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## Session to open without COVID-19 restrictions

By JIM TURNER  
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Legislative leaders are monitoring the spike in coronavirus cases across Florida but haven't made plans to reimpose restrictions on public access that were used during the 2021 session.

With the 2022 legislative session starting Jan. 11, people will be allowed to roam most of the Capitol complex and address lawmakers in person.

"In light of the pandemic, the Florida House last session made significant improvements to facilities, including adding hospital-grade HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filters for better air quality, ample hand sanitizing stations and more," House spokeswoman Jenna Sarkissian said in an email. "These improvements remain in place as the 2022 legislative session approaches and members prepare to do the people's business."

During the 2021 session, the Senate sharply restricted public access to try to prevent spread of COVID-19. For example, people who wanted to speak before Senate committees had to go to the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, a few blocks west of the Capitol at Florida State University, and appear through a livestream feed.

In the House, lobbyists and other visitors were required to register online at least three hours before committee meetings, show identification and pick up passes to gain access to meeting rooms.

Katie Betta, a spokeswoman for Senate President Wilton Simpson, said in an email Monday that Simpson "continues to monitor the status of the pandemic," but the Senate has not put in place plans to resume the 2021 restrictions.

On Dec. 20, Simpson, R-Trib, advised members that the Senate will be open to visitors throughout the upcoming 60-day session. A memo from Simpson also said senators could request social distancing and masking within their individual offices.

"We should all be respectful and honor such requests," added Simpson, who in October issued a rebuke to Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo for declining to wear a mask while in the office of Sen. Tina Polsky, D-Boca Raton.

Polsky was being treated for breast cancer. Ladapo defended his action by saying he cannot communicate clearly "when half of my face is covered."

Beside the option of senators requiring masks and social distancing in their offices, Simpson said the Senate will continue to conduct frequent cleanings of common areas and restrooms and provide wipes, sanitizer and other products for use in between routine cleanings of office spaces. Also, hand sanitizing stations remain in place in common areas and HEPA filters will be used in

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# Library display policy stands

### Board votes 3-2 against motion that would have prohibited LGBTQ displays

It was standing room only at the county commission chambers Tuesday as both sides showed up to protest or support allowing an LGBTQ display at public libraries during June Pride month.

On the agenda was a possible change in the county's current policy of allowing displays of any kind.



KITCHEN



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Four hours later, nothing changed.

The current policy stays, allowing the LGBTQ displays. A motion by Commission Chairman Ron Kitchen Jr., that would have prohibited such displays, was shot down by a 3-2 vote. Commissioner Scott Carnahan was the only board member who sided with Kitchen, who placed the item on the agenda to examine whether the county's current policy is adequate or needs changes. The LGBTQ controversy prompted the discussion, he said.

This has nothing to do with banning books and displays or bashing library staff, Kitchen said. It's strictly policy. When people go into a library, it should be where they can find information on a subject, he said.

"We don't promote any sexual lifestyles," Kitchen said. "It's not our business to get into people's sex lives."

Libraries, he said, should steer clear of having displays that divide people, especially hot-button issues and that was the overwhelming opinion of the audience who spoke during the meeting.

Kitchen said there are certain groups of people "who feel disenfranchised and ignored because others don't share their views, he said. "They should be entitled to the same due process as everyone else."

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said he looked at this from a policy-making perspective and he's not convinced the policy is broken. The library advisory board, he said, should decide the nature of displays.

"I'm disappointed we even got to this point that wasn't handled before it even got to this board," Kinnard said.

It's the library advisory board's job to decide library displays, not the

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Homosassa resident Sandra Ingram shows off a ring she received for Christmas from her grandson Logan West. Ingram has lived in a new, fully furnished mobile home with her two grandchildren. The home was given to the family last year following a massive community-wide effort to assist the family.

## A year of continued blessings

### Sandra Ingram thankful for community help

By NANCY KENNEDY  
Chronicle Reporter

A lot can happen in one year.

For Sandra Ingram and her two grandchildren, Logan West, 18, and 8-year-old Raelin Miller, 2021 was a year of continued blessings.

In December 2020, they moved into their brand-new mobile home, a gift from more than 500 generous people in Citrus County who had heard about their dire living situation.

On Sept. 21, 2020, the Chronicle ran a story about Ingram, a 30-plus year Chronicle newspaper carrier who has COPD, heart disease and diabetes and had been struggling



Sandra Ingram lives in this single-wide mobile home in Homosassa that was given to the family last year. She lives in the home with her two grandchildren.

to care for her two grandchildren left in her custody after their mother died from cancer in 2019.

They were living in a cramped, roach-infested travel trailer on property Ingram inherited from her mother.

The story touched the hearts of Chronicle readers, who donated nearly \$73,000, including several very large donations, toward getting the family into a clean, safe home.

Jimmy Stoltz, owner of the Seafood Seller restaurant in Crystal River, contributed a significant donation toward the purchase of an 80-foot,

three-bedroom, two-bathroom, single-wide mobile home, and Matt Gainey at Gainey Custom Modular and Manufactured Homes in Homosassa offered a beyond generous price.

"All the people who gave money to help us get this

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## No rain in sight for Citrus

By MICHAEL D. BATES  
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After the record-setting summer rainfall, conditions have settled back to a normal pattern.

Over the past month, Citrus County received just 1.3 inches of rain, half the historical average (2.6 inches) for December, according to Mark Fulkerson, chief professional engineer with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (S W F W - MD).

Overall in 2021, Citrus and the surrounding region received an average of 61 inches of rain, higher than the annual average of 54 inches.

"After record rainfall this summer in some portions of the Withlacoochee watershed, we ended the year in less dramatic fashion," Fulkerson said.

The Tsala Apopka lakes surpassed their normal high levels this summer due to record rainfall but have slowly declined in recent weeks. All three of the chain's pools dropped about 2 inches in December and are currently 1-2 inches higher than they were a year ago, Fulkerson said.

Water control structures throughout the lake chain remain closed, helping to conserve water as the dry season continues.

"Water levels are expected to slowly decline until our region receives significant rainfall again," he said.

Folks who live along the Withlacoochee River have noticed water levels dropping in December. Fulkerson said most areas saw

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# Citrus County sees its first baby of 2022

By FRED HIERS  
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Casandra Rouse was happy with her 21-month-old son and didn't plan on any more children.

She did not expect to get pregnant again, much less have Citrus County's first baby for 2022.

But at 12:51 p.m., Monday, the 28-year-old Rouse from Homosassa gave birth to Eva Leigh at Bravera Health Seven Rivers in Crystal River.

"She was a surprise," Rouse said while seated in

a hospital wheelchair and holding her baby. Standing behind her was the baby's father and Rouse's fiancé Anthony Guinan, 27.

The couple's other child is Chayce Rouse.

"This is the first time I had to leave my son overnight," Rouse said sadly.

The boy had to have surgery on his skull because he was 9 months old when he didn't have naturally occurring gaps between sections of bone making up his head. He fully recovered, but the parents are especially protective

of him.

Rouse and Guinan were afraid their daughter would suffer the same problem. Rouse said she was relieved when her pediatrician told her Eva was healthy without any medical issues.

"I cried," Rouse said, recalling her fear over her daughter.

Rouse and Guinan named the baby after Rouse's mother and grandmother.

Rouse said the last thing



Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor

Casandra Rouse holds her newborn daughter Eva Guinan Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Bravera Health Seven Rivers in Crystal River. Mother, daughter and father, Anthony Guinan, live in Homosassa.

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## INGRAM

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place never got to see it in the paper, and I want them to see where their money went,” Ingram said. “A lot of my (Chronicle) customers sent me cards and asked me how the kids and I are doing, and I’ve seen Sound Off (calls) about us, so I guess we’re still a subject of interest.”

Ingram wants people to know that, despite being on oxygen 24/7 and nearly dying twice this past year from respiratory failure, she’s blessed.

Tops on her list: She finally quit smoking after more than 50 years.

“I wouldn’t put the cigarettes down,” she said. “I would smoke until my lungs filled up and the ambulance had to come and get me ... the last time in the hospital they told me, ‘You can’t keep coming to the hospital every two weeks, because one of those times you won’t leave alive, and it’s going to be soon.’

“So, I finally put them down and haven’t had one in seven months,” she said. “I want to live. I’ve got things to do and a little girl to raise.”

Raelin, who is in first grade at Rock Crusher Elementary School, is on the honor roll.

“She missed her first year and a half of school while I was trying to get custody of her ... so I’m thrilled about her making the honor roll,” Ingram said.

Raelin is especially proud



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Eight-year-old Raelin Miller sits with her grandmother Sandra Ingram Tuesday, Dec. 28, in their Homosassa home.

of her bedroom and having her own space to keep her many toys and clothes.

“It’s been very nice living here this past year,” 18-year-old Logan said.

Currently, his main concern is taking care of his grandma. The two of them share the nightly newspaper delivery route, which is about 200 houses, and they share the paycheck.

Ingram drives and Logan does the rest while Raelin sleeps in the back seat of the car.

They start around 12:30 a.m. and are done by 2:30 a.m.

Until last year, Ingram did the route by herself, as many as 700 houses, and was gone all night until early morning.

“I had retired completely, because of my health, but I came back,” she said. “I can’t just sit home and look out the window and wait to die. I can’t.”

She said they had a wonderful Christmas and they’re looking forward to another good new year.

“These kids are everything to me,” she said. “And I guess I’m a pretty good grandma, because Logan bought me a ring for Christmas, jade and 14-carat gold.”

Logan said they had been watching TV and someone on the show said something about jade, and Ingram remarked, “Oh, I love jade!”

“Right now I’m not in school, because I’m helping her out,” he said. “I’m looking for a small job, something that’s close to home so I can be with her more. Then I would like to go into the National Guard, so I can be in the military like I’d like to be and still be able to be home.”

