state funding, which allowed it to successfully demonstrate what works in waterway restoration.

Other water projects on the list include \$2 million for the Homosassa septic-to-sewer plan to remove 135 residences from septic tanks, as well as \$2.5 million to provide clean drinking water to eastside neighborhoods where wells were contaminated by summer’s historic rainfall. And there’s \$4.2 million for restoring the Tsala Apopka lakes chain, our largest freshwater system, by removing tussocks and bottom sediment.

In the transportation arena, the largest item is \$20.7 million for a Turkey Oak bypass for State Road 44, to keep Crystal River from being crushed by exiting Suncoast Parkway traffic trying to get north on U.S. 19. The

THE ISSUE: Our state representative goes to bat again for Citrus County.

OUR OPINION: Great support for county priorities.

Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization is studying likely parkway traffic repercussions in Citrus County, too. Also on the list are \$9.2 million for the first phase of a multi-use path on Fort Island Trail, and \$7.1 million for a 640-foot runway extension at Crystal River airport.

Massullo’s list includes \$1.5 million for LifeStream Behavioral Center, the county’s contracted mental-health services provider, to operate a 20-bed Baker Act facility in Lecanto. Currently, individuals must be taken out of county, a strain for the family as well as for the law enforcement transportation detail. A Baker Act intake center has been on Citrus County’s wish list for years.

The funding request list also includes \$2 million for the final phase of the King’s Bay Riverwalk. While Riverwalk is in Crystal River, it will benefit the entire county through providing recreation for local residents as well as an additional draw for visitors. Businesses are looking forward to it.

We applaud Rep. Massullo for listening to county needs, having the county’s long-term interests at heart, and for being a continuing champion for Citrus County. His solid relationships in Tallahassee ensure that his requests will be taken seriously. We appreciate being so well-represented.

State has been under one party for years

(Re Monday, Dec. 13’s Page A3 story, “Florida Democrats aim to rebound as GOP voting numbers grow”): DeSantis is taking credit for seeing more Republicans registered to vote than Democrats. My question is, how many years has this state been run under one party? How many years?

New design, new fonts are terrible

Hi guys, this is the fourth or fifth time that I’ve called Sound Off and I wonder if somebody really monitors these and why some calls get censored and screened out. I’ll tell you what, the new format, the layout, the fonts and everything really stink. ... You

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for riding for veterans

American Legion Riders Chapter 237 would like to send out a huge thank you for all who participated in our Wreaths for our Fallen Heroes ride on Dec. 19. Over 120 motorcycles and 40 vehicles escorted the 1,500 to Bushnell National Cemetery.

We would like to thank the following: Citrus County Chronicle for all your support in getting this out to the community; Citrus County Sheriff’s Office for your outstanding job in escorting our group to Bushnell; Home Depot of Crystal River for all your help in obtaining the wreaths; Crystal Harley Davidson (Amy Moody and Joanne Kral) for all your fundraising efforts to make this possible. Monetary donations; Veterans for a Cause; American Legion Riders Chapter 237; the Biscuit Barn; Auxiliary Unit 237; Crystal River Eagles Auxiliary, Riders, and Aries; American Legion Post 166; S&S Electric; VFW 8189; VFW 10137; Confederation of American Patriots; Lowman Law Firm; Mickey’s Bar & Billiards; Mike Skiba; Rebecca Kelly; and to all others who made monetary donations. To Jimmy Brown, Cecil Rohlf, Vito Picicci who provided trucks, trailers and manpower to transport the wreaths. To Greg Olynyk and John Roby who also assisted with the loading/unloading. To all who showed up at Post 237 to help place bows on these wreaths. This event was a huge, moving event to honor our veterans and their families. Thank you all who participated and donated in some shape or form to make this a successful event. Merry Christmas to all and a happy 2022.

John Roby
Director, American Legion Riders Chapter 237

Massullo hasn’t earned Senate seat

State House Rep. Ralph Massullo filed his papers to run for the Florida Senate recently. He claims he “stands up for conservative values” and “there is a new frontier to fight to defend those values.” Further, he states that “Florida’s success is the result of conservative principles in action and bold, decisive leadership.”

He thinks “the massive federal overreach by the Biden Administration and the dysfunction of Washington D.C. threatens the progress we’ve made” so “that is why the Florida Senate should stand up for our conservative beliefs and push back against unconstitutional edicts.” What a mouthful of nothing burger – no facts, figures or legislative achievements are mentioned.

To determine what Massullo truly stands for, we simply need to review his voting record and recent public statements.

Let’s start with government overreach. Massullo complains about federal government

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overreach (the vaccination mandates), and yet he supports expanding the state’s legislative authority to override decisions made by our local government officials: from county commissioners, city councilmen, to school boards. An authoritarian dictatorial leadership of this kind in our Senate is not grounded in constitutionally democratic values. We didn’t vote for our local representatives to have their decisions simply overridden by the state Legislature.

Massullo’s values about the sanctity and protection of life are equally disappointing. Massullo voted for militarizing schools with more guns to stop massacres rather than proposing common sense laws for gun safety and control.

And Massullo’s stance on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic is simply pandering to his base. It’s not a “rights” issue, as Massullo claims, it’s a public health issue. His position has not only cost the lives of over 62,000 Floridians (837 in Citrus County), but it also threatens to hamper Florida’s economic growth by discouraging people from entering the workforce.

Massullo has yet to show us that he has the courage to lead by voting principles over party, humanity and service over self-interest, and constitutionally democratic values over his so-called “conservative” authoritarian values.

As our state House representative, he has not earned the privilege of serving as our state senator. The edicts that his “conservative values and principles” offer are not the Constitutional values needed in our state Senate.

Ronald Berg
Hernando

Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely

The Bill of Rights (“BoR”) was ratified Dec. 15, 1791, 230 years ago. Our founding fathers believed that it was not necessary to have constitutional amendments, and it even took James Madison two years to be convinced that it was necessary to add a BoR to the U.S. Constitution.

However, there were several states that would not sign on to ratify the newly created U.S. Constitution unless there was an inclusion of a BoR. The motion to include a BoR was rejected on two occasions. Even James Madison initially voted against it.

Fortunately, many of our founders wanted to limit consolidation of powers for the executive branch and for judges. They believed in the necessity of having a trial by juries. They subsequently agreed, even before they took steps to curb centralization of power, that it was necessary to have a BoR. This was not an easy accomplishment. Had it not been for the anti-federalists’ pushing for a BoR, it’s conceivable that the U.S. Constitution would not have been ratified at all.

The battles between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists went on for years. They finally agreed that it was necessary to draw a line in the sand regarding delegated and reserved powers. They drafted multiple precursors that subsequently became the 10th Amendment.

Richard Henry Lee’s letter to Samuel Adams (1787): “The corrupting nature of power, and its insatiable appetite for increase, hath proved the necessity, and procured the adoption of the strongest and most express declarations of that Residuum of natural rights, which is not intended to be given up to Society; and which indeed is not necessary to be given up for any good social purpose.”

Thomas Jefferson’s letter to Francis Hopkinson (1791): “I consider the foundation of the Constitution as laid on this ground: That all powers not delegated to the United States, by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States or to the people. To take a single step beyond the boundaries thus specially drawn around the powers of Congress, is to take possession of a boundless field of power, no longer susceptible of any definition.”

The BoR does not grant any rights/powers to the people. It was created in opposition to centralized power and to recognize the natural rights of the people that already existed.

Edna Mattos
Hernando

Puttin running scared? Doubtful

Does anyone other than the media and the Democrat party think Vladimir Putin is shaking in his boots after a teleconference with President Biden?

This is the same president who won’t secure the American border, yet he has developed some unknown resolve to protect the Ukrainian border.

First, and foremost, let’s secure our border.

Another President Biden created disaster.

Kevin Kelly
Crystal River

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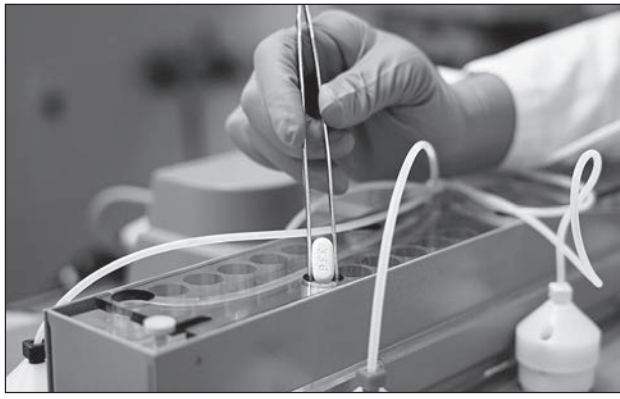
Pfizer pill becomes 1st U.S.-authorized home COVID treatment

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. health regulators on Wednesday authorized the first pill against COVID-19, a Pfizer drug that Americans will be able to take at home to head off the worst effects of the virus.

The long-awaited milestone comes as U.S. cases, hospitalizations and deaths are all rising and health officials warn of a tsunami of new infections from the omicron variant that could overwhelm hospitals.

The drug, Paxlovid, is a faster way to treat early COVID-19 infections, though initial supplies will be extremely limited. All of



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This image provided by Pfizer in October shows the company's COVID-19 Paxlovid pills. U.S. health regulators on Wednesday authorized the first pill against COVID-19, a Pfizer drug that Americans will be able to take at home to head off the worst effects of the virus.

the previously authorized drugs against the disease require an IV or an injection.

An antiviral pill from Merck also is expected to soon win authorization. But

Pfizer's drug is all but certain to be the preferred option because of its mild side effects and superior effectiveness, including a nearly 90 percent reduction in hospitalizations and deaths among patients most likely to get severe disease.

"The efficacy is high, the side effects are low and it's oral. It checks all the boxes," said Dr. Gregory Poland of the Mayo Clinic. "You're looking at a 90 percent decreased risk of hospitalization and death in a high-risk group — that's stunning."

The Food and Drug Administration authorized Pfizer's drug for adults and children ages 12 and older with a positive COVID-19

test and early symptoms who face the highest risks of hospitalization. That includes older people and those with conditions like obesity and heart disease, though the drug is not recommended for patients with severe kidney or liver problems. Children eligible for the drug must weigh at least 88 pounds.

The pills from both Pfizer and Merck are expected to be effective against omicron because they don't target the spike protein where most of the variant's worrisome mutations reside.

Pfizer currently has 180,000 treatment courses available worldwide, with roughly 60,000 to 70,000 allocated to the U.S. The

company said it expects to have 250,000 available in the U.S. by the end of January.

Federal health officials are expected to ration early shipments to the hardest hit parts of the country. Pfizer said the small supply is due to the manufacturing time — currently about nine months. The company says it can halve production time next year.

The U.S. government has agreed to purchase enough Paxlovid to treat 10 million people, and it will be provided free to patients. Pfizer says it's on track to produce 80 million courses globally next year, under contracts with the U.K., Australia and other nations.



Gene J. Puskar / AP

Students walk on the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pa., in 2020. The Biden administration on Wednesday extended a student loan moratorium that has allowed millions of Americans to put off debt payments during the pandemic. Under the action, payments on federal student loans will remain paused through May 1, 2022.

White House: Pause on student loan payments is extended through May 1

By **COLLEEN LONG**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration on Wednesday extended a student loan moratorium that has allowed tens of millions of Americans to put off debt payments during the pandemic.

Under the action, payments on federal student loans will remain paused through May 1. Interest rates will remain at 0 percent during that period, and debt collection efforts will be suspended. Those measures have been in place since early in the pandemic, but were set to

expire Jan. 31.

President Joe Biden said financial recovery from the pandemic will take longer than job recovery, especially for those with student loans.

"We know that millions of student loan borrowers are still coping with the impacts of the pandemic and need some more time before resuming payments," he said in a statement, adding it was an issue he and the vice president "both care deeply about."

The omicron variant of COVID-19 that has swept through the U.S. with a fury has lent a new urgency to

the question over whether the moratorium would be extended. Administration officials had initially said they expected the January extension to be the last. But even as the economy improves, there are concerns that borrowers are not ready to start payments again. Once the moratorium ends, those who were already behind on payments could have wages and benefits taken away as part of debt collection efforts.

The policy applies to more than 36 million Americans who have student loans that are held by the federal government. Their collec-

tive debt totals more than \$1.37 trillion, according to the latest Education Department data. About a third of borrowers are in default or delinquency and the average monthly payment is \$400 a month. Officials said the pause also helps about 5 million other borrowers currently in school who are not yet paying back loans but are accruing interest.

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said in a statement that the extension will allow for repayment plans responsive to the financial needs of the students, including an income-driven repayment plan.

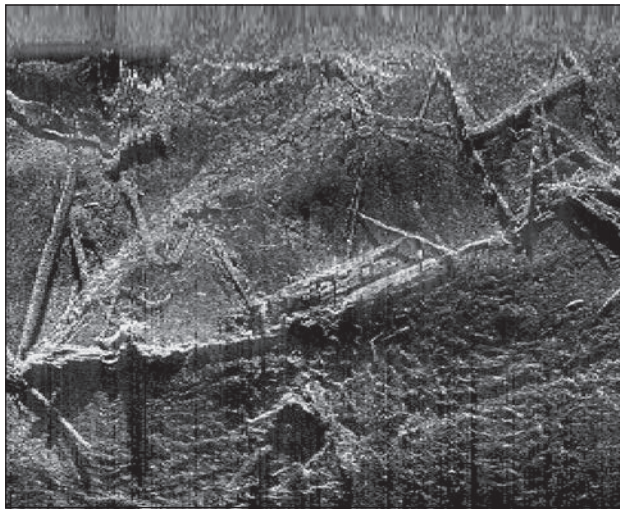
Researchers: Wreckage of last U.S. slave ship mostly intact on Alabama coast

By **JAY REEVES**
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Researchers studying the wreckage of the last U.S. slave ship, buried in mud on the Alabama coast since it was scuttled in 1860, have made the surprising discovery that most of the wooden schooner remains intact, including the pen that was used to imprison African captives during the brutal journey across the Atlantic Ocean.