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## RAIN

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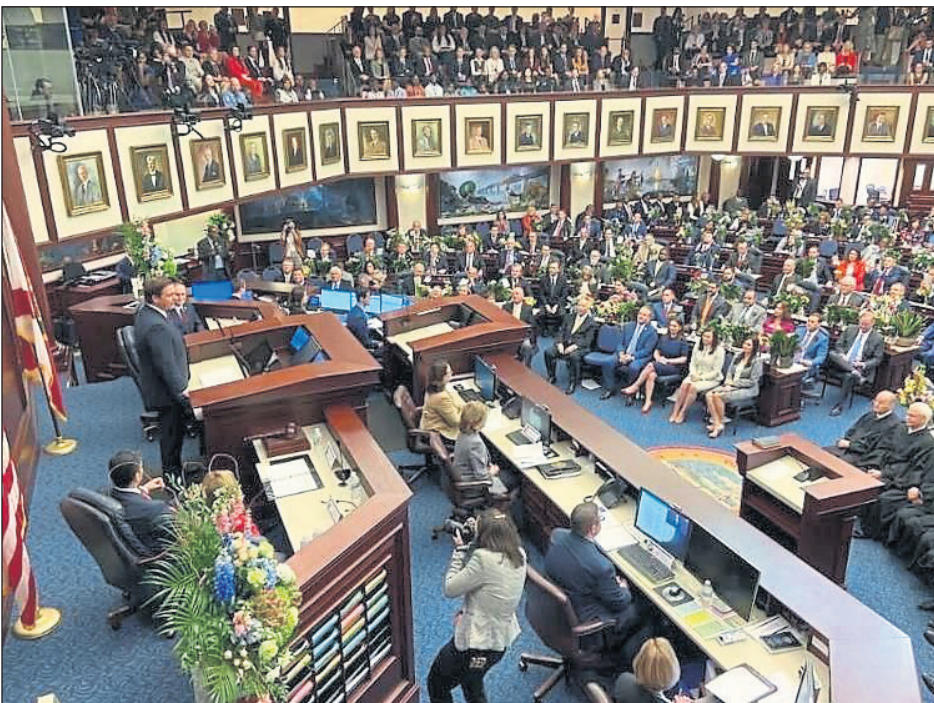
modest declines, about 6-12 inches last month, while other areas (with higher

banks and narrower channels) saw 2-to-3-foot declines in December.

Except for a thunderstorm in the overnight hours of Sunday, the dry season continues in Cit-

rus County. Rain chances remain low the rest of this week.

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Gov. Ron DeSantis gives his 2020 State of the State address in a crowded House chamber.

## SESSION

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committee rooms, the Senate chamber and the press gallery.

“We now have a better understanding of how our own personal health impacts others in the workplace,” Simpson wrote. “Everyone is encouraged to monitor their health daily and to stay at home when

sick.”

The Senate will make testing available to elected officials and their staff, Simpson’s memo said.

The Senate and House will hold a joint session Jan. 11 in the House chamber to hear Gov. Ron DeSantis’ State of the State address, the traditional kickoff for the session. Simpson will host a luncheon for senators and their families in the Old Capitol’s Senate

chamber after the joint session.

The session will open against the backdrop of a spike in COVID-19 cases, as the highly contagious omicron variant of the coronavirus has spread across the state. It also will come two months after lawmakers held a special session that included taking steps to prevent vaccination and mask mandates – a key issue for DeSantis.

## BOARD

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board’s, Kinnard said.

Commissioner Scott Carnahan said LGBTQ displays have no place in a public library and he doesn’t want the current national attitudes to filter down to Citrus County.

“When it comes to kids, enough’s enough,” he said. “(This) country’s divided and it’s time for us to come back together.”

Commissioner Ruthie Schlabach said the policy in place works and doesn’t understand why the board is still addressing this display that was taken down at the end of June. She disliked how the entire debate went down.

Commissioner Holly Davis said she has friends who are gay and lesbian and are balanced and loving people. A Pride display can help people who have such orientations, she said.

“I know these people and I know they are in our community and they need a resource to go to,” she said. “(A) library without displays is sterile.”

Before the vote, dozens of residents had their say.

Supporters of the LGBTQ display, many of whom wore yellow Friends of the Library shirts, said the library is a clearing-



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house for ideas and should be open to all viewpoints. Opponents said a public library has no business promoting ideologies and what they termed “deviant lifestyles.”

Bev Kilmer, president of the Jackson County, Florida-based Freedom Speaks Coalition, told commissioners it is their duty to address anything that is “obscene and pornographic” and called for an end to the displays.

“Do what’s right as opposed to what is politically correct,” said Kilmer, whose nonprofit is dedicated to upholding America’s core values, according to its website.

At the very least, Kilmer told commissioners to make sure these kinds of materials are not displayed in areas of the library where children frequent.

John Woods of Citrus Hills said the county must “save our children from the deviant indoctrination.”

Bonnie Wilder, a former teacher who lives in Hernando, said her purpose of

attending Tuesday’s meeting “is to protect from all harm and danger.”

Karen Stewart of Bushnell fought back tears and told the board, “I want to save the children.”

On the opposite side: Janet Genova, vice president of the Friends of the Citrus County Library System, said public libraries’ purpose is to stamp out misinformation and provide “equal access and intellectual freedom for all.”

Genova criticized what she called an “uninformed fraction” and “vocal minority” for keeping this debate going and “it really needs to stop.”

“The existing policy is good,” she said. “It’s served us well.”

Judith Rose of Inverness said she has a gay son and homosexuality is not a chosen lifestyle.

“You’re born that way,” she said.

He didn’t become gay, she said, by reading a book from the library.

Said Philip Cote of Crystal River: The displays and books are not a form of indoctrination. “It’s education.”

April McLaughlin of Beverly Hills, said the display consisted of a couple books and a rainbow but it has been blown out of proportion.

## BABY

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she expected to do along with Guinan, a diesel mechanic, was to welcome the new year along with a baby.

Rouse said when she told Guinan that she was pregnant, he thought it was a joke ... until she sent him a photo of herself holding the pregnancy test.

“I was definitely surprised ... and I was nervous,” he said.

In 2020, the latest data available from the Florida Department of Health, 1055 babies were born to

Citrus County residents. Most were born in Citrus County. Rouse and Guinan beat the odds when having the first baby in the county in 2022.

Rouse said she was glad it was a girl.

“So it’s one of each. I can be done,” Rouse said.

Guinan told the Chronicle that he wanted a boy.

Rouse will leave Bravera Health Seven Rivers Wednesday. She is ready to go home.

“I’m ready to see my baby boy,” she said.

Rouse’s mother lives close by and the two women made plans so Rouse’s mother can visit and help

with the two children.

“She can’t wait to meet her,” Rouse said of her mother and baby.

Marci Olinger is the hospital’s chief nursing officer.

After seeing the young family, Olinger told the Chronicle, “It’s one of the great joys of being a nurse, seeing new life.”

“It’s a new beginning and many nurses have children of their own,” she said. “As nurses you see everything from birth to death and we’re here for both.”

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Attend an ABC of Dementia workshop in 2022

Coping with Dementia LLC and the Citrus County Library System will offer free ABC of Dementia workshops in 2022.

“Our ABC of Dementia workshop explains Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia in plain language, suggests techniques for becoming a better and less-stressed care partner and provides useful resources to families living with dementia,” Coping with Dementia president Debbie Selsavage said.

Workshops are from 10 a.m. to noon on the following days:

- Jan. 10, May 16 and Sept. 19 at the Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave.
- Feb. 18, June 10 and Oct. 21 at the Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road in Inverness.
- March 21, July 18 and Nov. 21 at the Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Ave. in Beverly Hills.
- April 18, Aug. 15 and Dec. 19 at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St. in Crystal River.

Care partners and loved ones living with dementia are welcome. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 352-422-3663 or email deb@coping.today.

Staffing issues force temporary shutdown at Florida hospital

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — A South Florida hospital has temporarily closed its maternity ward due to staff-shortages related to recent outbreaks of COVID-19.

Mothers-to-be who had planned on giving birth at Holy Cross Health in Fort Lauderdale will have to find another option.

“In the best interest of patient safety, the Labor and Delivery unit is on diversion until further notice,” Holy Cross spokeswoman Christine Walker said in a statement.

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Post-Partum units at the hospital remain open, she said.

Nearby hospitals including Memorial Healthcare System and Broward Health are taking on patients from Holy Cross in the meantime.

“We’ve been receiving a few of their patients and working closely with them to ensure that they get safe high-quality care,” Leah Carpenter, the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Memorial, told NBC 6.

The announcement from Holy Cross comes as Florida continues to shatter daily records for new COVID cases, which are most likely fueled by the omicron variant. The variant is now the dominant strain across the United States.

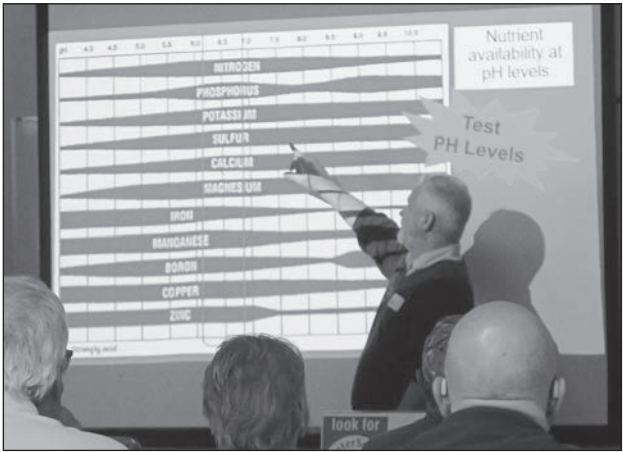
## County offering free irrigation workshop

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Citrus County Utilities is offering a free online Irrigation 101 workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 13. The training offers the basics of operating an irrigation system

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Florida-Friendly Landscaping coordinator Steven Davis discusses soils at the January 2019 Irrigation 101 class.



Special to the Chronicle  
The special needs team of the Solid Rock Cheerleading Team from Solid Rock Church of God in Inverness performs an exhibition routine at the recent 2022 Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders National Championship competition in Orlando.