While the upper portion of the two-masted Clotilda is gone, the section below deck where the captured Africans and stockpiles were held is still largely in one piece after being buried for decades in a section of river that hasn't been dredged, said maritime archaeologist James Delgado of the Florida-based SEARCH Inc.

At least two-thirds of the ship remains, and the existence of the unlit and unventilated slave pen, built during the voyage by the addition



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This sonar image created by SEARCH Inc. and released by the Alabama Historical Commission shows the remains of the Clotilda, the last known U.S. ship involved in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

of a bulkhead where people were held as cargo below the main deck for weeks, raises questions about whether food and water containers, chains and even human DNA could remain in the hull, said Delgado.

"It's a stunning revelation,"

he said in an interview.

The discovery enhances the research value of the Clotilda's remains and sets them apart from all other wrecks, Delgado said. The finding was confirmed in a report that was provided to The Associated Press and led to

the site becoming part of the National Register of Historic Places in November.

"It's the most intact (slave ship) wreck ever discovered," he said. "It's because it's sitting in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta with fresh water and in mud that protected it that it's still there."

The Clotilda was the last ship known to transport African captives to the American South for enslavement. Nearly 90 feet in length, it departed Mobile, Alabama, for an illegal trip to purchase people decades after Congress outlawed such trade in 1808.

The ship had been sent across the ocean on a voyage financed by a wealthy businessman whose descendants remain prominent in Mobile. The Clotilda's captain transferred its human cargo off the ship once it arrived in Alabama and set fire to the vessel to hide evidence of the journey. But most of the ship didn't catch fire and remained in the river.

Jan. 6 panel seeks interview with Trump ally Rep. Jim Jordan

By **FARNOUSH AMIRI**
and **MARY CLARE JALONICK**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection on Wednesday requested an interview with Republican Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, one of former President Donald Trump's closest allies in Congress, as the committee closes in on members of its own chamber.

In a letter to Jordan, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, Democratic chairman of the panel, said the panel wants the lawmaker to provide information for its investigation surrounding his communications with Trump on Jan. 6 and Trump's efforts to challenge the result of the 2020 election.

"We understand that you had at least one and possibly multiple communications with President Trump

on January 6th," the letter reads. "We would like to discuss each such communication with you in detail."

The request is the second by the nine-member panel this week and launches a new phase for the lawmakers on the committee, who have so far resisted going after one of their own as they investigate the insurrection by supporters and his efforts to overturn the election.

Jordan is a staunch supporter of the former president's false claims about voter fraud. The lawmaker brought those claims up during an October hearing on a motion to hold former White House chief strategist Stephen K. Bannon in contempt for refusing to comply with a congressional subpoena.

In that hearing, Jordan admitted once again that he spoke with Trump on the day of the attack.

A request for comment from Jordan's office was not immediately returned.

Biden and Dems scramble to salvage social, climate package

By **LISA MASCARO**
and **FARNOUSH AMIRI**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden, along with progressive and moderate Democrats, appears determined to return to the negotiating table with Sen. Joe Manchin, the holdout Democrat who effectively tanked the party's signature \$2 trillion domestic policy initiative.

In the days since the West Virginia lawmaker gave a thumbs down on the package, delivering a stunning blow to months of negotiations on Biden's agenda, Democrats of the left and center have joined the White House in attempting to salvage the social services and climate change bill.

"We have worked too long and too hard to give up now, and we have no intention of doing so," Rep. Pramila Jayapal, head of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, said in a statement Wednesday.

Jayapal said she and members of the caucus have expressed the need for the White House to pursue achieving the plan's goals through a combination of Biden's executive powers and legislation, instead of legislation alone.

"The legislative approach, while essential, has no certainty of timing or results," she said, "and we simply cannot wait to deliver tangible relief to people that they can feel and will make a difference in their lives and livelihoods."

At the same time, White House officials have spoken with Rep. Suzan DelBene, D-Wash., chair of the House's centrist New Democrat Coalition, on its plan to scale back the number of provisions but have them stay in effect longer. Manchin said he supports that approach but progressives have warned against reducing the number of initiatives laid out in the framework the White House released in late October.

But Republicans are voicing greater confidence now that they can beat back much of what they don't like in the package. "As we ended the year, it looks to me like they couldn't swallow the spinach," Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate Republican leader, said Wednesday of the Democrats.

Biden spoke Tuesday about the families who would benefit from the Democrats' ambitious, if now highly uncertain, plan to pour billions of dollars into child care, health care and other services.

"Senator Manchin and I are going to get something done," Biden said.

The president's off-the-cuff remarks were his first public statement since Manchin's announcement over the weekend that he would not support the bill, as is.

Since then, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer told Democrats on a 90-minute video call to expect a vote in January on the package.

Yoders cut out for cookies

Only last week I remarked to Daniel how blessed I am to not have been sick much these last years since we were blessed with more children through foster care and adoption.

You guessed it. Today I am on the tally of sick folks.

How is a mom supposed to be sick? I mean, who will do the zillion little things that go unnoticed till Mom doesn't do it?

Then there's school. First-graders, especially, require tons of drills. Austin loves learning and does very well with school work, but for his sake and long-term perspective, it requires lots of drills.

Before Daniel stepped out the door to go work on our cabin (more on that good news later), he informed Julia that she will have to take care of Mom just as Mom does for her when she's sick.

She took it to heart. As I tutored first grade from the recliner, Julia wiped up spills, settled squabbles, and balanced her school work all in one. I told her that I'm seeing the makings of an outstanding mother, teacher, nurse, or worker at an orphanage.

An hour before lunchtime my baby sister, now 15, whom I rocked countless times as an infant, popped in. When she discovered I was sick, her capable hands set to work as she chipped in and helped by sweeping the floor, picking up toys, and washing dishes.

By the time the children had their lunch and I had rocked them and tucked them to bed, I was exhausted. Nurse Julia brought me her sleeping bag in an attempt to cut the edge from my chills. You know how it goes, you're nestled down when Baby wakes and needs mom.

Thinking of the power and victory in praise, I thanked God for the fever. I told Him that I really want to draw closer to Him through times like this.

I am much aware that my symptoms match many COVID characteristics. No, I didn't test, but we are respectful in not going to places where we could pass it on to others. The children have been much concerned about our Christmas plans



Gloria Yoder
The Amish Cook

being in jeopardy. We prayed about it, so whether or not it'll work out to go, I don't know. I just do know that with God in charge, it'll all be good in the end.

Once more, Julia did amazing keeping things afloat while I rested. After I joined the children I sat on the recliner (something that hardly ever happens to me at any time of the day). Hosanna nestled up beside me on one side with Elijah on the other. Joshua wanted to be held, so he was added onto the growing pile of people.

Julia wanted to know what she could do for me. I was almost at a loss of knowing what to say with someone taking care of me.

"You could read some verses from the Bible to me," I told her.

Her face lit up. "Where do you want me to read?"

"Maybe Psalms?"

Soon her sweet voice was reading "... but his delight is in the law of the Lord, in His law doth he meditate day and night ... and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper ..."

As she paused for Jesse's interruption, I told her, "Those are just the verses I needed to hear!"

"I had prayed that God would show me what you need," she responded.

When she was done reading I suggested that she could help the children make candy.

She jumped at the chance. In moments she was at the kitchen table with Hosanna at her heels. Together they mixed up our all-time favorite healthy chocolate, then added goodies of her choice. This time she used sunflower seeds, raisins, shredded coconut, puffed millet and sugar-free chocolate chips.

After she had it tasting just like she wanted it, she scooped her mixture out into small muffin tins to be chilled.

And now, thanks to Tyle-

nol, I've even been able to get in touch with you!

You should be here to see the two eager little faces that just came into the office where I'm writing. Returning from watching Daniel roof the cabin, they were all smiles as Jesse bragged, "Ya, we put the roof on the cabin - and it's red!" (His favorite color.)

I laughed, not in a mean way, it was just hilarious to think of 4-year-old Jesse with all his boyish gusto, bragging that he put the siding on the cabin.

Now as I think of getting supper cooked and fighting a fever, the motivation level is close to zero.

Thanks to that golden word "mother." Yes, though I have a home of my own, I dearly love and need my mother, and tonight she is bringing a pot of taco soup. Mmm ... what's better than soup on a cool evening or when not feeling up to par?

OK, let's wrap up with one more Christmas recipe which my mom would sometimes help us make over Christmas time.

GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS CUT-OUT COOKIES

2 cups white sugar
1 cup butter (softened)
3 eggs
1 cup cream
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
5 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 cups flour
Frosting:
1 1/2 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup milk
2 teaspoons vanilla
4 cups powdered sugar

Whip everything together, spread on cookies. For extra flavor try replacing the milk with prepared coffee.

Combine in order given. Chill dough at least 8 hours. Roll out to 1/4 inch thick. Bake at 325 degrees until cookie is set (8 to 10 minutes). Don't over-bake.

Cool and frost and enjoy!
Yield: 5 dozen

Gloria Yoder is a young Amish mother, writer and homemaker in rural Illinois. The Yoders travel primarily by horse-drawn buggy and live next to the settlement's one-room schoolhouse. Readers with culinary or culture questions or stories to share may write Gloria directly at: Gloria Yoder, 10510 E. 350th Ave., Flat Rock, IL 62427.

Coconut milk yields buttery braised chicken

By **CHRISTOPHER KIMBALL**
Milk Street

All coconut milk is not created equal. Canned coconut milk — both regular and light — is made from finely ground coconut meat that's recombined with water for a uniform, viscous texture that can easily overwhelm other ingredients. That's one reason why in Colombia they make their own, and we found at Milk Street it was a lot easier than it sounds.

In this recipe from our book "Milk Street Tuesday Nights," which limits recipes to 45 minutes or less, we use a quick homemade coconut milk to braise savory chicken thighs.

The milk comes together in a blender by combing unsweetened shredded coconut with hot water. We then strain the mixture, pressing on the solids, to extract a milk that is lighter in both flavor and body. The process takes only a few minutes and yields a light, flavorful coconut milk that works wonderfully.

Colombian cooks use the milk as the base of a coarse, bright-yellow sauce laced with bouillon powder and a packet of annatto-heavy sazón. We substitute easier-to-find turmeric and soy sauce to replicate the same savoriness.

Tomato paste adds depth, and fresh cherry tomatoes — stirred in with fresh lime juice — brighten the chicken. The fresh, buttery flavor of the coconut milk enhances rather than overpowers the other flavors for a dish with a luscious texture and

floral fragrance.

We liked this paired with coconut rice, but plain rice is good, too.

COLOMBIAN COCONUT BRAISED CHICKEN

Start to finish: 40 minutes
Serves: 4

1 1/2 cups unsweetened shredded coconut
2 tablespoons grapeseed or other neutral oil
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
8 medium garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 1/2 teaspoons ground allspice
1 tablespoon soy sauce
Kosher salt
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed
1 tablespoon lime juice, plus lime wedges to serve
1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes, quartered

In a blender, combine the coconut and 2 cups warm water. Let stand until the coconut begins to soften, about 1 minute. Blend on high until creamy, 1 to 2 minutes. Strain through a fine mesh strainer set over a large measuring cup or medium bowl, pressing on the solids; you should have 1 1/2 cups strained coconut milk. Discard the solids; set the coconut milk aside.

In a large Dutch oven over medium, heat the oil until shimmering. Stir in the turmeric and cook until fragrant and the oil has turned yellow, about 30 seconds. Add the onion and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is softened, about 3 minutes. Stir in the tomato



Milk Street / AP

Colombian coconut braised chicken.

paste and allspice until well combined, then stir in the coconut milk, soy sauce and 1 teaspoon salt.

Bring to a simmer, nestle the chicken in an even layer in the liquid, then cover and reduce to medium-low. Cook until the chicken is no longer pink when cut, 18 to 22 minutes, flipping the pieces halfway through.

Using tongs, transfer the chicken to a bowl. Bring the liquid to a simmer over medium and cook, stirring frequently, until thickened and reduced by about half, about 12 minutes. Pour in any accumulated chicken juices and simmer another minute.

Off heat, stir in the lime juice and tomatoes. Taste and season with salt, then return the chicken to the pot, turning to coat. Cook until heated through, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a serving bowl and serve with lime wedges.

For more recipes, go to [Christopher Kimball's Milk Street at 177milkstreet.com/ap](http://ChristopherKimball'sMilkStreet.com/ap).

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Scientists Stunned After Shocking Discovery Reveals True Cause of Fatigue

New research finds unlikely source for why some seniors have an endless supply of energy

For the millions of American's suffering from fatigue there is finally hope.

A new study reveals our energy levels don't have to decline with age.

Published by the National Institutes of Health, this peer-reviewed study caused shock waves in the scientific community. That's because it runs counter to everything scientists have believed about energy levels and aging for years. But the evidence is undeniable.

Researchers analyzing 142 scientific papers determined the key to gaining more energy with age lies inside our cells — in our mitochondria.

Mitochondria play a critical role in generating metabolic energy. They are responsible for converting the food we eat into energy we can use. A paper published by the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology even called them "the gatekeepers" of cellular life and death. That's how vital they are to the survival of human cells.

However as we age, the number of our mitochondria declines. In addition, the mitochondria become susceptible to DNA damage, decreased function, oxidative stress and even mutations. All of which results in excess fatigue, accelerated aging and poor health.

But thanks to this study, America's No. 1 anti-aging doctor has been able to develop a new, all-natural solution that helps seniors increase the number of their mitochondria, so they can "rewind" the clock on old age.

"By taking this one compound you can quickly restore the mitochondria inside your cells," explains Dr. Al Sears — founder and director of the world-renowned Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine.

"And, once your mitochondria levels are restored, you will have so much energy that you will feel decades younger."

Unique Discovery Restores Mitochondria

For more than 20 years, Dr. Sears has been considered America's No.1 anti-aging pioneer. He has authored over 500 scientific papers and has appeared on dozens of media outlets including ABC News, CNN, Lifetime, and many more.