## Solid Rock special needs cheer team rocks the house at recent cheerleading competition

By NANCY KENNEDY  
Chronicle Reporter

At the recent 2022 Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders National Championship competition in Orlando, the special needs cheer team from Solid Rock Church of God in Inverness were rock stars.

Although they weren’t there to compete but to perform as an exhibition team, they still brought the house down.

“On their second day, everyone was chanting, ‘Sol-id Rock! Sol-id Rock!’,” said team cheer coach Kristin Vanderpool. “They were even awarded National Championship jackets, which are only given to first place teams ... and the crowd went wild because those jackets are very coveted at that competition.”

The church’s whole program has 45 kids on four teams, many who are students at Solid Rock Christian Academy.

The special needs team has seven members, including Vanderpool’s twin brothers, Matt and Joey Burke.

Of the two, Joey likes cheerleading because he looks cool.

Matt doesn’t like cheerleading, but he includes karate moves in the routine, so that makes it OK for him.

His fiancée, Stephanie Adkisson, on the other hand, loves cheerleading so much that she grew her hair long enough to put in a ponytail so she could wear a bow.

“I like it because I get to go up in the air for my stunt,” she said.

The five girls on the team all get to “go up in the air,” including 14-year-old Elizabeth Brown who is in a wheelchair.

“We take her out of the chair and she



The Solid Rock special needs cheer team:  
Back row: Joey Burke, Cadence Steele, Stephanie Adkisson and Matt Burke.  
Front row: Alexandra Ramsey, Elizabeth Brown and Autumn Paolini.

goes in the air, too,” Vanderpool said.

Elizabeth said going in the air is her favorite part, but her least favorite is getting nervous before a performance.

Cadence Steele, 10, said she likes dancing the best and that “doing the pyramid” is the hardest part.

Alexandra Ramsey, a high school student with Down syndrome who is otherwise a bit shy, shines when she’s on stage, Vanderpool said.

“I like being on stage,” Alexandra said.

Autumn Paolini, 12, and one of the main flyers, said she “loves it all,” especially practicing with the team.

The team also has three volunteer high school students who perform the

routine with them, helping wherever they’re needed.

Matt and Joey are the muscle and the solid foundation.

Now that nationals is over, the team is continuing with their eye on the upcoming 2022 Special Olympics.

“We’re actually looking to add more to the team,” Vanderpool said, adding that it’s open to any person with special needs, age 9 and up, including adults.

For more information, call the area Special Olympics sports coordinator Lenny Kemp at 863-397-9775.

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## Two local men will face DUI, other charges

By HANNAH SACHEWICZ  
Chronicle Reporter

As Citrus County welcomed in the new year, two local men were arrested for driving under the influence, among other charges, according to a Citrus County Sheriff’s Office arrest affidavit.

Man charged with DUI, reportedly had children in car

On New Year’s Eve, while driving south on U.S. 19, deputies observed a black Chrysler 300 approaching an intersection at a high speed. According to the report, deputies clocked the vehicle at 87 mph in a congested area with dense fog.

When deputies attempted a traffic stop, the driver, later identified as Shaun Smith, reportedly began

driving erratically, changing lanes and increasing speed. Deputies caught up to the vehicle at 102 mph as it continued to speed up.

According to the report, two other vehicles were in front of the Chrysler, which slowed it down to 35 mph. Smith then turned on the blinker and continued for approximately two miles before pulling over. He reportedly had multiple areas he could have stopped, but chose not to.

Deputies then asked Smith to exit the vehicle. As Smith approached them, deputies reportedly smelled alcohol coming from his person. They also noticed he had red eyes and staggered while walk-



SMITH

ing. He was detained and handcuffed.

In addition, deputies discovered the two passengers in the vehicle were juveniles. Smith was read his Miranda rights and declined to speak to deputies.

During a search of the Chrysler, deputies found a half-empty cold beer bottle in the glove box. One of the juveniles alleged Smith told her to place it there when deputies were behind them.

Just five minutes into the new year, the 40-year-old Crystal River man was arrested and charged with child neglect without great bodily harm by willful or culpable negligence, resist officer without violence, DUI and reckless driving.

Smith reportedly refused to submit a breath test at the Citrus County Detention Facility and his bond was set at \$12,500.

Single vehicle rollover ends in DUI charges

During the early hours of New Year’s Day, a Dannelon man was involved in a single vehicle rollover near the Dollar General in Citrus Springs.

The driver, later identified as 20-year-old Clay Baldwin, reportedly damaged a sign in the median belonging to the county. When the first deputies arrived at the scene, Baldwin fled on foot into the woods.

According to the report, deputies later observed Baldwin walking east on North Citrus Springs Boulevard toward the accident scene. They were able to talk him into returning to the scene.

At this time, deputies could reportedly smell alcohol coming from his person. They also noticed he had red eyes and was

slurring his words.

Deputies reportedly confirmed with the vehicle passenger that Baldwin was drinking prior to the incident. Post Miranda, he agreed to a field sobriety test, to which he allegedly performed poorly.

At approximately 5 a.m., Baldwin was arrested and charged with DUI with damage to property, DUI and failure to remain at a crash with property damage. After arriving at the Citrus County Detention Facility, he reportedly refused to submit to a breath test. Bond was set at \$2,500.

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BALDWIN

## Florida passenger train line kills 5th person in a month

By TERRY SPENCER  
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FORT LAUDERDALE — A Brightline higher-speed train fatally struck a pedestrian who walked into its path Tuesday, the fifth death involving the railroad since it recently resumed operations after being shutdown because of the pandemic.

Boynton Beach police said the pedestrian was struck about 7:50 a.m. Spokeswoman Stephanie Slater said no further details were immediately available.

The recent deaths have all occurred in the last month, continuing a trend that shows Brightline to have the worst fatality rate among the country’s approximately 800 railroads since it began test runs in mid-2017, according to an Associated Press analysis of Federal Railroad Administration data.

None of the 52 earlier deaths involving Brightline have been blamed on its equipment or crews. Investigations showed most victims were either suicidal, intoxicated, mentally ill or had gone around barriers at an intersection in an attempt to beat the trains, which travel up to 79 mph through densely populated areas between Miami and West Palm Beach.

Brightline officials did not immediately return a call and email Tuesday seeking comment. After a recent accident, the privately owned railroad issued a statement saying, “safety is a topic that we will not stop talking about and we are asking the community, law enforcement, elected officials and members of the media to use their platforms and help amplify a consistent safety message: stay off the tracks and obey all warning signs.”

Brightline has installed infrared detectors that will warn engineers if anyone is lurking near the tracks so they can slow down or stop. The company has added more fencing and landscaping to make track access more difficult and is also installing red-light cameras at crossings that will allow police to ticket drivers who go around guardrails. It is testing drones to monitor the tracks.

The first of the latest spate happened Dec. 7, when a pedestrian was struck in North Miami Beach. Four days later, a pedestrian was struck in Hollywood. On Dec. 30, a 68-year-old driver and his 58-year-old sister died when he drove around warning gates into the path of a Brightline train.

Brightline shut down its service from March 2020 until November, but one of its trains fatally struck a pedestrian in July during an engineer training exercise.

An ongoing AP analysis of federal data that began in 2019 shows Brightline trains strike someone about every 33,000 miles traveled.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## American Kennel Club adds 2 dog breeds

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An athletic Hungarian farm dog and a tiny pet of bygone Russian aristocrats are the latest breeds in the American Kennel Club’s purebred lineup.

The club announced Tuesday that it’s recognizing the Russian toy and the mudi. That means they’re eligible to compete for best in show at many U.S. dog shows, including the AKC’s big annual championship and the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club show.

The mudi (pronounced like “moody”) descended from long lines of Hungarian sheepdogs before a museum director took an interest in the breed and gave it a name around 1930. Fans say the medium-size, shaggy dogs are vigorous, versatile and hardworking, able to herd sheep, hunt boars, snag rats and compete in canine sports such as agility and dock diving.

“They’re very perceptive, and they have a subtle quality” and are very trainable, but they need things to do, said Kim Seiter, an Oak Ridge, New Jersey, dog agility trainer who has four of them. “They’re not for the inactive person.”

The dogs – the proper plural is “mudik” – were featured on postage stamps in their homeland in 2004, as were some other Hungarian breeds.

The Russian toy developed from small English terriers that gained the fancy of Russian elites by the early 1700s. The diminutive dogs – supposed to weigh no more than 6.5 pounds – have a leggy silhouette, perky expression and lively demeanor, breeders say.

“They’re extremely affectionate” with their owners but can be reserved with strangers and need



Sandor Ujvari / MTI via AP, File

A black Mudi, a Hungarian species of shepherd dogs, helps to drive a herd of 120 buffaloes from its summer pasture to its winter habitat on the premises of the Kiskunsag National Park, Budapest, Hungary, on Jan. 25, 2017. The American Kennel Club announced that the Mudi and Russian Toy have received full recognition, and are eligible to compete in the Herding Group and Toy Group, respectively. These additions bring the number of AKC-recognized breeds to 199.

to meet plenty of new people as pups, says Nona Dietrich of Minnetonka, Minnesota, a breeder and member of the Russian Toy Club of America. “And they’re funny. They have quite an attitude.”

The AKC is the United States’ oldest purebred dog registry. It recognizes 199 breeds, including the two newcomers, and acts as a governing body for many dog shows.

Recognition requirements include having at least 300 dogs of the breed spread around at least 20 states and promulgating a breed standard that specifies ideal features, from temperament to toes. Many popular hybrid or “designer” breeds, such as Labradoodles and puggles, aren’t recognized, but it’s possible they could be someday if breeders decide to pursue it.