Now, his latest discovery — a unique molecule that restores mitochondria inside cells — is so popular that seniors all across the country are stocking up on this new, all-natural energy-booster.

Users say this advanced formula, sold under the name *Ultra Accel II*, allows them to experience the energy levels they had in their 20s and 30s. Those who've been lucky enough to get their hands on *Ultra Accel II* report seeing remarkable, almost unbelievable results.

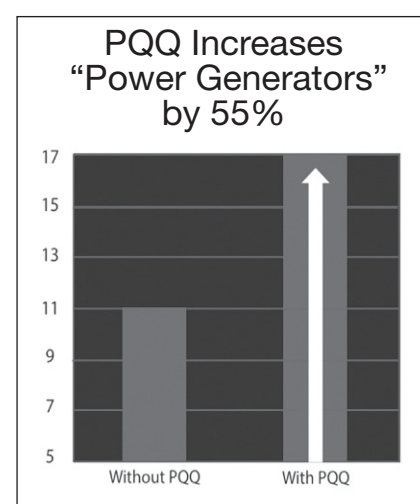
As John H., from Bradenton, Florida reports: "I'm a 70-year-old man and I've been taking *Ultra Accel II* for 2 1/2 months. On a recent treadmill test, I was told that I did as well as several patients tested who were in their 20s."

As Karyn E. from Palm Beach, Florida says "I noticed more energy within 24 hours of taking *Ultra Accel*. I was thrilled to have all that extra strength and endurance. Then after a few months, I ran out... and within a week, all that extra energy disappeared. Now, I'll never be without *Ultra Accel II*."

Study Confirms 100% Success Rate

Scientists recently gathered a group of men and women suffering from high levels of fatigue.

Over an eight-week period they gave the subjects a daily dose of *Ultra Accel II*'s core compound. The results? All of the participants felt a significant improvement in energy levels. And the study reported a 100% success rate in boosting the energy



levels of those suffering from fatigue.

That's because PQQ (CoQ10's more powerful cousin) — the core ingredient in *Ultra Accel II* — is the only natural molecule that supports healthy numbers of mitochondria — the power generators inside your cells.

In one study, mice fed PQQ increased the number of mitochondria in their cells by more than 55%, in only eight weeks.

In addition to feeling more energized, users often report feeling mentally younger, with fewer "senior moments" and brain fog. That's because the key compound has been shown to stimulate the production of NGF, which helps trigger the growth of new brain cells.

"I've been taking *Ultra Accel II* continuously for over 12 months and I've found my energy levels to be as high or higher with less exercise. People can't believe I turn 50 this year," reports Wayne L.

And Jerry M. says he "noticed a difference within a few days... my endurance doubled. I love it. There really is something about *Ultra Accel II* that I can FEEL. It's not just in your body either. You can feel it mentally, too. This is something I'll be taking for a long time."

Demand For Ultra Accel II Soars

"For too long, millions of Americans have suffered the life-ruining effects of fatigue and lethargy," says Dr. Sears when asked about the remarkable success of *Ultra Accel II*.

"Until now, there's never been a science-backed solution that actually works and guarantees real results," continued Dr. Sears, "but with the release of *Ultra Accel II* that all changes and now you can unlock an endless supply of all-day energy, at any age."

Due to the unprecedented demand and recent media exposure, people are struggling to get their hands on this low cost, prescription-free energy booster.

However, through our partnership with the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine we've managed to secure a small supply exclusively for readers of this publication. For the next 48 hours only we're able to offer a special discounted supply of *Ultra Accel II*.

How To Try It Risk-Free

Ultra Accel II is not available in any store at any price.

The only way to get this potent energy booster is by calling the Sears Health Hotline at **1-800-914-6280** within the next 48 hours and taking advantage of this special offer.

Dr. Sears is so confident in this product he's protecting customers with a 100% money-back guarantee on every order. "Just send back the unused bottles within 90 days of purchase, and I'll refund every penny of your purchase price," he adds.

The Hotline will be taking orders for the next 48 hours only. After that, the number will be shut down allowing them to restock.

Call **1-800-914-6280** to secure your limited supply of *Ultra Accel II*. It's completely safe and no prescription is required. Those who call within the first 24-hours qualify for a significant discount. To take advantage of this great offer use Promo Code **NP1221UA45** when you call.

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Helping of nostalgia

Meals from a box are more than just cheap, easy solutions

By TRACEE M. HERBAUGH
Associated Press

My children had no idea a salad could come in a cardboard box on a grocery store shelf until I took them to buy Suddenly Salad.

The Betty Crocker meal had been a staple at my Grandma's house, where I was raised. And the trio of noodles, dried red peppers and flavorful seasoning packet brought me back there as instantly as the Suddenly Salad was made.

I hadn't consumed boxed convenience foods since I was a child, but grief over my grandmother's death before the pandemic caused me to make the special trip to the store.

Food and grief have been inextricably tied for millennia. We take food to families who have lost a loved one. We serve food at lunches after funerals. We "eat our feelings." During the coronavirus lockdown, with time on my hands after a job layoff, I found myself obsessing about things over which I have no control. At night, I lay awake ruminating about how much I hated that Grandma was dead.

Suddenly Salad and its ilk, I thought, might assuage the pain by conjuring feelings of closeness to Grandma. It might help maintain her connection to my children.

Boxed foods aren't especially cool anymore, but they do have a market. For women of my grandmother's generation, they were a time-saving miracle. And for anyone who grew up in the latter half of the 20th century, they can evoke memories and nostalgia.

From farm to town

Grandma didn't cook from scratch much, despite coming of age during the Great Depression on a homestead in the southeastern corner of Colorado.

Her family had a huge vegetable garden and, as a child, she prepared everything from the very basics. Nothing was wasted. If butter was needed, it was churned. Cows for milking. If poultry was on the dinner menu, Grandma would break the neck of an unlucky chicken, then scald it in boiling water to release its feathers.

But sometime in the 1960s, Grandma abandoned those old-school methods, opting instead for ready-to-eat meals from a box. Dinner, cakes, sides. The shift coincided with her taking a job outside the home.

For 25 years, she worked a physically demanding job as a grocery store cashier. After standing on the cold-tiled floor for eight-hour stretches, the last thing she wanted to do was stand in the kitchen and cook.

In this, Grandma mirrored the women's movement of the time.

Move toward convenience

"After the war, women were moving out of the countryside and into town," says Jenny Barker-Devine, a professor of American agricultural and rural women's history at Illinois College. "They lived through the Depression, through the

war, there was a lot of deprivation, and they didn't want to cook anymore."

Betty Crocker (founded 100 years ago and now owned by General Mills) was no home chef but an invented marketing scheme, notes Leah Lizarondo, entrepreneur in residence at Carnegie Mellon University.

Boxed meals are relatively cheap, last a long time on shelves and taste good enough, she says. "At that point between the '50s and the '70s, women started working more and convenience was important. That primary role of homemaker didn't decrease for women."

The next generation

When I was growing up in the '80s and '90s, boxed foods were on the menu daily. Ground beef with cheesy noodles, broccoli cheese soup from a packet, and mashed potatoes were regulars in our cupboards. We paid no mind to sodium levels or if these "convenience foods" contained preservatives.

After I left Grandma's nest and went to college in Boulder, Colorado, I experienced my own shift in eating behaviors.

I started shopping at farmers' markets and buying organic. I gave up meat most of the time and never drank soda. I became interested in the old-timey methods of cooking, and had Grandma show me how to can fresh tomato sauce.

As an opinionated young person, I thought Grandma's reliance on boxed foods was silly, even tacky. Why would she resort to a box when her culinary skills were unrivaled?

But her decision to shun elaborate cooking allowed her to have a job and tend to things she saw as more important, like raising her granddaughter. Now, instead of questioning her actions, I looked inward. If I enjoyed the experience of eating a Suddenly Salad or any other box of food, who's to care?

Trip to the grocery store

After Grandma died, I wasn't sure if Suddenly Salad and other boxed foods from my childhood were still popular. They are.

Hamburger Helper has enough pop-culture cachet that the New York Times cooking app offers a homemade version of it, with caramelized onion and white wine.

I returned home from the store not only with Suddenly Salad but also with boxes of Tuna Helper and a Confetti Betty Crocker cake. My husband watched in disbelief as I unpacked the bag. He never expected his organic-evangelist wife to bring home a spread quite like this.

The novelty of these foods was not lost on my kids. My 10-year-old son, a pickier eater than his 5-year-old sister, loved all of it. But about 20 minutes after lunch, he complained of a stomachache. I, meanwhile, couldn't drink enough water after all the salt I'd consumed.

Even though I wouldn't go back to eating these boxed foods regularly, revisiting them did fill me with joy. More than anything, I remembered my childhood with Grandma, loving and sharing that instant pasta salad from a box.

Favorite fruit makes delightful dishes to dazzle holiday guests

By FAMILY FEATURES

Entertaining guests during the holidays isn't just about a main course that calls all to the table. What often makes a festive gathering more fruitful is a spread of delicious appetizers, delightful drinks and divine desserts that keep loved ones coming back to the kitchen for more.

For appetizing dishes from the first guest at the house to the last out the door, you can heighten the flavor and appearance of favorite recipes with one simple ingredient: apples. Ranging from tart to sugary sweet, finding the right balance for your palate is key. Scent can also influence taste, especially when you have a balanced sweetness with an uplifting, fresh aroma.

Turn to an option like Envy Apples this holiday season for satisfying texture and taste with a consistently balanced, refreshing sweetness coupled with a crisp, elegant crunch. They make for an easy snack when eaten fresh out of hand but are also perfect for holding over pre-dinner appetites in small plates like this Bell-Issimo Brie Melt or Apple Stuffing Bites with Rosemary Gravy.

The versatile flavor of apples isn't just limited to foods, however. For the adults in the room, Pumpkin Spice Apple Cider with a splash of bourbon is a seasonally appropriate way to quench thirst and break the ice. Simply omit the bourbon for a kid-friendly version so the whole party can savor a sip.

Easy to spot with their crimson red skin over a golden background that practically glows, Envy Apples offer an easy, eye-catching way to try new tastes and celebrate joyful occasions together. The bright white flesh is naturally slow to brown when sliced for a fresher flavor in sweet treats like Apple Oat Crumble and Citrus Caramel Topping for a tasty way to elevate your holiday get-togethers.

Find more sweet holiday recipes at [EnvyApples.com](https://www.envyapples.com).

Apple Oat Crumble and Citrus Caramel Topping

3 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 Envy Apples, diced into large cubes
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 up all-purpose flour
1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
1/2 cup cold butter, diced small
1/2 cup caramel
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 orange, zest only
1 tablespoon orange juice
Vanilla ice cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In bowl, stir together sugar and ground cinnamon.

Toss apples in lemon juice then in cinnamon sugar mixture. Spread in 9-inch pie dish.

In another bowl, stir together brown sugar, flour and oats. Using hands or fork, cut in butter until pea size crumbs form. Sprinkle evenly over apples.

Bake 40-45 minutes until mixture is bubbling and golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool 15 minutes.

In small pot, whisk caramel, salt, orange zest and orange juice until warm.

Spoon apple oat crumble over large scoop vanilla ice cream and top with salted citrus caramel.

Apple Stuffing Bites with Rosemary Gravy

1 box stuffing mix
2 tablespoons butter
2 cups diced Envy apples
1/2 onion, diced small
Gravy:



Envy Apples via Family Features

Apple Oat Crumble and Citrus Caramel Topping



Envy Apples via Family Features

Apple Stuffing Bites with Rosemary Gravy

3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups beef broth
2 teaspoons kosher salt
20 turns fresh cracked pepper
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary

Preheat broiler. Cook stuffing according to package directions; set aside and allow to cool slightly.

In large saute pan, melt butter saute apples and onion until tender. Set aside to cool slightly.

Stir together stuffing and apple mixture. Spread stuffing on sheet tray and allow to cool in refrigerator.

After cooling, form stuffing into medium bites and place on sheet tray lined with parchment paper.

Broil bites until golden brown and slightly crispy.

To make gravy: In small pot, melt butter and whisk in flour. Cook flour 1 minute, whisking frequently.

Whisk in beef broth, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce; bring to boil, whisking frequently. Remove from heat and stir in rosemary. If desired, continue gently simmering gravy to thicken.

Arrange stuffing bites in serving dish and drizzle with gravy. Serve hot.

Pumpkin Spice Apple Cider

1 Envy Apple, diced
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon pumpkin spice
2 ounces bourbon
4 ounces pumpkin spice apple cider
Demerara sugar
Envy apple slices, for garnish



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Pumpkin Spice Apple Cider



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Bell-Issimo Brie Melt

Rosemary, for garnish
Cinnamon stick, for garnish
In pan over medium heat, saute diced apples in butter and pumpkin spice 5-10 minutes.

In glass, combine bourbon and pumpkin spice apple cider; top with sauteed apples. Add demerara sugar then garnish with apple slices, rosemary and cinnamon stick.

Bell-Issimo Brie Melt
1 round brie (6-8 ounces)

2 Envy Apples
1/4 cup walnuts
1/4 cup dried cranberries
Firm crackers

Unwrap brie and place on microwave-safe dish. Cut off top of brie round and microwave 60 seconds until middle is soft.

Slice apples into thick wedges. Top brie with half the apples, crushed walnuts and dried cranberries.

Serve with firm crackers and remaining apple wedges.



Carolyn Lessard / Associated Press

A variety of General Mills Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper appear on a shelf at a grocery store in Waterbury on Dec. 7. Boxed foods became popular in the 1970s as more women entered the work force. They are relatively cheap, last a long time on shelves.

Florida, UCF battle for bragging rights in Gasparilla Bowl

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — UCF's long wait for another shot at Florida is over.

The neighboring programs haven't faced each other on the football field since Florida won 42-0 during its 2006 national championship season. That changes Thursday night, when the Knights and Gators meet in the Gasparilla Bowl.

It's a preview of sorts for a two-for-one series that begins at the Swamp in 2024. The teams are also scheduled to play at UCF's on-campus stadium in Orlando in 2030 and back in Gainesville

again in 2033.

Winning the Gasparilla Bowl arguably would mean more to the Knights, who have accepted an invitation to move from the American Athletic Conference to the Big 12 and would like nothing more than to make a statement about their direction under former Auburn coach Gus Malzahn.

Florida, however, is eager to finish strong after coach Dan Mullen was fired ahead of its regular-season finale against Florida State.

"It's bragging rights. This is a big game for us," said interim coach Greg Knox, who led the Gators to a 24-21 victory over FSU.

"It's not a rivalry, but it's an

in-state game against an in-state team with guys that are playing against guys they played against in high school," Knox added. "So, it's a big game and our kids are approaching it that way. They're excited about playing this game."

It's also an opportunity for returning players to make an impression on Billy Napier, the former Louisiana coach hired to plot the future for a team that got off to a 3-1 start and was ranked in the top 10 before losing five of seven during the stretch that cost Mullen his job.



Florida running back Dameon Pierce gives the Gator chomp for fans after scoring a touchdown against Florida State during the second half of a Nov. 27 game in Gainesville, Fla.

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'You've got to go get help'



Ashley Landis / AP

Simone Biles watches gymnasts perform at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo on July 27, 2021. Nearly six months removed from her own public dealings with mental health struggles, Biles said "I'm honestly kind of OK that it happened" because it led to her receiving the help she didn't recognize she needed. Had it not all come to a head on a gymnastics mat in Tokyo, her trauma would have followed her. "Your mind and body will stop before you do. My mind and body were intact with everything that I was feeling, and it was very alarming," she said. "It told me like, 'Hey, enough is enough, you've got to go get help.' I would have probably kept suppressing it for probably the rest of my life."

Mental health among athletes spotlighted in tumultuous 2021

By JENNA FRYER
AP National Writer

Simone Biles understands now that she was struggling long before she arrived at the Tokyo Olympics, where the unofficial face of the Games and one of the greatest gymnasts of all time was unable to force a smile and push her way through on the world's biggest stage.

Biles had persevered through the widespread sexual and emotional abuse scandal that rocked the gymnastics community. She continued her intense training and preparation for the Olympics through its yearlong pandemic delay.

She was fine, she convinced herself.

But when the seven-time Olympic medalist stepped onto the floor in July for the women's team final, she was not fine. Biles was suffering from "the twisties," a phenomenon in which she'd lost her sense of air because her mind and body could not sync, and she walked



Paul White / AP

Naomi Osaka reacts during her May 2 match against Karolina Muchova at the Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain. Naomi Osaka and Simone Biles were not the first elite athletes to struggle with their own mental health, but their public admissions this year spotlighted a crisis not often addressed in the sporting world.

off the floor.

"I think it's definitely pent up emotions, aggressions for the past couple of years, trauma that led to that moment of once I got on the global scene, it just

cracked," Biles said.

Recognizing that she was not in the right head space to compete safely, Biles ultimately pulled out of four events. She returned to win a bronze medal

on the beam, but that shiny piece of hardware represented a much larger victory for Biles.

Her very public admission that she was struggling, which followed a decision months earlier by tennis player Naomi Osaka to withdraw from the French Open and not play Wimbledon, redefined the mental health discussion that's been coursing through sports.

"I gave so many opportunities to a lot of the athletes there," Biles said of the impact her decision made on others.

Michael Phelps, retired swimmer and winner of a record 23 gold medals, said the day after Biles walked off the floor in Tokyo that the gymnast had shown "it is OK not to be OK." Phelps has long been public about his own mental health struggles — including acknowledging he contemplated suicide after the 2012 Olympics — but Biles blew the discussion wide open.

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Celtics end Cavaliers' winning streak; OKC upsets Denver

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Jaylen Brown scored 34 points and the Boston Celtics beat depleted Cleveland 111-101 on Wednesday night to end the Cavaliers' winning streak at six.

Robert Williams III added a career-high 21 points along with 11 rebounds and seven assists, and Jayson Tatum had 18 points.

Darius Garland led Cleveland with 28 points, and Kevin Love had 18. The Cavaliers were missing starters Isaac Okoro, Evan Mobley and Jarrett Allen and five other players in the NBA's health and safety protocol.

Also short-handed, Boston signed 40-year-old Joe Johnson to a 10-day contract Wednesday. The crowd chanted "We Want Joe!" "We Want Joe!" and broke into a loud cheer when he got off the bench and came into the game. He got a huge ovation when he hit a fallaway jumper in the final minute.

Bucks 126, Rockets 106

MILWAUKEE — Jrue Holiday scored 24 points, Khris Middleton added 23 in his return from injury and Milwaukee beat Houston to snap a two-game skid.

Middleton missed three games because of a hyperextended left knee. The two-time All-Star played 28 minutes and had six assists.

The Bucks were missing two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo for a fourth straight game as he remains in the NBA's health and safety protocols along with teammates Bobby Portis and Donte DiVincenzo.

Christian Wood led the Rockets with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Thunder 108, Nuggets 94

OKLAHOMA CITY — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had his second career triple-double with 27 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists to help Oklahoma City beat Denver.

Darius Bazley had 17 points and 11 rebounds, Lu Dort had 15 points and rookie Jeremiah Robinson-Earl added 14 points and nine rebounds for the Thunder.

Nikola Jokic had 13 points, seven rebounds and three assists for the Nuggets.



Winslow Townson / AP

Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum (0) and Cleveland Cavaliers' Denzel Valentine go for a loose ball during the second half of Wednesday's game in Boston.

Magic 104, Hawks 98

ATLANTA — Franz Wagner scored 25 points, Robin Lopez had 10 points and a career-high 11 assists and Orlando beat Atlanta.

Cam Reddish finished with a season-high 36 points, and John Collins had 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Hawks. They have lost seven straight at home.

Buccaneers address mounting injuries, sign RB Bell

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have addressed the need for experienced depth at running back by signing former All-Pro Le'Veon Bell.

Bell, released this season after appearing in five games with the Baltimore Ravens, joined the Bucs on Wednesday as the reigning Super Bowl champions continue to deal with mounting injuries that have depleted a strong group of playmakers assembled around Tom Brady.

The move reunites the 29-year-old running back with former Pittsburgh teammate Antonio Brown, who returned to practice after serving a three-game suspension for misrepresenting his COVID-19 vaccination status.

"It's a great opportunity, obviously, to come here and play with a seven-time Super Bowl champion and play with my former teammate," Bell said. "I look at it as a great opportunity, and I was just excited when I got the call. It was hard to turn down."

The signing comes after Leonard Fournette suffered a hamstring injury during last Sunday's 9-0 loss to the New Orleans Saints, creating an opportunity for fourth-year pro Ronald Jones to move back into a role he lost to Fournette late last season.

Fournette did not practice Wednesday, and coach Bruce Arians said it was too soon to tell how long the versatile running back who's become a big part of the NFL's No. 1 passing attack might be sidelined.

Giovani Bernard, another veteran running back brought in to help Brady, was placed on injured reserve last week.

The Bucs also lost receiver Chris Godwin to a season-ending knee injury last weekend, and top receiver Mike Evans injured a hamstring against the Saints, too.

Bell is a three-time 1,000-yard rusher who was attractive to the Bucs because of his experience and familiarity with Arians' offensive system. He joins second-year pro Ke'Shawn Vaughn as insurance behind Jones, who's averaged 4.7 yards per carry while rushing for 337 yards and three TDs this season.

Arians said the Bucs will try to get Bell up to speed as quickly as possible.

"It depends how fast he can catch up," the coach said. "He's been a good receiver in the past and played in this offense in Pittsburgh for a while. We'll see what he can learn and what he can give us the next few weeks."

Since entering the NFL as a second-round draft pick with Pittsburgh in 2013, Bell has rushed for 6,536 yards and 42 touchdowns while also catching 395 passes for 3,258 yards and eight TDs with the Steelers, Jets, Chiefs and Ravens.

Fournette, who left last Sunday's game in the third quarter, has rushed for 812 yards and eight touchdowns. He's also second on the team with 69 receptions for another 454 yards and two TDs.

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*From mouths of rivers. **At Kings Bay. ***At Mason's Creek.

Committee: No makeups for CFP semis if team can't play due to virus

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

If a team is unavailable to play in College Football Playoff semifinals on New Year's Eve because of COVID-19 issues, the game will be forfeited and the available team will advance to the championship. With COVID-19 cases spiking across the country due to the omicron variant, the CFP announced Wednesday contingency plans for the semifinals and national championship game, which is scheduled for Jan. 10 in Indianapolis but could be delayed as much as four days.

No. 1 Alabama is scheduled to face No. 4 Cincinnati in the Cotton Bowl in one Dec. 31 semifinal and No. 2 Michigan is set to play No. 3 Georgia in the Orange Bowl in the nightcap of the CFP double-

header. Not long before the CFP announced its contingency plans, Alabama announced offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien and offensive line coach Doug Marrone had tested positive for COVID-19 and were isolating with mild symptoms. Also, No. 23 Texas A&M became the first team to drop out of a bowl game, citing COVID-19 issues and season-ending injuries as the reasons it would not have enough available players for the Gator Bowl against No. 20 Wake Forest on Dec. 31.

As college basketball faced a wave of cancellations and postponements due to the omicron surge over the last week, it seemed only a matter of time before it impacted bowl season.

"As we prepare for the Playoff, it's wise and nec-

essary to put into place additional precautions to protect those who will play and coach the games," College Football Playoff Executive Director Bill Han- cock said in a statement. "These policies will better protect our students and staffs while providing clarity in the event worst-case scenarios result."

The contingency plans were agreed to by the CFP management committee, comprised of the 10 FBS conference commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director.

The CFP said each school will be responsible for determining whether it has a sufficient number of available players.

While there will be no re-scheduling of either semifinal, the championship game could be delayed until as late as Jan. 14.

If a team cannot play in

the title game, the available team will be declared national champion. If neither team has enough available players by Jan. 14, the championship will be considered vacated.

For the semifinals, if both teams scheduled to play each other are unavailable, that game shall be declared a no contest and the winner of the the other semifinal will be declared national champion.

If three semifinal teams are unavailable to play on Dec. 31, the team that is able to play will be declared national champion.

Semifinals participants were scheduled to arrive at their bowl sites as soon as Christmas Day and no later than Dec. 26.

Now all bowl activities will be optional and the teams are permitted to arrive at their sites as late as Dec. 29.

Texas A&M won't play in Gator Bowl due to COVID-19 issues

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — No. 23 Texas A&M won't play in the Gator Bowl against No. 20 Wake Forest on Dec. 31 because of COVID-19 issues and season-ending injuries, the team announced Wednesday.

"It is unfortunate, but we just don't have enough scholarship players available to field a team," Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher said in a news release.

The Aggies (8-4) were scheduled to leave for Jacksonville on Sunday. The team did not provide any details on the COVID-19 issues or injuries on the team.

"It is heartbreaking for our players, coaches, staff and fans that we are not able to play in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl," athletic director Ross Bjork said. "Postseason football is the pinnacle of the season and when the opportunity is lost, it hurts on many levels.

"As we have learned in the last 21 months of this health challenge, the well-being and safety of our student-athletes is paramount," he continued. "Our players poured their heart and soul into this season and we appreciate their dedication as Aggies. Aggie football is on

track for long-term success and we know that the best is yet to come."

Wake Forest (10-3) is holding out hope of finding another team to play in the Gator Bowl to cap a 10-win season that included winning an Atlantic Coast Conference division title.

Athletic director John Currie said Wednesday that he was "heartened" that at least five teams had reached out to express potential interest in playing, including one team that has already played in a bowl game.

Coach Dave Clawson met with the team captains earlier Wednesday for them to decide whether they wanted to play. The answer was yes, but with a "qualifier" that they didn't want to work out and practice through the holidays if the game was unlikely to come together.

"I think for our players, in fairness to them, if we're going to keep them over the Christmas holiday, we probably need to know something fairly early Friday," Clawson said. "We wanted to give it enough time so there was an opportunity to find an opponent. But if they're not going to be playing, they wanted to be able to spend the holidays with their families."

BUCS

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In five games with the Ravens, Bell carried 31 times for 83 yards and two TDs. He said he was seriously considering giving up on football to focus on becoming a boxer.

"This is like the only spot that I felt like could have made me want to play football and go out there and be excited to play," Bell said. "It's something you can't really turn down playing with coach Arians and Tom Brady and, obviously, AB.

They've got a good thing going over here."

Bell was one of the most productive running backs in the NFL before sitting out the 2018 season in a contract dispute. He ran for 789 yards and three TDs in 15 games with the Jets two years ago, and combined for just 328 yards rushing and two TDs in 11 games with the Jets and Chiefs in 2020.

"These last three or four years have definitely been tough," Bell said. "I think it kind of humbled me in a real good way, made me work so much harder."