Some animal rights and welfare advocates deplore dog breeding

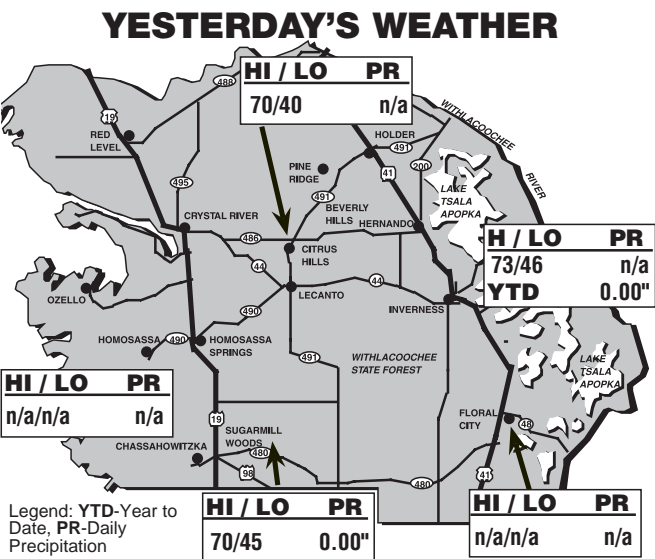


American Kennel Club via AP

This undated photo, provided by the American Kennel Club, shows the Russian Toy breed.

and the market for purebreds, saying they spur puppy mills and strand adoptable pets in shelters. The AKC says breeding can be

done responsibly and preserves somewhat predictable characteristics that help people find and commit to the right dog for them.



### THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by:

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
**High:** 73° **Low:** 48°  
Partly sunny and mild.

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING**  
**High:** 71° **Low:** 50°  
Partly sunny.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING**  
**High:** 72° **Low:** 47°  
Slight chance of a little rain.

ALMANAC

Data from  
Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday73/40  
Record\*86/19  
Normal70/42  
Mean temp.56  
Departure from mean1

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday0.00"  
Total for the month0.11"  
Total for the year0.10"  
Normal for the year0.35"

As reported from <https://citrusmosquito.org>

UV INDEX:

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

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

30.21

DEW POINT

Yesterday at 3 p.m.55°

HUMIDITY

Yesterday at 3 p.m.79%

POLLEN COUNT\*\*

Predominant: Trees  
Wed

low

med

high

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

AIR QUALITY

Yesterday observedGood  
PollutantPM2.5

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
01/05	WEDNESDAY	7:23	3:07	5:46	3:35
01/06	THURSDAY	7:23	4:01	5:47	4:25

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK			
Jan 9	Jan 17	Jan 25	Feb 1
<b>SUNSET TONIGHT</b> ..... 5:46 pm			
<b>SUNRISE TOMORROW</b> ..... 7:23 am			
<b>MOONRISE TODAY</b> ..... 10:05 am			
<b>MOONSET TODAY</b> ..... 9:10 pm			

**BURN CONDITIONS**

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

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

**WATERING RULES**

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

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

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TIDES					
*From mouths of rivers    **At King's Bay    ***At Mason's Creek					
WEDNESDAY					
City		High	Low		
Chassahowitzka		7:51 a.m.	0.7 ft	8:04 p.m.	0.2 ft
Crystal River**		5:41 a.m.	2.6 ft	6:49 p.m.	1.6 ft
Withlacoochee*		2:45 a.m.	3.5 ft	4:38 p.m.	2.5 ft
Homosassa***		6:20 a.m.	1.5 ft	8:18 p.m.	0.6 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES						
City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L
Daytona Bch.	73	55	pc	Miami	80	68
Fort Lauderdale	80	65	sh	Ocala	71	50
Fort Myers	76	61	pc	Orlando	74	57
Gainesville	69	48	mc	Pensacola	64	54
Homestead	80	64	sh	Sarasota	76	59
Jacksonville	68	50	mc	Tallahassee	66	46
Key West	78	70	pc	Tampa	77	58
Lakeland	75	56	pc	Vero Beach	77	61
Melbourne	78	61	pc	W. Palm Bch.	76	68

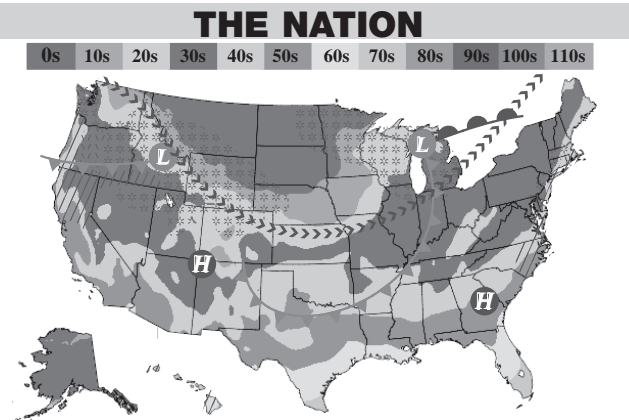
### MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 5 knots then becoming north around 10 knots in the late morning and afternoon. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

**Gulf water temperature**  
**67°**  
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	TUE	MON	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	29.23	29.30	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.75	37.77	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.07	39.08	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.21	40.23	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.



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M.													
Wednesday													
City	TUE			WED			City	TUE			WED		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst
Albany	29	10	Trace	42	28	cl	New Orleans	57	39	0.00	66	59	mc
Albuquerque	54	21	0.00	52	22	s	New York City	34	19	0.00	44	34	sh
Anchorage	43	21	0.00	49	28	mc	Norfolk	40	31	0.00	56	40	ra
Atlanta	50	28	Trace	54	37	mc	Oklahoma City	57	30	0.00	44	17	s
Atlantic City	33	10	Trace	50	36	ra	Omaha	43	26	0.00	73	-1	pc
Austin	67	36	0.00	72	41	s	Palm Springs	67	39	0.00	73	55	mc
Baltimore	36	15	0.00	44	32	cl	Philadelphia	36	22	0.00	44	32	ra
Birmingham	41	-6	0.01	-5	-16	sn	Phoenix	66	39	0.00	66	42	s
Boise	54	29	0.00	55	39	mc	Pittsburgh	29	21	0.00	46	21	mc
Boston	36	30	0.26	39	31	sn	Portland, ME	27	9	0.00	47	33	ra
Buffalo	31	17	Trace	51	34	ra	Portland, OR	46	39	0.14	43	40	ra
Burlington, VT	27	-1	0.00	38	26	cl	Providence, RI	37	17	0.00	52	34	ra
Charleston, SC	54	36	0.00	67	42	mc	Raleigh	45	26	0.00	54	38	mc
Charleston, WV	50	21	0.00	52	26	mc	Rapid City	47	4	Trace	-1	-12	sn
Charlotte	46	28	0.00	53	36	mc	Reno	53	44	0.00	50	32	mc
Chicago	36	24	0.00	18	7	sn	Rochester, NY	34	10	0.00	43	24	mc
Cincinnati	45	19	0.00	41	18	mc	Sacramento	57	50	0.01	57	46	mc
Cleveland	40	24	0.00	41	18	rs	Salt Lake City	41	27	Trace	41	35	ra
Columbia, SC	52	34	0.00	58	36	pc	San Antonio	72	36	0.00	73	43	s
Columbus, OH	43	21	0.00	40	17	mc	San Diego	60	39	0.00	64	49	s
Concord, NH	31	8	0.00	40	27	cl	San Francisco	58	51	0.41	58	50	mc
Dallas	65	34	0.00	60	33	s	Savannah	59	40	0.00	67	42	mc
Denver	48	32	0.00	41	2	sn	Seattle	42	34	0.08	38	35	rs
Des Moines	39	27	0.00	12	-3	pc	Spokane	34	28	0.05	26	20	mc
Detroit	34	23	0.00	35	17	ss	St. Louis	39	23	0.00	33	14	pc
El Paso	63	25	0.00	62	35	s	St. Ste Marie	31	21	0.00	29	3	ss
Evansville, IN	43	24	0.00	39	20	pc	Syracuse	34	10	Trace	41	24	mc
Harrisburg	38	21	0.00	44	26	mc	Topeka	50	33	0.00	25	6	pc
Hartford	34	14	0.00	46	32	ra	Washington	34	23	0.00	44	33	ra
Houston	66	36	0.00	72	54	pc	YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW						
Indianapolis	41	21	0.00	34	14	mc	HIGH 81, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.						
Kansas City	48	32	0.00	26	6	pc	LOW -18, Cut Bank, Mont.						
Las Vegas	56	32	0.00	60	41	s	WORLD CITIES						
Little Rock	51	26	0.00	50	28	mc	TUE			Lisbon	59/52/ra		
Los Angeles	62	43	0.00	64	49	s	CITY	H/L/SKY		London	42/35/s		
Louisville	46	24	0.00	43	23	pc	Acapulco	90/68/s		Madrid	46/41/pc		
Memphis	43	25	Trace	49	28	mc	Amsterdam	44/39/ra		Mexico City	74/57/s		
Minneapolis	34	19	0.00	19	8	sn	Athens	61/50/s		Montreal	31/24/cl		
Mobile	32	16	0.00	13	-6	sn	Beijing	34/16/s		Moscow	23/12/sn		
Montgomery	50	30	0.00	63	53	mc	Berlin	40/38/mc		Paris	44/37/ra		
Nashville	55	29	0.00	58	43	mc	Bermuda	68/64/ra		Rio	82/76/ra		
Shreveport	46	25	0.00	52	27	mc	Cairo	65/55/s		Rome	59/51/ra		
FOOTNOTES: c=cloudy; cl=cloud; h=haze; hz=haze; mc=mostly cloudy; s=sunny; sh=showers; sn=snow; sn-s=snow showers; t=thunderstorms													

**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 Wednesday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2022. There are 360 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**  
On Jan. 5, 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

**On this date:**  
In 1914, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers \$5 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to \$2.34 for a 9-hour day. (Employees still worked six days a week; the 5-day work week was instituted in 1926.)

In 1933, construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.)

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver, who was born into slavery, died in Tuskegee, Alabama, at about age 80.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 2004, foreigners arriving at U.S. airports were photographed and had their fingerprints scanned in the start of a government effort to keep terrorists out of the country.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Robert Duvall is 91. Former talk show host Charlie Rose is 80. Actor-director Diane Keaton is 76. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 72. Former CIA Director George Tenet is 69. Actor Pamela Sue Martin is 69. Actor Clancy Brown is 63. Singer Iris Dement is 61. Actor Suzy Amis is 60. Actor Ricky Paull Goldin is 57. Actor Vinnie Jones is 57. Actor Joe Flanigan is 55. Talk show host/dancer-choreographer Carrie Ann Inaba is 54. Rock musician Troy Van Leeuwen (Queens of the Stone Age) is 54. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 53. Actor Shea Whigham is 53. Actor Derek Cecil is 49. Actor-comedian Jessica Chaffin is 48. Actor Bradley Cooper is 47. Actor Brooklyn Sudano is 41.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

CF Foundation executive committee to meet

The College of Central Florida (CF) Foundation executive committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at CF, 3001 SW College Road in Ocala. This meeting is open to the public and includes general business of the executive committee.

CF Foundation to hold joint workshop

The College of Central Florida (CF) Foundation board of directors and district board of trustees will have a joint workshop at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 at CF, 3001 SW College Road in Ocala. This meeting is open to the public and includes preliminary 2021 updates.

Church hosting Thomas Shelton gospel concert

Gospel musician Thomas Shelton will be singing in concert at the First Christian Church of Inverness at 6 p.m. Jan. 12 at the church, 2018 Colonade St. in Inverness.

Over the last 39 years, Thomas has shared his God-given talent with thousands. In 1977, he was inducted into “Who’s Who in American Music.” In June of that year, he joined the touring group, “General Delivery USA.”

Since then, he’s traveled as the lead singer of the “Gospelites” and tenor with the “Watchmen” of “Operation Evangelize.”

Thomas and his wife Shannon spent two years as cruise directors for New Creation World Wide Cruises. He has served in four separate congregations in the development of music and youth programs and his ministry has taken him to 50 states and 11 other countries.

All are invited to attend with no charge for tickets. For more information, call 352-344-1908.

Garden club to give away Yaupon Holly

The Homosassa River Garden Club will celebrate Florida Arbor Day by giving away 200 Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) seedlings. The giveaway will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (or until all trees are given away) Jan. 22 at the Publix of Sugarmill Woods, 9525 U.S. 19 (Suncoast Boulevard) in Homosassa and the Walmart of Homosassa, 6885 U.S. 19.

Yaupon Hollies are a small-leaved evergreen holly native to Florida. They produce a berry, which may be red, orange or yellow, and the birds will feed on them for months. These trees can grow between 15 and 25 feet tall and about as wide. Once mature, the tree takes on a vase-like shape.

They are drought and salt tolerant, and prefer full or partial sun. They can be planted in a wide array of soils. Once established they only need occasional watering and fertilizer.

Homosassa River Republicans announce new meeting time

The Homosassa River Republican Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at the Marguerita Grill, 10200 W. Halls River Road.

The club has changed their meeting days from the third Tuesday to the third Thursday of the month. Soft beverages are provided and the restaurant is open to order lunch or a snack.

BTV REPORT: JAN. 4, 2022

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Tuesday, Jan. 4, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:  
Grand theft, 4:30 p.m. Dec.

30, off of Columbus Street, Beverly Hills;  
Residential burglary, 7:50 a.m. Jan. 3, off of North Manville Road, Dunnellon;  
Residential burglary, 8:32 a.m. Jan. 3, off of Wash-

ington Street, Beverly Hills;  
Criminal mischief, 9:52 a.m. Jan. 3, off of Florida Avenue, Hernando;  
Petit theft, 11:12 a.m. Jan. 3, off of Turner Camp Road, Inverness;

Criminal mischief, 3:14 p.m. Jan. 3, off of Highland Boulevard, Inverness.  
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.

SERTOMANS RECEIVE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Four members of the Citrus Sertoma Club were honored recently with Lifetime Achievement Awards for a total of more than 140 years of combined community service. All four honorees have served Sertoma at the local, district, state, regional and international board levels. Pictured from left are: Mike Vaughan, recipient; Rainer Jakob, recipient; Lucy Solfi, national director; Jerry Myer, recipient; and Bud Osborn, recipient.

CRIME REPORT: JAN. 3

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests from Jan. 3**  
**Jesse Michael Rivera**, 33, Spring Hill, arrested Jan. 3 for violation of pronation. No bond.  
**Rhonda Dee Schumacher**, 59, Homosassa, arrested Jan. 3 for failure to appear. No bond.  
**James Joseph Frazier**, 31, Dunnellon, arrested Jan. 3 for criminal mischief (\$200 or more but less than \$1,000). Bond \$1,000.  
**Travis Dean Harscher**, 37, arrested Jan. 3 for failure to appear. Bond \$2,000.  
**Robert Steven Olsen**, 65, Homosassa, arrested Jan. 3 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. No bond.  
**James Dean Ware**, 53, Inverness, arrested Jan. 3 for trespass in structure or conveyance after warning and resist officer without violence. Bond \$2,000.  
**Valerie Lynn Kirtley**, 39, Hernando, arrested Jan. 3 for possession of controlled substance, attach tag to vehicle not assigned to it and driving while license suspended or revoked – knowingly. Bond \$4,000.  
**Kala Anne Wolfe**, 33, Inverness, arrested Jan. 3 for violation of probation. No bond.

Insurrection prompts year of change for U.S. Capitol Police

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO and FARNOUSH AMIRI**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A year after thousands of violent pro-Trump rioters overwhelmed police officers at the U.S. Capitol — severely injuring dozens in the process — the force dedicated to protecting the premier symbol of American democracy has transformed.

The leaders who were in charge of the U.S. Capitol Police on Jan. 6 were ousted following criticism for intelligence and other failures that left the legislative branch vulnerable to the stunning attack. And more broadly, the agency that was once little-known outside of Washington now has an elevated profile, leading to a roughly 15 percent increase in funding and a greater awareness of its role in the patchwork of groups that protect the region.

With the nation's political divide running deep and an unprecedented number of threats against lawmakers, there is still concern about the readiness of the Capitol Police to thwart another attack. But experts say the shock of the insurrection has prompted needed changes, including better communication among the Capitol Police, other law enforcement agencies and the public.

“It’s a sea change between this year and last year in terms of how the Capitol Police are thinking, and operating,” said Chuck Wexler, the head of the Police Executive Research Forum, an organization that focuses on professionalism in policing. “They’re going to be over-prepared, and willing to be criticized for being over-prepared.”

As the temporary public face of the department, then-acting Police Chief Yogananda Pittman conceded to Congress in February that multiple levels of failures allowed rioters to storm the building. But she disputed the notion that



John Minchillo / AP  
U.S. Capitol Police officers try to hold back rioters on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 in Washington.

law enforcement had failed to take the threat seriously, noting how Capitol Police several days before the riot had distributed an internal document warning that extremists were poised for violence.

The police department had compiled numerous intelligence documents suggesting the crowd could turn violent and even target Congress. The intelligence documents, obtained by The Associated Press, warned that crowds could number in the tens of thousands and include members of extremist groups like the Proud Boys.

The Capitol Police Board has oversight of the force and is comprised of the House and Senate sergeants-at-arms and the architect of the Capitol, who oversees the building. It passed over Pittman in its search for a permanent chief and, in July, selected J. Thomas Manger, the former chief of the police departments in Fairfax County, Virginia, and Montgomery County, Maryland.

Manger has focused on making major changes to the agency, which includes 1,800 sworn police officers and nearly 400 civilian employees. He’s ordered new equipment for front-line officers and officers assigned to the civil disturbance unit while expanding training sessions with the National Guard and other agencies. He’s also pushed for stronger peer support and mental

health services for officers. “I think that the damage that was done on Jan. 6 was not just the physical damage to the Capitol itself. It was not just the harm, the injuries, the deaths that occurred to the men and women of the Capitol Police Department, to the demonstrators, to the folks that were on the Capitol grounds that day,” Manger said in an interview with the AP in September. “The damage went beyond that. It went to where it damaged, I think, the confidence of the American public that the Capitol could be adequately protected.”

In the last year, Capitol Police say they have also improved the way that investigators gather, analyze and disseminate intelligence and have brought on someone dedicated to planning major events to focus on intelligence and coordination. The agency has also started conducting planning sessions and exercises ahead of major events and is briefing officers in person.

Many officers within the department had criticized their own leaders, saying they had failed to recognize the threat ahead of the insurrection and didn’t do enough to bolster staffing. Some officers were outfitted with equipment for a protest, rather than a riot.

But even with a new chief and major changes to operations, questions still remain about whether the Capitol is adequately protected.

Less than half of GOP say 1/6 was very violent: AP-NORC poll

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fighting — so primitive and ferocious that one Capitol Police officer described it as “medieval” and another as a “trip to hell” — left more than 100 law enforcement personnel injured, some beaten with their own weapons.

Video cameras captured the violence live, with rioters clubbing officers with flag polls and fire extinguishers, even squeezing one between doors as he begged for his life.

Yet nearly a year after the Jan. 6 siege only about 4 in 10 Republicans recall the attack by supporters of then-President Donald Trump as very violent or extremely violent, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. About 3 in 10 Republicans say the attack was not violent, and about another 3 in 10 say it was somewhat violent.

Their views were a distinct minority as overall about two-thirds of Americans described the day as very or extremely violent, including about 9 in 10 Democrats.

The findings reflect the country’s political polarization, with a false portrayal of the siege taking hold despite extensive footage that shows the ransacking of the building in harrowing detail. Trump and some allies in Congress and conservative media have played it down, falsely characterizing the attack as a minor civil disturbance.

It’s a view that is shared by many Republicans, though few go so far as to defend the rioters themselves.

Meanwhile, the percentage of Americans who blame Trump for the Jan. 6 riot has grown slightly over the past year, with 57 percent saying he bears significant responsibility for what took place. In an AP-NORC poll taken in the days after the attack, 50 percent said that.

The uptick is seen among Republicans as well, even as relatively few think Trump bears significant responsibility. Twenty-two percent say that now, up from 11 percent last year. Sixty percent say he had little to no responsibility.

The insurrection was the closing act of Trump’s desperate effort to overturn his election loss to Joe Biden. After Trump’s baseless claims of voter fraud were soundly rejected in the courts, he shifted his focus to the Electoral College certification on Jan. 6, publicly pressuring then-Vice President Mike Pence to stop Congress from naming Biden the winner. Pence did not have that power under the law, as the vice president’s function is largely ceremonial.