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Miami	7	7	0	.500	285	312
e-N.Y. Jets	3	11	0	.214	250	428
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tennessee	9	5	0	.643	337	309
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	398	300
e-Houston	3	11	0	.214	207	372
e-Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	196	370
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	334	315
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	369	303
Pittsburgh	7	6	1	.536	291	335
Cleveland	7	7	0	.500	292	305
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	385	296
L.A. Chargers	8	6	0	.571	379	370
Denver	7	7	0	.500	285	243
Las Vegas	7	7	0	.500	299	374

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	10	4	0	.714	401	293
Phila.	7	7	0	.500	364	308
Washington	6	8	0	.429	283	351
N.Y. Giants	4	10	0	.286	238	331
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	10	4	0	.714	410	306
New Orleans	7	7	0	.500	313	285
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	258	384
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	271	313
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	359	302
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500	361	342
e-Chicago	4	10	0	.286	240	349
e-Detroit	2	11	1	.179	243	366
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	10	4	0	.714	378	284
L.A. Rams	10	4	0	.714	386	303
San Francisco	8	6	0	.571	360	314
Seattle	5	9	0	.357	282	282

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Rams 20, Seattle 10
Phila. 27, Washington 17

Thursday's Game

San Francisco at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Cleveland at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Arizona, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Houston, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Phila., 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Miami at New Orleans, 8:15 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	30	20	6	4	44	98	80
Toronto	30	20	8	2	42	98	76
Florida	29	18	7	4	40	104	87
Detroit	31	15	13	3	33	88	104
Boston	26	14	10	2	30	71	69
Buffalo	30	10	15	5	25	82	104
Ottawa	28	9	17	2	20	79	101
Montreal	31	7	21	3	17	67	109
Metropolitan Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	29	21	7	1	43	95	62
Washington	31	18	6	7	43	108	81
N.Y. Rangers	30	19	7	4	42	86	77
Pittsburgh	30	17	8	5	39	91	76
Columbus	28	14	13	1	29	91	95
Philadelphia	29	12	12	5	29	77	95
New Jersey	30	10	15	5	25	82	105
N.Y. Islanders	26	8	12	6	22	57	77
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Minnesota	30	19	9	2	40	112	92
Nashville	30	19	10	1	39	89	79
St. Louis	31	17	9	5	39	106	85
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115	91
Winnipeg	30	14	11	5	33	90	87
Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82	85
Chicago	30	11	15	4	26	72	97
Arizona	29	6	21	2	14	56	109
Pacific Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	32	20	12	0	40	114	98
Anaheim	32	17	9	6	40	103	89
Calgary	28	15	7	6	36	87	62
Edmonton	29	18	11	0	36	101	90

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Pick 3 Midday
3-1-7, Fireball: 2

Pick 4 Evening
6-8-3-8, Fireball: 3

Pick 4 Midday
3-7-1-0, Fireball: 2

Pick 5 Evening
5-3-8-9-3, Fireball: 3

Pick 5 Midday
9-2-9-7-1, Fireball: 2

Powerball
07-16-19-48-68, Powerball: 15, Power Play: 2

ON THE AIRWAVES

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

4 p.m. (ESPN2): Diamond Head Classic, First Semifinal, Teams TBA

6:30 p.m. (ESPNU): Diamond Head Classic, Consolation Game 1, Teams TBA

6:30 p.m. (FS1): Butler at St. John's

7 p.m. (ACCN): Alabama A&M at Georgia Tech

8:30 p.m. (FS1): Seton Hall at DePaul

10 p.m. (ESPN2): Diamond Head Classic, Second Semifinal, Teams TBA

12:30 a.m. (ESPN2): Diamond Head Classic, Consolation Game 2, Teams TBA

NBA

7 p.m. (BSFL): New Orleans Pelicans at Orlando Magic

8:30 p.m. (NBA): Milwaukee Bucks at Dallas Mavericks

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

3:30 p.m. (ESPN): Frisco Football Classic – North Texas vs Miami (Ohio)

7 p.m. (ESPN): Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl – UCF vs Florida

NFL

8:20 p.m. (NFL): San Francisco 49ers at Tennessee Titans

HOCKEY

2 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Pre-Tournament Match – United States vs Finland

7 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Pre-Tournament Match – Canada vs Russia

Los Angeles	30	14	11	5	33	80	79
San Jose	30	15	14	1	31	78	85
Vancouver	31	14	15	2	30	81	90
Seattle	30	10	17	3	23	84	108

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Vegas 3
All games postponed until Monday, Dec. 27

Denver	15	15	.500	6
Minnesota	15	16	.484	6½
Portland	13	19	.406	9
Oklahoma City	11	19	.367	10

Pacific Division

Phoenix	25	5	.833	—
Golden State	25	6	.806	½
L.A. Clippers	16	15	.516	9½
L.A. Lakers	16	16	.500	10
Sacramento	13	19	.406	13

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Brooklyn	21	9	.700	—		
Philadelphia	16	15	.516	5½		
Boston	16	16	.500	6		
Toronto	14	15	.483	6½		
New York	14	17	.452	7½		
Southeast Division						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Miami	19	13	.594	—		
Washington	16	15	.516	2½		
Charlotte	16	17	.485	3½		
Atlanta	14	16	.467	4		
Orlando	7	25	.219	12		
Central Division						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Chicago	19	10	.655	—		
Milwaukee	20	13	.606	1		
Cleveland	19	13	.594	1½		
Indiana	13	19	.406	7½		
Detroit	5	25	.167	14½		
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Southwest Division						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Memphis	19	13	.594	—		
Dallas	15	15	.500	3		
San Antonio	12	18	.400	6		
New Orleans	11	21	.344	8		
Houston	10	22	.313	9		
Northwest Division						
W	L	Pct	GB			
Utah	21	9	.700	—		

Tuesday's Games

New York 105, Detroit 91
Miami 125, Indiana 96
New Orleans 111, Portland 97
Dallas 114, Minnesota 102
Phoenix 108, L.A. Lakers 90
Washington at Brooklyn, ppd

Wednesday's Games

Boston 111, Cleveland 101
Orlando 104, Atlanta 98
Oklahoma City 108, Denver 94
Milwaukee 126, Houston 106
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento
Toronto at Chicago, ppd.

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Houston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Portland, ppd.

Friday's Games

No games scheduled.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at New York, 12 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

BOWL

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“Our guys have done well with it,” Knox said of how the Gators have adjusted to the coaching transition while also preparing to face UCF. That has been a big deal because the new staff has had some things they wanted them to do and they’ve been working with us as far as practicing and everything,” Knox added. “I think they handled it very well.”

The Gators (6-6) will be without several key players, including injured quarterback Anthony Richardson and defensive end Zach Carter, who opted out after deciding to leave for the NFL draft.

Emory Jones, who shared the quarterback job with Richardson, will start his last game for Florida before entering the transfer portal. Wide receiver Jacob Copeland also is transferring and will not play, but cornerback Kaiir Elam plans to suit up despite being the team’s highest projected draft pick.

“They’re a lot better than their record, I’ll tell you that,” Malzahn said. “I think everybody knows that. They’re extremely talented. It’s a big challenge for us, no doubt.”

“Obviously it’s a big game for us. It’s an in-state opponent. A very quality opponent that has some really, really good talent all across the board. It’s a great opportunity for our program and our players, and they understand that.”

UCF (8-4) is 0-2 all-time against Florida, also losing 58-27 in 1999.

Moving on

Like Florida, UCF is losing a highly regarded quarterback to the transfer portal.

Mikey Keene started the last nine games of the regular season for the Knights after Dillon Gabriel broke his left collarbone against Louisville in September.

HEALTH

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Athletes over the last few years had started to publicly address anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts they experienced. But heightened by the strains of the pandemic and the support shown to both Biles and Osaka, the toughest of the tough are no longer “shaking it off,” or any of the cliché things athletes are supposed to do.

In the last three months:
■ Atlanta Falcons receiver Calvin Ridley stepped away from the game in October to “focus on my mental wellbeing,” he wrote on social media. “This will help me be the best version of myself now and in the future.”

■ Tennessee Titans receiver A.J. Brown shared a video on the one-year anniversary of the day he considered suicide to deal with depression he was battling during a breakout 2020 Pro Bowl season. “I just wanted to put out a positive message that I’m still here. I’m still growing. I’m still learning.”

■ Philadelphia Eagles left tackle Lane Johnson missed three games to address depression and anxiety. “I was living in hell for a long time. Don’t bottle it up. And it’s easy to do that. It’s easy to avoid the situations that you don’t want to go through.”

■ Bianca Andreescu, the 2019 U.S. Open champion, said she would take a mental break from tennis and sit out the start of next season to “re-set, recover, and grow” after a challenging two years that included contracting COVID-19. “I could not detach myself from everything that was going on off the court; was feeling the collective sadness and turmoil around and it took its toll on me,” the 21-year-old Canadian wrote on social media.

■ Formula One driver Valtteri Bottas broke from his normal private nature on a podcast to discuss

Gasparilla Bowl: Central Florida (8-4) vs. Florida (6-6)

Dec. 23, 7:00 p.m. Eastern (ESPN)

Line: Florida by 6 ½, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

Series record: Florida leads 2-0.

What’s at stake

Central Florida is looking for bragging rights in the Sunshine State, while Florida tries to avoid its third losing season since 2013.

Key matchup

Florida quarterback Emory Jones against the UCF defense. Jones finished the regular season with 2,563 yards passing and 19 touchdowns, and 696 yards rushing with four TDs. The UCF defense has been impressive at times this season, giving up less than 300 yards of total offense in five games.

Players to watch

Central Florida: True freshman Mikey Keene, who replaced Dillon Gabriel after the all-conference quarterback broke his left collarbone in the loss to Louisville on Sept. 17. Keene threw for over 200 yards in three

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9	(WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	ABC World News	Jeopardy! 'G' PG	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town 'G' PG		A Very Boy Band Holiday (In Stereo) PG		CMA Country Christmas A holiday celebration. PG	Eyewitness News 11PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!					
10	(WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Jeopardy! 'G' PG	Young Sheldon 'PG'	Ghosts 'PG' PG	Ghosts 'PG' PG	Ghosts 'PG' PG	Bull Bull represents a child recovery agent. '14'	10 Tampa Bay	Late Show-Colbert					
13	(WTVT) FOX	13	13		FOX13 6:00 News (N)	FOX13 6:30 News (N)	TMZ (N) 'PG' PG	Call Me Kat '14'	Call Me Kat '14'	Merry Elfyn' Christmas: Bye, Bye 2021! (N)		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)	FOX13 11:00 News	FOX13 11:30 News					
20	(WCJB) ABC			11	TV20 News	World News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Ed.	Santa Is Comin' to Town	A Very Boy Band Holiday		CMA Country Christmas	News at 11	J. Kimmel					
22	(WCLF) IND	2	2	2	Christian Bridges	Bay Focus	Great Awakening with	Steve	Man360	Andrew		AbuLife 'Sound of	Phil Driscoll	The Great A					
24	(WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Vegas Unveiled	Daily Flash	Citrus	Sully's Biz Brew		OMV Wrestling		Championship Wrestling	Citrus Court	Citrus					
23	(WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Inside Ed.	The List (N)	Santa Is Comin' to Town	A Very Boy Band Holiday		CMA Country Christmas	News	J. Kimmel					
32	(WMOR) IND	12	12		Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Last Man	Creek	Big Bang	Sheldon					
33	(WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	Extra 'PG'	Ent. Tonight	Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8	Noticias	Seinfeld	Dateline 'PG' PG	Chicago P.D. '14'						
40	(WACX) TBN	21	21		Vic Show	The 700 Club PG	Involved	Impact	Action/Life	Morris	Jeffress	SuperChannel Presents	Faith Build.	Prince					
44	(WTOG) CW	4	4	4	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Silent Night: A Song for the World	The creation of the Christmas carol. (In Stereo)	PG	CW44 News (N) PG	CW44 News (N) PG	Dateline A boyfriend is induced to kill himself.					
50	(WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Noticias	Noticiero	¿Qué le pasa a	La Rosa de Guadalupe	Vencer el pasado (N)			La desalmada (N) '14'	Noticias	Noticiero					
51	(WOGX) FOX			13	Fox 51 at 6	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	Call Me Kat	Call Me Kat	Merry Elfyn'	FOX 51 News	Dateline 'Reckless'						
55	(WXPX) ION			17	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG	Chicago P.D. '14' PG					
(A&E)		54	48	54	The First 48 'PG' PG	The First 48 '14' PG	The First 48 '14' PG	The First 48 '14' PG	The First 48: Rookie Year			City Confidential (N) 'PG'	The First 48 '14' PG						
(ACCN)				99	College Basketball	College Basketball Alabama	A&M at Georgia Tech.					College Football 'G'							
(AMC)		55	64	55	** "Fred Claus" (2007) Vince Vaughn. 'PG' PG			** "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn. PG				** "The Polar Express" (2004) 'G' PG							
(ANI)		52	35	52	North Woods Law 'PG'	North Woods Law 'PG'	North Woods Law 'PG'	North Woods Law: Wildside (N) (In Stereo) '14'				North Woods Law 'PG'	North Woods Law 'PG'						
(BET)		96	71	96	** "A Rich Christmas" (2021) Bill Bellamy. 'NR' PG			** "Soul Santa" (2021) Jose Guns Alves. 'NR' PG				** "The Jenkins Family Christmas" (2021) 'NR' PG							
(BIGTEN)		742	809		B1G Today PG	College Basketball Morgan State at Wisconsin. (N)		B1G Basketball & Beyond				B1G Basketball & Beyond	Womens	B1G Trip					
(BRAVO)		254	51	254	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. 'R' PG				Richard Gere. 'R' PG	Chrisley						
(BSFL)		35	39	35	Inside Pregame	NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Orlando Magic. (N) (Live)		In Magic	Postgame	In Magic	In Magic	In Magic	World Poker						
(CC)		27	61	27	RENO 911! RENO 911!	RENO 911! RENO 911!	RENO 911! RENO 911!	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld					
(CMT)		98	45	98	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Reba 'PG'	Reba 'PG'					
(CNN)		40	29	40	Situation Room With Wolf	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight (N) PG				Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360						
(ESPN)		33	27	33	College Football	College Football Union Home	Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl -- UCF vs Florida. (N) (Live)					SportsCenter (N) (Live) PG							
(ESPN2)		37	28	34	SportsCenter PG	E60	UFC	UFC Archival				College Basketball							
(FBN)		106	149	106	The Evening Edit (N)	Kennedy (N) PG	How America Works	American Gold				American	American	Home					
(FLIX)		118	170		** "The Words" (2012) Bradley Cooper. 'PG-13'		** "Rollerball" (2002) Chris Klein. PG	** "Demolition Man" (1993) Sylvester Stallone. PG				** "Act of Valor"							
(FNC)		44	37	44	Special Report	FOX News PrimeTime (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity (N) (Live) PG				The Ingraham Angle (N)	Guifeld! (N) PG						
(FOOD)		26	56	26	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Christmas Cookie	Christmas Cookie				Christmas Cookie	Christmas Cookie						
(FREEFORM)		29	52	29	Home Alone	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) 'PG' PG		** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey. 'PG' PG											
(FS1)		732	112	732	Breaking	College Basketball Butler at St. John's. (N)		College Basketball Seton Hall at DePaul. (N) PG				WWE Friday Night SmackDown 'PG'							
(FX)		30	60	30	** "Daddy's Home" (2015) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13'		** "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13'	** "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13'				** "Daddy's Home 2" (2017) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13'							
(GOLF)		727	67	727	2020 Tokyo Olympics Women's Golf, Third Round.		2020 Tokyo Olympics Women's Golf, Final Round. PG												
(HALL)		59	68	39	** "A Nashville Christmas Carol" (2020) Jessy Schram. PG		** "The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls" (2021) PG	** "Cross Country Christmas" (2020) 'NR' PG (DVS)				Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction							
(HBO)		302	201	302	Red Blue Green	Landscapers 'MA' PG	** "In the Heights" (2021) Anthony Ramos. 'PG-13' PG												
(HBO2)		303	202	303	** "Greenland" (2020) Gerard Butler. 'PG-13'		The Forever Prisoner (In Stereo) 'MA' PG					** "Tenet" (2020) John David Washington. PG							
(HGTV)		23	57	23	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hunters					
(HIST)		51	54	51	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'				Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'						
(LIFE)		24	38	24	** "The Christmas Ball" (2020) Deirdre Mullins. 'NR' PG		** "Rebuilding a Dream Christmas" (2020) 'NR' PG	** "The Holiday Fix Up" (2021) Jana Kramer. 'NR' PG											
(LMN)		119	50	119	** "V.C. Andrews' Hidden Jewel" (2021) 'NR' PG		** "Driven to Kill" (2021) Philip Boyd. 'NR' PG	** "For Love or Murder" (2021) Kristen Vaganos. 'NR' PG											
(MSNBC)		42	41	42	The Beat With Ari Melber	The ReidOut (N) PG	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show				The Last Word	The 11th Hour (N) PG						
(NBCSN)		448	26	730	American Ninja Warrior	American Ninja Warrior	"Houston Qualifying" 'PG'	American Ninja Warrior	"Kansas City Qualifying" 'PG'			American Ninja Warrior	American Ninja Warrior						
(NGED)		109	65	109	Life Below Zero 'PG'	Life Below Zero '14'	Life Below Zero '14'	Life Below Zero (N) '14'	Called to the Wild (N) '14'			Called to the Wild 'PG'	Called to the Wild 'PG'						
(NICK)		28	36	28	Loud House	Loud House	Lay Lay	Loud House	Loud House	** "Despicable Me" (2010) (In Stereo) 'PG' PG		Friends '14'	Friends 'PG'						
(NWSNTN)		18	18	18	The Donlon Report (N)	On Balance	Dan Abrams Live (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)				Banfield (N) PG	On Balance						
(OWN)		125	24	103	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'			20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'						
(OXY)		123	44	123	Buried in the Backyard	Buried in the Backyard	Buried in the Backyard	Buried in the Backyard				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' PG							
(PARMT)		37	43	37	**** "Titanic" (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG		** "The Notebook" (2004) PG												
(SEC)		745	72		College Football Georgia at Auburn. (Taped)		College Football Alabama at Texas A&M. (Taped)												
(SHOW)		340	241	340	** "The Humans" (2021) Richard Jenkins. PG	** "It Comes at Night" (2017) 'R' PG	** "The Survivalist" (2021, Action) 'R' PG	Smoke											
(SUN)		36	31	36	Inside	Inside HEAT	Pregame	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Miami Heat. (N) (Live)				Postgame	Inside HEAT	Inside HEAT					
(SYFY)		31	59	31	Peppermint	** "Red" (2010, Action) Bruce Willis. 'PG-13' PG (DVS)	** "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. 'R' PG												
(TBS)		49	23	49	Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Underrated (N) '14' PG						
(TCM)		169	53	169	** "Bell, Book and Candle" (1958) 'NR' PG		** "It Happened on 5th Avenue" (1947) 'NR' PG	** "The Man Who Came to Dinner" (1941) PG											
(TDC)		53	34	53	Homestead Rescue 'PG'	Homestead Rescue 'PG'	Homestead Rescue "Smoky Mountain Hope" 'PG'	Homestead Rescue "Green Mountain Gurus" 'PG'				1000-Lb. Sisters (N) '14'	Hoarding: Buried Alive						
(TLC)		50	46	50	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	My 600-Lb. Life "Supersized: Ryan's Journey" 'PG'	** "The Last of the Mohicans" (1992) 'R' PG				** "The Yards" (2000) Mark Wahlberg. 'R' PG							
(TMC)		350	261	350	No Man	** "Gamer" (2009) Gerard Butler. 'R' PG	** "The Last of the Mohicans" (1992) 'R' PG												
(TNT)		48	33	48	Wedding	** "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves. 'PG-13'	Shaq Life	Shaq Life	Shaq Life	Shaq Life	Shaq Life	Shaq Life	Shaq Life	"The Replacements"					
(TOON)		38	58	38	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Apple	Apple	Apple	Apple	Apple	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad					
(TRAV)		9	106	9	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) '14' PG	Fright Club (N) 'PG' PG				Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.						
(truTV)		25	55	25	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes					
(TVL)		32	49	32	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King					
(USA)		47	32	47	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	** "A Bad Moms Christmas" (2017) Mila Kunis. 'R' PG (DVS)				American	American						
(WE)		117	69	117	** "Bad Boys II" (2003) 'R' PG	** "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence. 'R' PG	** "Bad Boys II" (2003) Martin Lawrence. 'R' PG												

Traveling in-laws cause stress

DEAR ANNIE: My husband is 68, and I am 66. He has two boys, and I have one, all fully grown and out on their own with children and even grandchildren.

Recently, my husband and his youngest, "Thomas," had a talk about how little time his son spends with us or any other family member. Thomas has a wife and children, and they are a busy family. A lot of

the things they do we are unable to do, due to health issues. We've invited them out to dinners, but they just aren't interested. I won't go into all the excuses given.

What I would like to know is what I can do to help my husband with his son's decision to not spend time with us or other family members. It really gets to him that he chooses friends and his animals over him. I tell him not to worry about it, but I know he does.

We live in a rural area and there isn't much around to do, especially in the winter. Any advice? — Lost in PA

DEAR LOST IN PA: The fact that Thomas even engaged in this conversation is promising. It means that he cares. Given Thomas' busy schedule, your husband might need to initiate. Rather than inviting them out to dinner, why don't you and your husband drive over and offer to cook them a meal?

They might not share any hobbies, and they might not have much time to spare — but everyone's gotta eat. **DEAR ANNIE:** I've been with my husband for 10 years, and my husband's parents are wonderful people. They graciously host holidays; they offer to let us stay in their beautiful home each time we visit; and best of all, they are eager to see and spend time with us.

They are recently retired, and we both work full time. This sometimes leads to us denying their offers to spend time together as work doesn't always allow us to do so. We live about five hours away from them, so it's not an easy daytrip.

While we love to spend time with them, we have had to deny visits due to work-schedule conflicts. They respond to our denial by revealing that they already have lodging and are coming to visit regardless. If we deny them again, they pay cancellation fees on pre-booked lodging. If we allow it, then they stand around bored, waiting until the end of our shifts for us to be "ready."

It's simply not good timing for us, and we can't host them well. Additionally, my husband and I are introverted and while we love them, hopping into conversation and attentive family hosting right after work is awfully exhausting.

I understand they have more free time with retirement and want to see us, but how do we stop them from making plans without an affirmative "yes"? — Yes, Please

DEAR YES, PLEASE: If your in-laws are coming to see you, you and your husband must be included in the planning process for these trips. The next time you see your in-laws, simply tell them that whether their next trip is in a few weeks or months down the line, you'd rather know early so you can put it on your radar. This ensures that no one is disappointed, spending unnecessary money or feeling stressed during what should be a fun visit, and that you'll truly be able to make the most of your time together.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com

BRIDGE

By PHILLIP ALDER

Looking through old bridge articles usually unearths some gems. You would never guess, but here is one. What do you think about the auction? What happened in five spades doubled?

In the bidding, East might have rebid three hearts. His partner had guaranteed at least five, and we usually prefer majors to minors. But here, since the opponents owned the spades, there was less reason to insist on the major, and East's clubs were strong. If South had rebid three diamonds, he could have left the decision over five clubs to his partner. (North probably would have passed or doubled. East would have lost one spade and two hearts.) However, South decided that he wasn't going to defend below the six-level.

Five spades seemed doomed to lose one spade and two diamonds. However, West led the heart queen. Declarer won with his ace and played a trump. West shot in with the ace and did what?

Since East was clearly marked with the diamond ace for his opening bid, West shifted to the diamond king, looking to ruff the third round of the suit. Now, though, East paused,

12-23-21

North

♠ K 9 3
♥ K 7 6
♦ 10 4 3 2
♣ 9 6 5

West

♠ A 6
♥ Q J 10 9 5
♦ K 7
♣ K 10 8 4

East

♠ 5 2
♥ 8 4 3
♦ A 8
♣ A Q J 7 3 2

South

♠ Q J 10 8 7 4
♥ A 2
♦ Q J 9 6 5
♣ —

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South West North East

1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 3♣

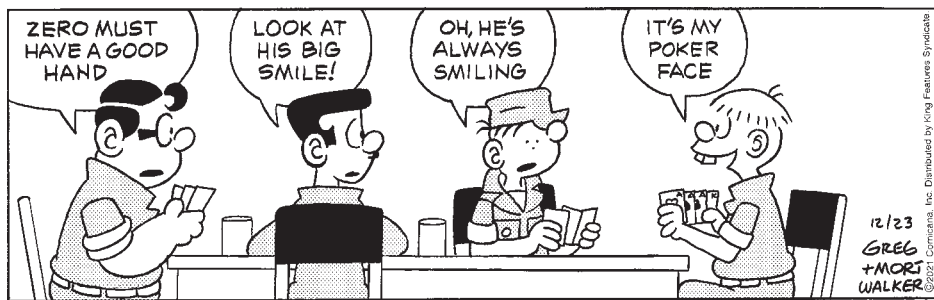
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5♠ Dbl. All Pass