Trump promoted the Jan. 6 rally that preceded the attack, predicting it would be “wild,” and in a speech that day urged his supporters to “fight like hell” as Congress convened to certify the election results. The attack halted that process for hours as rioters occupied the building.

Still, while few Republicans blame Trump, Republicans and Democrats alike overwhelmingly say that the individual rioters had a great deal or quite a bit of responsibility for their actions during the riot.

“I think there were strong supporters of President Trump that were there, but I think the people that caused the attacks might not have been true Trump supporters,” said Mary Beth Bell of Jacksonville, Florida. “Because I know a lot of Trump supporters, and they see what happened on Jan. 6 as disgusting as I do.”

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Dickson

January 2, 2022

Barbara Dickson, age 96, of Inverness, Florida, passed away on January 2, 2022. A Funeral Service will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, Jan-

uary 8, 2022 at the Heinz Funeral Home, Inverness, FL. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

John Anthony Flynn Jr.

Dec. 31, 2021

John Anthony (Captain Jack) Flynn, Jr. 89 years old Lecanto, FL John Anthony (Jack) Flynn passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 31, 2021, after a long struggle with heart and lung disease and a broken hip early in December.



himself to St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Crystal River, serving as acolyte with other many lay roles. An active volunteer with Our Father’s Table and Meals on

Wheels, he got joy in helping others by serving his community.

Jack leaves behind his wife Doris, his children Peter (Cynthia) Flynn, Patricia (Knut) Syvrud and Meg (Tom) Goodale; his grandchildren Jonathon (Sarah) and Thomas Flynn and Tor and Amy Syvrud. He was predeceased by his younger brothers Richard and Thomas and talked a lot about his brothers later in life.

A service in will be held at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, Florida on January 12th at 2:00pm. Refreshments will be served following the service in the parish hall. A memorial service will be held later in the year with interment of Jack’s ashes in Hollis, NH.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Crystal River, FL in Jack’s honor. [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1396302](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1396302)

Jane E. Arnold

Sept. 3, 1944 - Dec. 29, 2021

Jane E Arnold age 77, of Brooksville, FL passed away December 29, 2021 in Brooksville, FL. She was born on September 3, 1944 in Detroit, MI to Lloyd and Dorothy (Tilt) Arnold. Jane was a resident of Citrus County for forty years before moving to Brooksville, FL. She was a member of the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ in Homosassa, FL.

Survived by one brother, Edward Arnold of Brooksville, FL; many friends and church family.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. service time at the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, 10340 W Pennsylvania St., Homosassa, FL. Private cremation will follow under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

June E. McSeveney

Nov. 19, 1949 - Dec. 31, 2021

The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. June E. McSeveney, age 72 years, of Homosassa, will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes with Rev. Gordon Condit officiating. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. Friends may call from 10:00 AM until the time of service Thursday at the chapel. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com). Those, who wish, may make memorial donations to Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760.



in St. Petersburg, FL. Mrs. McSeveney moved to Homosassa from Byram, New York in 2004. She was Presbyterian by Faith; a member of Sugar-mill Woods Country Club; and an avid golfer. Mrs. McSeveney also enjoyed crocheting, playing cards and reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Robert Samuel McSeveney and a brother: Charles H. Weir. Surviving are her daughter: Kelly McSeveney; 2 sisters: Sandy Barnes and Doris Reitsma; 2 nephews: William Floystad Jr. and Christopher Floystad; 2 nieces: Missy Buhnerkemper and Sandra Ackerson; and several great nephews and nieces.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes.

Police boot protesters from Gov. DeSantis’ briefing

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Police in Florida removed a handful of community activists from a news conference with Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday after the group demanded to challenge the governor’s coronavirus policies.

A live video feed of the confrontation showed police handcuffing a protester and leading the rest of the group away after they refused to leave a state Health Department building in Jacksonville where the governor was set to hold a briefing.

“The governor is afraid to meet with the people,” said Ben Frazier, president and founder of the Northside Coalition of Jacksonville, as an officer handcuffed him. “When it comes to public welfare, this governor does not care.”

Frazier, 71, was taken away in the back of a police cruiser, according to a First

Coast News reporter at the news conference. He was cited for trespassing and has been ordered to appear in court, according to records from the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office.

In the video, the group could be seen sitting in the news briefing room waiting for DeSantis to arrive, saying they wanted to talk to the governor.

A man who said he was a facilities manager at the building told the activists they were trespassing and asked them to leave.

After the group said they would not leave, a woman who said she was with the governor’s office told them they weren’t being appropriate and asked media to stop recording the group and instead prepare for the news conference. Police then led the activists from the room.

Florida Democrats were quick to criticize the incident.



Gerald Herbert / AP

Medical staff transport a patient from a COVID-19 ward to the intensive care unit to be put on a ventilator, at the Willis Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport, La., Aug. 17.

COVID-19 case counts may be losing importance amid omicron

By CARLA K. JOHNSON  
Associated Press

The explosive increase in U.S. coronavirus case counts is raising alarm, but some experts believe the focus should instead be on COVID-19 hospital admissions. And those aren’t climbing as fast.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, for one, said Sunday on ABC that with many infections causing few or no symptoms, “it is much more relevant to focus on the hospitalizations as opposed to the total number of cases.” Other experts argue that case counts still have value.

As the super-contagious omicron variant rages across the U.S., new COVID-19 cases per day have more than tripled over the past two weeks, reaching a record-shattering average of 480,000. Schools, hospitals and airlines are struggling as infected workers go into isolation.

Meanwhile, hospital admissions averaged 14,800 per day last week, up 63 percent from the week before, but still short of the peak of 16,500 per day a year ago, when the vast majority of the U.S. was unvaccinated. Deaths have been stable over the past two weeks at an average of about 1,200 per day, well below the all-time high of 3,400 last January.

Public health experts suspect that those numbers, taken together, reflect the vaccine’s continued effectiveness at preventing serious illness, even against omicron, as well as the possibility that the variant does not make most people as sick as ear-



Ted Shaffrey / AP

People line up for coronavirus tests on Wall Street in the Financial District in New York on Dec. 16.

lier versions.

Omicron accounted for 95 percent of new coronavirus infections in the U.S. last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday, in another indication of how astonishingly fast the variant has spread since it was first detected in South Africa in late November.

Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr, director of ICAP, a global health center at Columbia University, said the case count does not appear to be the most important number now.

Instead, she said, the U.S. at this stage of the pandemic should be “shifting our focus, especially in an era of vaccination, to really focus on preventing illness, disability and death, and therefore counting those.”

Daily case counts and their ups and downs have been one of the most closely watched barometers during the outbreak and have been a reliable early warning sign of severe disease and death in previous coronavirus waves.

But they have long been considered an imperfect

measure, in part because they consist primarily of laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19, not the actual number of infections out there, which is almost certainly many times higher.

The daily case counts are also subject to wild swings. The number of new cases recorded on Monday topped an unprecedented 1 million, a figure that may reflect cases that had been held up by reporting delays over the holiday weekend. The seven-day rolling average is considered more reliable.

Now, the value of the daily case count is being called into question as never before.

For one thing, the skyrocketing increase reflects, at least in part, an omicron-induced stampede among many Americans to get tested before holiday gatherings, and new testing requirements at workplaces and at restaurants, theaters and other sites.

Also, the true number of infections is probably much higher than the case count because the results of the at-home tests that

Americans are rushing to use are not added to the official tally, and because long waits have discouraged some people from lining up to get swabbed.

But also, case numbers seem to yield a less useful picture of the pandemic amid the spread of omicron, which is causing lots of infections but so far does not appear to be as severe in its effects.

Case counts have lost relevance, said Andrew Noymer, a public health professor at the University of California, Irvine.

“Hospitalizations are where the rubber meets the road,” Noymer said. “It’s a more objective measure.” He added: “If I had to choose one metric, I would choose the hospitalization data.”

Even hospital numbers aren’t a perfect reflection of disease severity because they include patients admitted for other health problems who happen to test positive for the coronavirus.

Keeping track of COVID-19 admissions can tell doctors something about the seriousness of the virus and also the capacity of hospitals to deal with the crisis. That, in turn, can help health leaders determine where to shift equipment and other resources.

Still, health experts are not prepared to do away with case counts.

“We should not abandon looking at case numbers,” said Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, “but it is important to acknowledge we’re seeing only a portion of the actual number of cases.”

CDC posts rationale for shorter isolation, quarantine

By MIKE STOBBE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday explained the scientific rationale for shortening its COVID-19 isolation and quarantine recommendations, and clarified that the guidance applies to kids as well as adults.

The CDC also maintained that, for people who catch COVID-19, testing is not required to emerge from five days of isolation — despite hints from other federal officials that the agency was reconsidering that.

The agency announced the changes last week, halving the isolation time for Americans who catch the coronavirus and have no symptoms or only brief illnesses. Isolation should only end if a person has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and if other symptoms are resolving, the CDC added.

It similarly shortened the time that close contacts need to quarantine, from 10 days to five.

CDC officials previous-

ly said the changes were in keeping with evidence that people with the coronavirus are most infectious in the two days before and three days after symptoms develop.

Some experts have questioned how the new recommendations were crafted and why they were changed amid a spike in cases driven largely by the highly contagious omicron variant. Some also expressed dismay that the guidelines allowed people to leave isolation without getting tested to see if they were still infectious.

On Tuesday, the CDC posted documents designed to address those — and other — questions about the latest recommendations. The new

guidance applies to school children as well as adults, the CDC said, responding to questions raised by school leaders around the country.

In laying out the scientific basis for the revisions, the agency said more than 100 studies from 17 countries indicate that most transmission happens early in an infection. The CDC acknowledged the data come from research done when delta and other pre-omicron variants were causing the most infections. But the agency also pointed to limited, early data from the U.S. and South Korea that suggests the time between exposure and the appearance of symptoms may be shorter for omicron than for earlier

variants.

The CDC also took up the question of why it didn’t call for a negative test before people emerge from isolation.