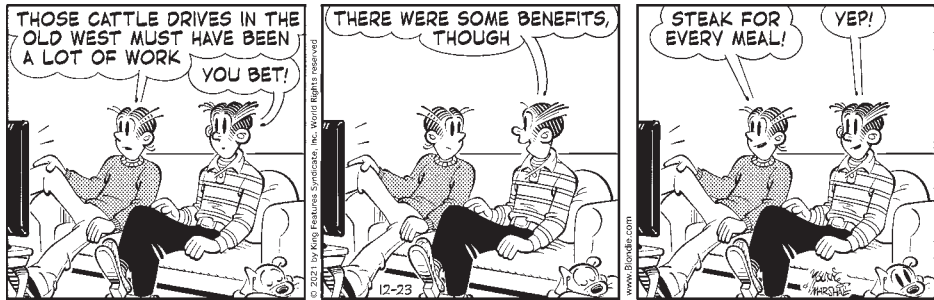
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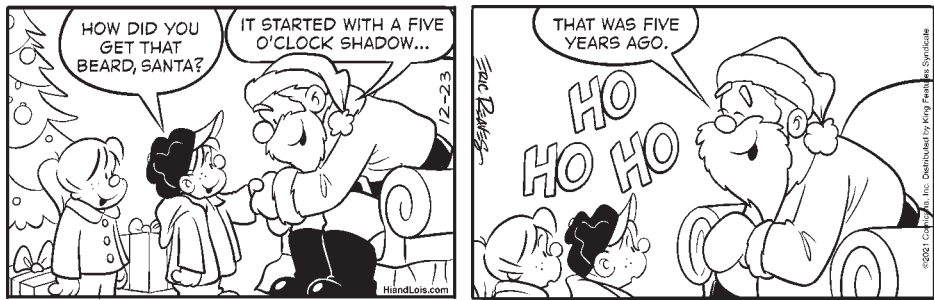
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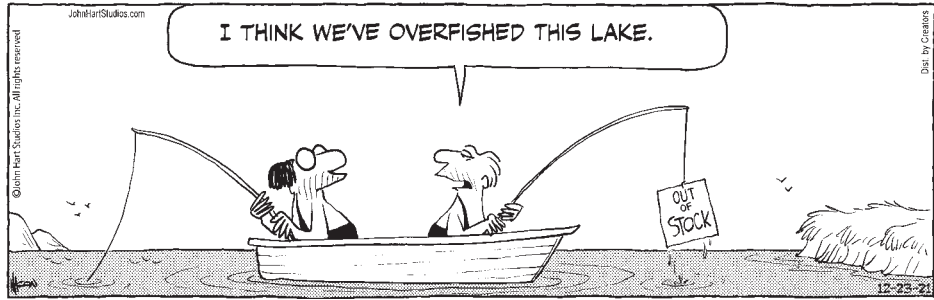
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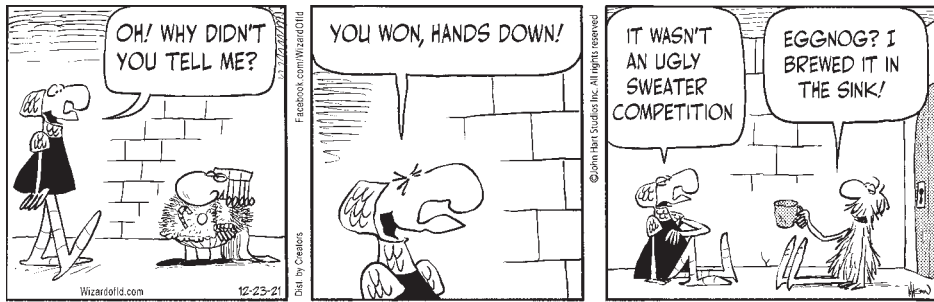
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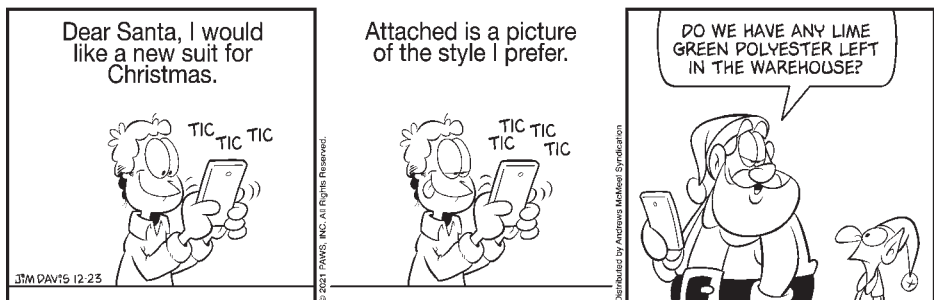
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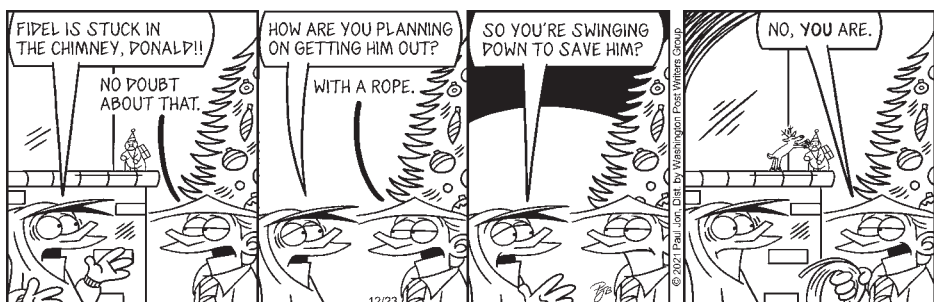
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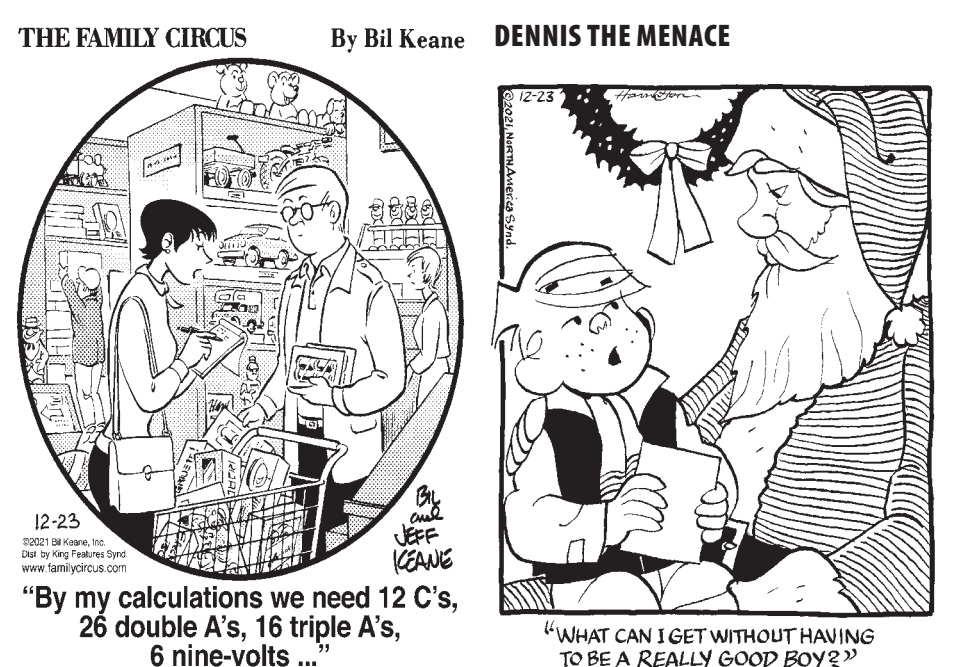
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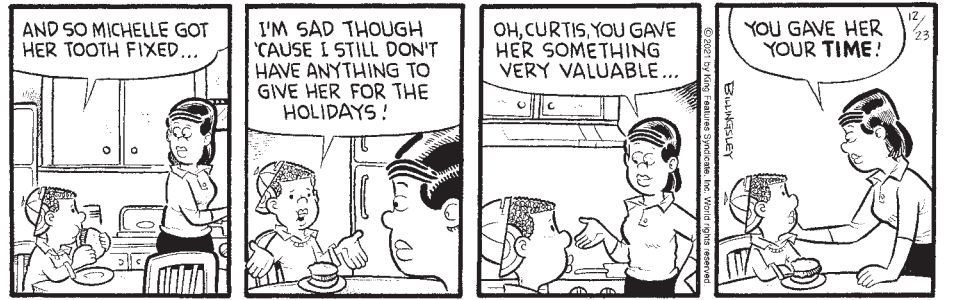
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BABY BLUES



CURTIS



ZITS



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MUTTS



SALLY FORTH



ASTROGRAPH

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Stick to a plan. If you make too many changes, you'll fall short of your goal. Keep life simple and moderate, and use your intelligence to develop a strategy that will secure your position. A steady pace and careful maneuvers will encourage positive results. Trust and believe in yourself and your ability to excel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take advantage of an opportunity to change where or how you live. Look over your options, then make a move that will cut your overhead and free up cash to pursue something that excites you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Anticipation can result in disappointment if you conjure up unrealistic scenarios. Don't dwell on change when you should be seeking stability. Moderation is encouraged. Offer kind gestures.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can have fun without being indulgent. The less you spend, drink and eat, the better off you'll

be at the end of the festive season. Put your health and well-being first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make a pit stop and bid a warm and happy holiday to someone you appreciate. The outcome will pique your imagination. A proposition will turn out to be worth considering.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Indulgent behavior will be problematic if not controlled. Everyone wants to enjoy the festive season, but doing so within reason is necessary to maintain a good reputation. Set boundaries.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Put your ideas to the test and see what happens. Take advantage of an opportunity, regardless of the circumstances. A playful approach will help you attract someone who can further your interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Traveling, reaching out to friends and relatives, and making plans for the holidays will be heartwarming. Don't be disappointed if things don't go according to plan; bask in whatever comes your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Act on your

instincts and get things done. Be the life of the party and the one who brings everyone together. Make sure to dote on friends and loved ones. Celebrate the important people in your life!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stick to what's doable. Taking on too much or overreacting will result in problems. Consider your options, then head in a direction tailored to your needs. You can find comfort and peace of mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Know who and what you can rely on, put your energy where it counts and take care of those who could use some help. Your consideration will be appreciated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't put pressure on yourself or let anyone put demands on you. Fight to free yourself from monotony, and venture in an exciting direction. Observation will lead to ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Put a plan together and get moving. It's a busy time of year, and keeping up will give you incentive to go over and above your expectations. Aim to please.

TODAY'S MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187 Thursday, Dec. 23

"Sing 2" PG - 1, 4, 7, 10 p.m.
"King's Man" R - 11:15 a.m., 3:15, 6:16, 10:15 p.m.
"The Matrix Resurrections" R - 10:45 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 9:45 p.m.
"Spider-man: No Way Home" PG13 - 11, 11:30 a.m., noon, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 6, 6:30 7, 9:30, 10, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24

"American Underdog" PG - 4, 7:45 p.m.
"Sing 2" PG - noon, 1, 3:45, 7 p.m.
"The King's Man" R - 11:45 a.m., 3, 7:30 p.m.
"The Matrix Resurrections" R - 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45 p.m.
"Spider-man: No Way Home" PG13 - 11 a.m., 2:30, 3, 6:30, 7:15, 10, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25

"American Underdog" PG - 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 7:45, 10:45 p.m.
"Sing 2" PG - noon, 1, 3:45, 7, 9:40 p.m.
"The King's Man" R - 11:45 a.m., 3, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.
"The Matrix Resurrections" R - 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 10:15 p.m.
"Spider-man: No Way Home" PG13 - 11 a.m., 2:30, 3, 6:30, 7:15, 10, 10:30 p.m.

Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850 Monday, Dec. 27

"Downton Abbey" (2019) PG - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) PG - 3 p.m.



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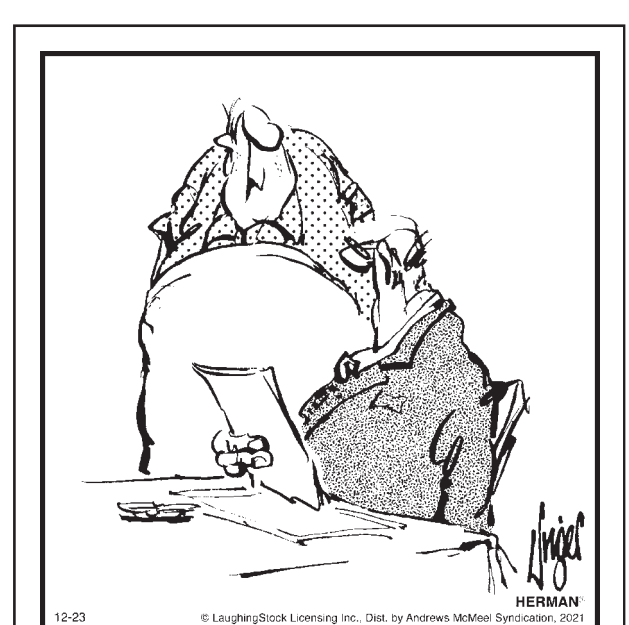
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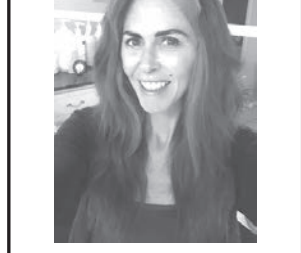
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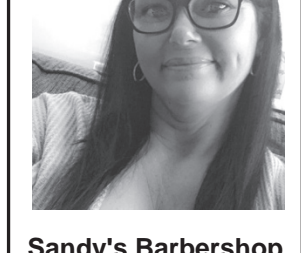
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5037-0113 THCRN Thomas A. Norris
2021-CA-0788 Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021-CA-0788
DIVISION:

RICHARD HEYDEN,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.

THOMAS A. NORRIS; MARIETTE NORRIS; JORGESANDI-
AGO LOPEZ; JASSICA SANDIAGO LOPEZ; HAROLD Y. HIX-
ON; SHARON HIXON; ROSE ROGAN; JULIAN SMENTEK; and
MARTHA B. SMENTEK,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To THOMAS A. NORRIS; MARIETTE NORRIS; JORGE SANDI-
AGO LOPEZ; JASSICA SANDIAGO LOPEZ; HAROLD Y. HIX-
ON; SHARON HIXON; ROSE ROGAN; JULIAN SMENTEK; and
MARTHA B. SMENTEK:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to
real property described as:

INVERNESS HGLDS UNIT 1 LOTS 77, 78, 79 & 80 BLK 9 PB
2PGS 93 - 96. More commonly known as: 3244 E Deal St, In-
verness, FL 34453 **AND/OR** INVERNESS HGLDS SOUTH PB 3
PG 51 LOTS 54 & 55 BLK 245 DESCIN OR BK 785 PG 425.
More commonly known as: 1133 Dartmouth Ter, Inverness, FL
34452 **AND/OR** CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT 4 PLAT BK 5 PG 133
LOT 6 BLK 356 DESCIN OR BK 537 PG 2068, DC IN OR BK
750 PG 1378 & OR BK 861PG 2116. More commonly known as:
1115 W Geneva PL, Citrus Springs, FL 34434 **AND/OR** CITRUS
SPGS UNIT 4 PB 5 PG 133 LOT 30 BLK 387. More commonly
known as: 8488 N Sarazen Dr, Citrus Springs, FL 34434

has been filed by Plaintiff, RICHARD HEYDEN, and you are re-
quired to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Alisa
Wilkes, Esq., 13400 Sutton Park Dr. S., Suite 1204, Jacksonville,
FL 32224, (904)620-9545 on or before January 22, 2022 and file
the original with the Clerk of Court and Plaintiff's attorney, other-
wise a default and judgment will be entered against you for the
relief demanded.

Witness my hand and the seal of this court on this 9th day of
December, 2021.

ANGELA VICK
Clerk of the Circuit Court

{{County Court Seal}}

By: /s/ Hanora N. Cassels
Deputy Clerk

Published December 23 & 30, 2021 and January 6 & 13, 2022

5027-1223 THCRN Debra Picucci PHH16140-20
2020 CA 00435 A Notice of Foreclosure Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2020 CA 000435 A
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
FOR ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST,
SERIES 2005-HE1, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTI-
FICATES,
Plaintiff,

vs.
DEBRA PICUCCI; ROBERT PICUCCI, JR., et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment
in Mortgage Foreclosure entered September 9, 2021 in Case No.
2020 CA 000435 A in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial
Circuit in and for CITRUS County, Florida. HSBC BANK USA, NA-
TIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SECURITIES
CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-HE1, AS-
SET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES ("Plaintiff")
and DEBRA PICUCCI; ROBERT PICUCCI, JR.; CITRUS
SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC. ("Defendants"). Angela
Vick, Clerk of Circuit Court for CITRUS, County Florida will sell to
the highest and best bidder for cash **Via the Internet at www.citrus.realforeclose.com**, at 10:00 a.m., on the **13TH** day of
JANUARY 2022 the following described property as set forth in
said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 4, BLOCK 795, CITRUS SPRINGS, UNIT 7, ACCORDING
TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6,
PAGES 33 THROUGH 39, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RE-
CORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accom-
modation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are
entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assist-
ance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for Citrus County,
John Sullivan, at (352) 341-6700 at least 7 days before your
scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this
notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is
less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call
711.**

Dated this 10th day of December, 2021.

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/s/ Ian D. Jagendorf

Ian D. Jagendorf, Esq. Florida Bar #: 033487

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if
any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pen-
dens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as un-
claimed.

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5026-1223 THCRN Janice K. Mass
2020 CA 000478 A Re-Notice of Foreclosure Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2020 CA 000478 A
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS
TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I
TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.

ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFI-
CIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES
AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY,
THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JANICE K.
MASS, DECEASED; JOSEPH BROWN; THOMAS BROWN;
TIFFANEY BENSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING
ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSES-
SION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendant(s)

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling
Foreclosure Sale filed November 30, 2021 and entered in Case
No. 2020 CA 000478 A, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial
Circuit in and for CITRUS County, Florida, wherein BANK OF
NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE
FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST is
Plaintiff and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DE-
VISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIEN-
ORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN
INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ES-
TATE OF JANICE K. MASS, DECEASED; JOSEPH BROWN;
THOMAS BROWN; TIFFANEY BENSON; UNKNOWN

FORECLOSURE

PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; are
defendants. ANGELA VICK, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will
sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC
SALE AT: WWW.CITRUS.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at **10:00
A.M., on January 20, 2022**, the following described property as
set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 238, 239, 240 AND 241, BLOCK 25, WITH -LA-POPKA IS-
LANDS UNIT NO. 4A, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT
THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 110-111,
OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if
any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pen-
dens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as un-
claimed.

Dated this 9 day of December, 2021.

Eric Knopp, Esq. Bar. No.: 709921
Kahane & Associates, P.A.
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Plantation, Florida 33324

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No.2.065.

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der to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to
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Administrator at 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450-
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ceipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-
800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-
8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services) or Dial 711.
Published December 16 & 23, 2021

5035-1230 THCRN Ann L. Krunsky
2019 CA 000681 Notice of Rescheduled Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2019 CA 000681

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United
States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a
Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ANN L. KRUNSKY; et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order Res-
cheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on December 10, 2021, by
the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the Clerk of
Court or any of her duly authorized deputies, will sell the prop-
erty situated in Citrus County, Florida, described as:

Lot 17, Block 705, of CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT NO. 14, accord-
ing to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, pages
110-115, public records of Citrus County, Florida.

to the highest and best bidder for cash on **January 27, 2022, on-
line at www.citrus.realforeclose.com**,
beginning at 10:00 A.M. subject to all ad valorem taxes and as-
sessments for the real property
described above.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS
FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY
OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE
A CLAIM PRIOR TO THE CLERK REPORTING THE SURPLUS
AS UNCLAIMED.

**REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

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modation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are
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ance. Please contact ADA Coordinator at the Office of the
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Apopka Ave, Inverness, FL 34450, Telephone (352)341-6700,
at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or
immediately upon receiving this notification if the time be-
fore the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are
hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**

DATED on December 15, 2021.

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5034-1230 THCRN Harvey Schonbrun
2021-CA-694-A Notice of Action - Property
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 2021-CA-694-A
HARVEY SCHONBRUN, TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,

vs.
CODY E. HEAD, BRANDON A. HEAD, ADAM S. HEAD, CIT-
RUS COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS, and ANY OTHER UN-
KNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, CREDITORS, AND
ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR
AGAINST JANICE GORDON aka JANICE SUE HEAD, DE-
CEASED,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - PROPERTY

TO:

CODY E. HEAD, whose residence is UNKNOWN, and whose
last known mailing address is: 1375 Old Murray Road, Mars Hill,
NC 28754

BRANDON A. HEAD, whose residence is UNKNOWN, and
whose last known mailing address is: 5249 S Knobhill Terrace,
Homosassa, FL 34446

ANY OTHER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES,
CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY,
THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JANICE GORDON aka
JANICE SUE HEAD, DECEASED, whose residences are UN-
KNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage
in and to the following property in Citrus County, Florida:

Lot 8-D, Proposed GULF HIGHLAND LAND, UNIT NO. 10, an
un-recorded subdivision more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Sec-
tion 35, Township 19 South, Range 17 East; thence South 0 de-
grees 28' 56" East along the East line of said Northwest 1/4 a
distance of 1250.04 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence contin-
ue South 0 degrees 28'56" East along said East line a distance of
100 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49'54" West 100 feet; thence
North 0 degrees 28'56" East 100 feet; thence North 88 degrees
49'54" East 100 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1979 PINE Double-wide Mo-
bile Home ID#s L2088PA, Title # 19669409 & L2088PB, Title
#19669410, which is permanently affixed to the real property in
accordance with Florida Statute 319.261.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy
of your written defenses, if any, to it on the plaintiffs' attorney,
whose name and address is: Harvey Schonbrun, Esquire, 1802
North Morgan Street, Tampa, Florida 33602-2328, on or before
30 days of first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of
this court either before service of plaintiffs' attorney or immedi-
ately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you
for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated this 14th December, 2021.

ANGELA VICK
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
{{County Court Seal}}

/s/ Hanora Cassels
Deputy Clerk

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9064-1223 MXDCRN

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021 CP 000094**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF
JACK BROWN NASH,
Deceased.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **November 12, 2021**, there
was placed on deposit in this office, funds received from the **Es-
tate of Jack Brown Nash**, deceased, in the amount of
\$5,000.00. Said funds are all the assets due to the Estate of Pa-
tricia Ann Rothenburg and said assets remain unclaimed.

Unless said funds are claimed on or before six (6) months
from the date of first publication of this notice, said funds will be
forwarded to the State of Florida, pursuant to Florida Statutes,
Section 733.816.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and of-
ficial seal at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, on November 17
2021.

ANGELA VICK, Clerk of the Circuit Court

{{County Court Seal}}

By: /s/ Sonia Prylepa
Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the forego-
ing has been furnished to Dawn Ellis, Esq., dawn @myflorid-
aprobate.com, via Electronic Mail, this 17 day of November,
2021.

By: /s/ Sonia Prylepa
Deputy Clerk

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**5038-1223 THCRN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
TOWN OF INGLIS LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**

BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF TOWN OF INGLIS,
FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING
AGENCY OF THE TOWN OF INGLIS, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through
163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Town of Inglis
Land Development Code, as amended, objections, recommenda-
tions and comments concerning the amendment, as described
below, will be heard by the Planning Commission of the Town of
Inglis, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of the
Town of Inglis, Florida, at a public hearing on January 4, 2022 at
6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the
Town Commission Meeting Room, Town Hall located at 135
Highway 40 West, Inglis, Florida.

Z 21-03, an application by John Reardon and Veronica Reardon,
to amend the Zoning Map of the Land Development Code by
changing the zoning district from UTILITY (U) to RESIDENCE (R-
1) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 34, Township 16 North,
Range 16 East, Levy County, Florida. Being more particularly de-
scribed, as follows: Lot 8 of Block D of Cason's Inglis Acres Unit
1 Subdivision, as recorded in the Public Records of Levy County,
Florida.

Containing 1.25 acres, more or less.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future
dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time
and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be an-
nounced during the public hearing and that no further notice con-
cerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation ex-
ceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced
public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may
appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at
the Office of the Town Clerk located at 135 Highway 40 West,
Inglis, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any de-
cision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will
need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose,
they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceed-
ings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence
upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations
to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of
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prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service
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Published December 23, 2021

**5039-1223 THCRN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
TOWN OF INGLIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF TOWN OF INGLIS,
FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING
AGENCY OF THE TOWN OF INGLIS, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through
163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Town of Inglis
Land Development Code, as amended, objections, recommenda-
tions and comments concerning the amendment, as described
below, will be heard by the Planning Commission of the Town of
Inglis, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of the
Town of Inglis, Florida, at a public hearing on January 4, 2022 at
6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the
Town Commission Meeting Room, Town Hall located at 135
Highway 40 West, Inglis, Florida.

CPA 21-04, an application by John Reardon and Veronica Rear-
don, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Compre-
hensive Plan by changing the land use classification from UTIL-
ITY to SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (one dwelling unit per
acre) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 34, Township 16 North,
Range 16 East, Levy County, Florida. Being more particularly de-
scribed, as follows: Lot 8 of Block D of Cason's Inglis Acres Unit
1 Subdivision, as recorded in the Public Records of Levy County,
Florida.

Containing 1.25 acres, more or less.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future
dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time
and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be an-
nounced during the public hearing and that no further notice con-
cerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation ex-
ceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced
public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may
appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at
the Office of the Town Clerk located at 135 Highway 40 West,
Inglis, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any de-
cision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will
need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose,
they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceed-
ings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence
upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations
to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of
the Town of Inglis at 352-447-2203 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours
prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service
800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

Level **1** 2 3 4

				4	7		6
	9	6					
3	4					5	9
		1		2			
	5		7		1		
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9	1					8	4
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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

12/23/21

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

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

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Thursday, December 23, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- VERBOSE

(VERBOSE: ver-BOSE: Using more words than necessary; wordy.)

Average mark 22 words
Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 24 or more words in VERBOSE?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- INVADES

idea	vein	advise	dine	save
naive	vend	aide	diva	sedan
nave	viands	anise	divan	send
navies	vied	aside	dive	side
vain	vine	avid	said	sine
vane	visa	dais	sand	snide
vase	visc	dean	sane	

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Umpire's shout
- 5 Synagogue leader
- 10 Conditioned reflex researcher
- 12 Sway from side to side
- 13 Wrinkle
- 14 La Scala productions
- 15 Does road work
- 16 Role for Whoopi
- 18 Kind of instinct
- 19 Soft leather
- 23 Son of Prince Valiant
- 26 Business VIP
- 27 Ascended
- 30 Simmered
- 32 Notions
- 34 — boom
- 35 Evaluate

DOWN

- 36 Doll's cry
- 37 Morn's counterpart
- 38 Coop
- 39 Soothe
- 42 Promise solemnly
- 45 Pierre's monarch
- 46 Grease job
- 50 Get some air
- 53 Tree with shiny leaves
- 55 Pasture entrances
- 56 Aussie city
- 57 Ventricle neighbor
- 58 Snug retreat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

DOWN

- 1 Paretsky or Teasdale
- 2 Declare
- 3 Flattened bottle
- 4 Goddess of dawn

- 5 Talk to a beat
- 6 What — you doing?
- 7 Shipping hazard
- 8 Admirer
- 9 Technical sch.
- 10 Interest amt.
- 11 Hawked

- 12 Bop on the head
- 17 Bob Hope sponsor
- 20 Polar phenomenon
- 21 Purple flowers
- 22 Gives silent assent
- 23 Pecs' neighbors
- 24 Motel vacancy
- 25 1492 vessel
- 28 Leak slowly
- 29 Moderate
- 31 Andean capital
- 33 Form 1040 info
- 35 Is of benefit
- 37 Want-ad abbr.
- 40 Chief exec
- 41 Slip past
- 42 Travel document
- 43 Well-aware of
- 44 Hum
- 47 Coffee servers
- 48 Pickled veggie
- 49 England's Isle of —
- 51 Elev.
- 52 Grazing area
- 54 Rand of "Atlas Shrugged"

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57									58			

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

- Headed the U.S. central bank org. (1)
- Purposely delay talk host Tamron (1)
- Memory slip in a church section (1)
- Native American corn mania (1)
- Ringlet-styling tube thrower (2)
- Relocates vinyl record needle tracks (1)
- Awaiting-approval laying out of cash (2)

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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5. CURLER HURLER 6. MOVES GROOVES 7. PENDING SPENDING

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FAX (352) 447-1879

PROCLAMATION

NOTICE OF ELECTION

WHEREAS The office of three (3) Commissioners for a two (2) year term will expire as of April 1,2022.

WHEREAS An election must be held to fill these offices.

WHEREAS I proclaim March 15th, 2022, ELECTION DAY to fill said offices and that qualifying time for said offices will be from January 10th, 2022 through January 14th, 2022, from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

Polls shall be open at the Inglis Town Hall from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

Done and ordered this 15th day of December, 2022.

/s/ Cery A. Logeman
Town Clerk

/s/ Michael A. White
Mayor

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FORECLOSURE

5025-1223 THCRN Dennis C. Colwell 21-F00882
2021 CA 000638 A Notice of Action-Constructive Service
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN THE GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 2021 CA 000638 A

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Li-
enors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest
by, through, under or against the Estate of Dennis C. Colwell
a/k/a Dennis Colwell, Deceased; et al
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: Keri S. Colwell a/k/a Keri Colwell
Last Known Address: 6101 Graciosa Dr. Apt. 3 Los Angeles, CA.
90068

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Citrus County, Florida:
LOT 16, BLOCK 72, BEVERLY HILLS UNIT NUMBER FIVE, AC-
CORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 2 TO 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Julie York, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2001 NW 64th St, Suite 130 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, on or before January, 15, 2021, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
DATED on 6th December, 2021.

Angela Vick
As Clerk of the Court

{{County Court Seal}}

By /s/ Hanora N. Cassels
As Deputy Clerk

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MISCELLANEOUS

5030-1223 THCRN Aaron Smith
2021-CA-412 Notice of Forfeiture Proceedings
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021-CA-412

In RE: FORFEITURE OF
2014 CHRYSLER 300S SEDAN,
VIN NO.: 2C3CCABG8EH340203

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

TO: Aaron Smith, and
any other persons who may claim an interest in the following
property:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for the forfeiture of the fol-
lowing property in Citrus County Florida:

2014 CHRYSLER 300S SEDAN,
VIN NO.: 2C3CCABG8EH340203

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Robert W. Batsel, Jr. Es-
quire and Sydney M. Simmons, Esquire, the Petitioner's attor-
neys, whose address is: Gilligan, Gooding, Batsel, Anderson &
Phelan, P.A., 1531 SE 36th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471, with-
in twenty (20) days of this publication and file the original with the
clerk of this court either before service on the Petitioner's attor-
neys or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be
entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

GILLIGAN, GOODING, BATSEL,
ANDERSON & PHELAN, P.A.
By: /s/ Sydney M. Simmons
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