On Sunday, Dr. Anthony Fauci — the White House’s top medical adviser — said the CDC was considering including the negative test as part of its guidance.

The agency said lab tests can show positive results long after someone stops being contagious, and that a negative at-home test may not necessarily indicate there is no threat. That’s why, the agency said, it was recommending that people wears masks everywhere for the five days after isolation ends.

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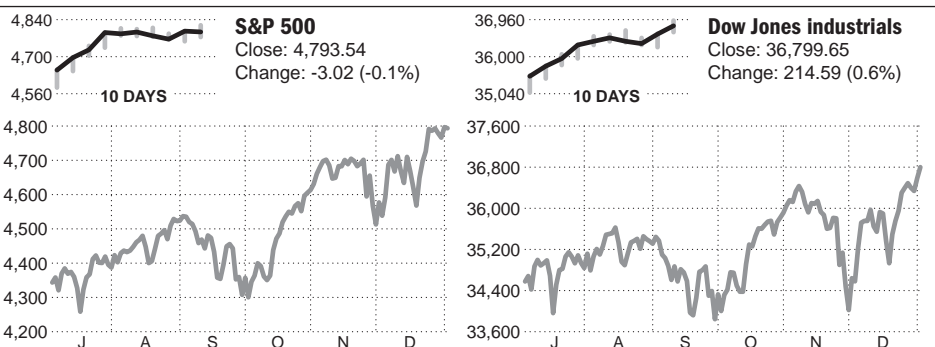
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StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,323	4,504
Pvs. Volume	3,533	4,030
Advanced	1410	1448
Declined	1085	2077
New Highs	124	122
New Lows	29	111

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
DOW	36,934.84	36,636.00	36,799.65	+214.59	+0.59%	+1.27%
DOW Trans.	16,621.70	16,352.19	16,579.59	+276.80	+1.70%	+0.61%
DOW Util.	982.63	969.48	969.73	-2.51	-0.26%	-1.13%
NYSE Comp.	17,377.43	17,226.11	17,336.76	+110.66	+0.64%	+1.01%
NASDAQ	15,852.14	15,512.41	15,622.72	-210.08	-1.33%	-0.14%
S&P 500	4,818.62	4,774.27	4,793.54	-3.02	-0.06%	+0.57%
S&P 400	2,877.35	2,851.05	2,865.54	+14.49	+0.51%	+0.83%
Wilshire 5000	48,993.62	48,422.11	48,660.75	-128.61	-0.26%	+0.41%
Russell 2000	2,288.30	2,255.71	2,268.87	-3.69	-0.16%	+1.05%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	52-WK RANGE					◇CLOSE			YTD		1YR	P/E	DIV
			HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN				
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	◇	33.88	25.64	+21	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+4.2	-7.2	cc	2.08	
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	◇	148.07	146.09	+2.42	+1.7	▼	▲	▼	-0.6	+22.2	37	0.80	
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	◇	79.67	63.16	-19	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	+4.3	-12.5	22	1.10e	
Bank of America	BAC	29.57	◇	48.69	47.99	+1.81	+3.9	▲	▲	▲	+7.9	+49.4	14	0.84	
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	◇	29.00	27.30	+2.4	+0.9	▲	■	▲	+3.4	+9.9	13	0.64f	
Citigroup	C	57.40	◇	80.29	63.59	+4.9	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+5.3	+1.3	6	2.04	
Disney	DIS	142.04	◇	203.02	155.73	-1.03	-0.7	▲	▲	▲	+0.5	-14.5		...	
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	◇	108.38	103.41	-0.08	-0.1	▼	▲	▼	-1.4	+18.8	58	3.94f	
EPR Properties	EPR	30.85	◇	56.07	48.81	+4.0	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+2.8	+50.7	3	3.00	
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.03	◇	29.29	26.19	...	...	▲	▲	▲	+1.1	-5.1		2.50e	
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	41.00	◇	66.38	65.93	+2.39	+3.8	▲	▲	▲	+7.7	+56.9		3.52f	
Ford Motor	F	8.43	◇	21.88	24.31	+2.54	+11.7	▲	▲	▲	+17.0	+137.4	28	0.40	
Gen Electric	GE	83.20	◇	116.17	99.37	+3.13	+3.3	▲	▲	▲	+5.2	+9.7		0.32	
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	156.43	◇	263.92	260.27	+6.19	+2.4	▲	▲	▲	+1.3	+57.4	24	1.92	
Home Depot	HD	246.59	◇	420.61	412.84	+4.20	+1.0	▼	▼	▼	-0.5	+58.7	29	6.60	
Intel Corp	INTC	47.87	◇	68.49	53.14	-0.07	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	+3.2	+6.2	10	1.39	
IBM	IBM	114.56	◇	152.84	138.02	+1.98	+1.5	▲	▲	▲	+3.3	+16.6	23	6.56	
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	◇	60.43	59.49	+8.8	+1.5	▼	▲	▼	-0.9	+71.1	19	...a	
Lowes Cos	LOW	150.84	◇	263.31	259.81	+4.30	+1.7	▲	▲	▲	+0.5	+62.8	27	3.20	
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.67	◇	16.60	12.85	+1.15	+1.2	▲	▲	▲	+2.4	+39.0		1.00	
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	◇	270.73	268.51	-0.07	...	▲	▲	▲	+0.2	+27.4	29	5.16	
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	◇	349.67	329.01	-5.74	-1.7	▼	▼	▼	-2.2	+52.2	37	2.48f	
Motorola Solutions	MSI	165.60	◇	273.65	264.80	-2.63	-1.0	▼	▲	▼	-2.5	+61.5	46	2.84	
NextEra Energy	NEE	68.33	◇	93.73	90.68	-9.8	-1.1	▼	▲	▼	-2.9	+23.0	57	1.54	
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	◇	20.35	19.44	+6.4	+3.4	▲	▲	▲	+5.8	+18.4	47	0.84	
Regions Fncl	RF	15.72	◇	24.89	23.68	+1.01	+4.5	▲	▲	▲	+8.6	+39.3	9	0.68	
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	◇	140.65	138.57	+1.77	+1.3	▲	▲	▲	+2.0	+20.8	18	3.96f	
Texas Instru	TXN	160.76	◇	202.26	190.80	+2.0	+0.1	▲	▼	▲	+1.2	+17.4	24	4.60f	
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	◇	258.86	211.47	+0.6	...	▲	▲	▲	+0.5	-0.1	26	1.00	
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.69	◇	59.85	53.47	+1.03	+2.0	▲	▲	▲	+2.9	-7.3	10	2.56f	
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	◇	20.36	15.73	+2.9	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	+5.4	-3.1	cc	1.06e	
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	◇	152.57	142.00	-2.65	-1.8	▼	▲	▼	-1.9	+1.9	40	2.20	
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.94	◇	57.05	53.48	+4.2	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+2.5	+35.5	20	1.91	

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

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.66% on Tuesday. 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

Crude oil prices rose. U.S. crude climbed 1.2%. Wholesale gasoline rose a little less than 1% and heating oil prices rose 2.2%. Natural gas prices fell. Gold and silver prices rose



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.08	.09	-0.01	.09
6-month T-bill	.23	.22	+0.01	.09
52-wk T-bill	.38	.40	-0.02	.10
2-year T-note	.77	.78	-0.01	.11
5-year T-note	1.37	1.37	...	.36
7-year T-note	1.57	1.55	+0.02	.64
10-year T-note	1.66	1.63	+0.03	.90
30-year T-bond	2.08	2.02	+0.06	1.65

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK	6MO	1YR
48 month new car loan	3.41	3.41	3.56	4.12
Money market account	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.29
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.34	3.24	3.17	3.07
15 year fixed mortgage	2.62	2.50	2.50	2.38

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	76.99	76.08	+1.20	+2.4
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14	...	...
Heating Oil (gal)	2.41	2.36	+2.21	+3.5
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.72	3.82	-2.57	-0.4
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.28	2.26	+0.88	+2.2
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1814.00	1799.40	+0.81	-0.7
Silver (oz)	23.04	22.79	+1.09	-1.2
Platinum (oz)	970.40	953.70	+1.75	+0.6
Copper (lb)	4.47	4.41	+1.17	+0.3
Palladium (oz)	1855.70	1822.00	+1.85	-2.8
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.38	1.39	-0.79	-0.8
Coffee (lb)	2.32	2.23	+3.78	+2.5
Corn (bu)	6.10	5.89	+3.44	+2.7
Cotton (lb)	1.16	1.13	+2.79	+3.4
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1133.00	1114.00	+1.89	-1.3
Orange Juice (lb)	1.46	1.47	-0.17	+0.0
Soybeans (bu)	13.79	13.44	+2.59	+3.8
Wheat (bu)	7.70	7.58	+1.58	-0.1

MutualFunds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.51	+0.5	+0.1	+16.6	+15.1	+11.3
	CptWldGrIncA m	63.89	+1.9	+0.3	+15.8	+18.2	+12.9
	CptInlcBldrA m	70.59	+4.2	+0.6	+16.3	+11.6	+8.1
	FdmtilnvsA m	75.86	-1.2	-0.1	+23.5	+21.1	+15.4
	GrfAmrcA m	74.15	-8.5	-0.2	+20.5	+27.6	+20.4
	IncAmrcA m	25.98	+1.6	+0.5	+18.6	+13.4	+9.4
	InvCAMrcA m	52.00	+1.4	+0.4	+27.4	+20.9	+14.6
	NwPrspctvA m	66.71	-4.4	+0.5	+18.4	+26.7	+19.7
	WAMtlnvsA m	60.78	+2.9	+0.5	+30.9	+20.1	+15.1
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Slumping tech stocks weigh on S&P 500 even as Dow gains

By DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA  
AP Business Writers

A slide in technology stocks left the S&P 500 slightly lower on Wall Street Tuesday, even as the Dow Jones Industrial Average marked another all-time high.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.1 percent, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite fell 1.3 percent after a day of choppy trading. The Dow rose 0.6 percent, thanks partly to solid gains by Caterpillar and JPMorgan Chase, which rose 5.4 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

Banks were among the biggest gainers as bond yields rose, pushing the yield on the 10-year Treasury to 1.65 percent from 1.63 percent late Monday. The yield




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EDITORIAL

Time to replace Withlacoochee River bridge

The bridge on State Road 200 that crosses the Withlacoochee River between Citrus and Marion counties was built in 1935. At that time, speeds were considerably lower, roads were not as good as today, and large tractor/trailer rigs were not on the highways.

But times have changed. Roadways are smoother, cars are traveling faster, and large tractor/trailers are common on the highway.

But the narrow two-lane bridge crossing the river is the same bridge that was opened 87 years ago. And today, as anyone who has driven S.R. 200 between Citrus County and Ocala can testify, crossing the bridge can be a hair-raising experience, particularly if you meet a tractor-trailer barreling along at 55 mph or faster while crossing the bridge.

Even though the overall condition of the bridge from a structural standpoint is good, as shown in the latest available inspection, the National Bridge Inventory rated the bridge as “functionally obsolete” and state inspections say the bridge geometry is “basically intolerable requiring high priority replacement.”

Long-term plans for S.R. 200 call for widening the road and replacing the bridge with dual two-lane bridges, but this is not planned for the immediate

THE ISSUE:

Bridge on State Road 200.

OUR OPINION:

Officials need to come up with a plan.

future.

But real improvements in the S.R. 200 transportation corridor require upgrading the roadway with a four-lane divided road and replacing the bridge. For this reason, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce recently added replacing the bridge to its list of legislative priorities, hoping to get state support for the project.

Since the bridge is in both Marion and Citrus counties, legislative support from both counties is essential to getting the project raised on the state priority list. After the Chronicle article on the chamber’s request, state Sen. Dennis Baxley of Ocala sent the Citrus County chamber an email supporting the project.

While we recognize that the state must balance multiple priorities in allocating road project dollars, we believe there is a strong case for moving the bridge replacement and widening of S.R. 200 up on the priorities list. We encourage the state legislature to urge the Department of Transportation to advance the project and to begin planning for replacing this functionally obsolete bridge.

OTHER VOICES

Democrats lose Hispanic voters – lots of them


The Democratic Party’s problem with Hispanic voters is worse than leaders think, according to a new assessment by the highly regarded strategist Ruy Teixeira. That conclusion is particularly important because Teixeira wrote the influential 2002 book “The Coming Democratic Majority,” which convinced many Democrats that a growing Hispanic population – one that heavily supported Democrats – was the key to permanent Democratic dominance of American politics.

Now, with Hispanic voters abandoning the Democratic Party in droves, it’s all falling apart. “The seriousness of this problem tends to be underestimated in Democratic circles for a couple of reasons,” Teixeira writes in a recent Substack article. “(1) They don’t realize how big the shift is; and (2) they don’t realize how thoroughly it undermines the most influential Democratic theory of the case for building their coalition.”

Teixeira’s last point is an understatement. The idea of a permanent Democratic majority is based totally on Hispanic voters. No other group is growing at the rate the Hispanic population is growing. When Democrats looked forward to the day when a nonwhite-majority America elected Democrat after Democrat, they were basing it on the growth in the number of Hispanic Americans, coupled with the assumption that those voters would loyally support Democrats. If that doesn’t happen, there’s no permanent Democratic majority.

And for now, at least, it doesn’t seem to be working out. Instead, Teixeira cites several measures of Hispanic voters increasingly supporting Republicans. A new Wall Street Journal poll found them split evenly on the question of whether to support the GOP or Democrats in the 2022 congressional elections. That’s a big change from an imposing Democratic advantage in

Byron York



previous races. The poll also showed the Hispanic vote virtually tied in a hypothetical 2024 Joe Biden-Donald Trump rematch – after supporting Biden by more than 25 points in 2020.

There’s more. In Texas, which Teixeira calls “perhaps the Democrats’ most prized target” for winning with growing Hispanic support, “Biden’s ratings among Hispanics have been dreadful.” A recent Dallas Morning News poll found Biden’s support at 35 percent approval and 54 percent disapproval among Texas Hispanics. Those voters particularly disapprove of Biden’s handling of the crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border. Meanwhile, in the Virginia governor’s race, Teixeira notes with some astonishment, “Democrat Terry McAuliffe actually lost the Latino vote.” That took some work, but McAuliffe accomplished it.

Teixeira also points out that Hispanic voters moved in large numbers to Trump between 2016 and 2020. And not just in Florida and Texas – the shift was also seen in Wisconsin, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Georgia.

Hispanic voters are particularly cool toward Biden. “Working Class Joe” does not seem to connect with those voters, who are largely working class. Hispanic voters without a college degree “[gave] Trump a remarkable 41 percent of their vote in 2020,” Teixeira notes. That is especially important because about 80 percent of the Hispanic vote nationwide could be classified as working class.

But it’s not just Biden. Latino voters appear to be increasingly turned off by the Democratic Party itself, and particularly by its progressive leaders. That was certainly true in 2020, the year of Black Lives

Matter for much of the party. The Democrats’ increasing focus on racial issues left Hispanic voters unmoved. And that leads to what is perhaps Teixeira’s most important point:

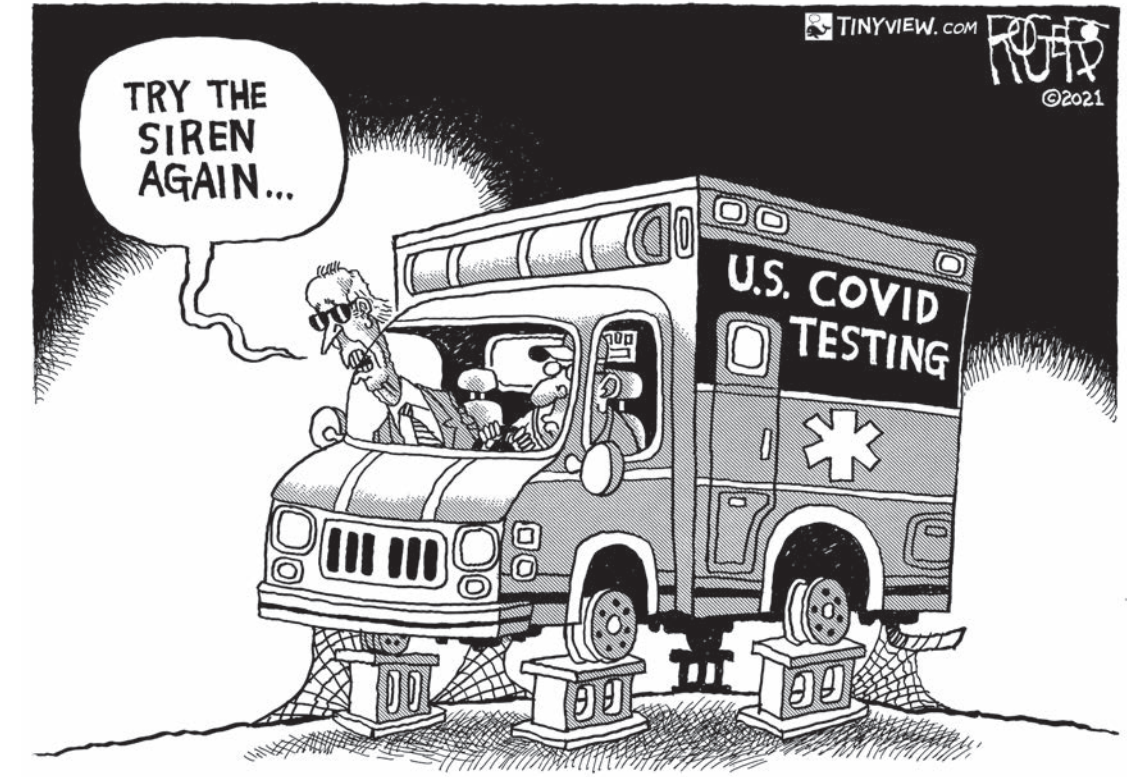
“It is hard to avoid the conclusion that Democrats have seriously erred by lumping Hispanics in with ‘people of color’ and assuming they embraced the activism around racial issues that dominated so much of the political scene in 2020, particularly in the summer,” Teixiera writes. “This was a flawed assumption. The reality of the Hispanic population is that they are, broadly speaking, an overwhelmingly working class, economically progressive, socially moderate constituency that cares above all about jobs, the economy and health care.”

Hispanic voters did not want to defund the police. They did not want to slash police budgets or reduce the number of officers. They didn’t want to reduce the role of law enforcement in keeping the peace. And they didn’t like the idea of reparations. They were, in other words, entirely out of touch with the Summer of BLM.

Finally, many Hispanic voters are repelled by the anti-Americanism of some progressives. Hispanics in a recent survey “said they would rather be a citizen of the United States than any other country in the world and by 35 points said they were proud of the way American democracy works,” Teixeira notes. Such opinions, he adds, “contrasted starkly with the negative views of progressive activists.”

In other words, Hispanic voters seem to be out of sync with the most powerful trends in today’s Democratic Party. Will it last? Who knows? But at this moment, the Democrats’ problem presents a huge opportunity for Republicans.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vision, steps for county to get there

I venture to offer my vision for the future of Citrus County and the steps we need to take to get there.

Master Plan: We must have a new, comprehensive Master Plan that exactly defines how we want the county to look in future years. Crystal River and Inverness must be included. They may think they are independent, but they are still part of the county. If the plan needs to change at some time it should change as a complete plan, not as piece-meal concessions to developers.

Infrastructure: To facilitate a new Master Plan, we need a vast network of underground utilities including water, sewer, electric, phone, gas, cable, fiber, etc. This should cover the entire county with main lines installed on roads that will allow future development access and reasonably easy connection.

Economy: The new Master Plan should be designed to encourage the type of development that will add to and improve the economy of the county. There is no economic improvement gained from more RV resorts, or more gas stations, or

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To quote an ancient blessing (not invented in “Star Wars”): May Citrus County live long and prosper.

Kenneth J. Clark  
Homosassa

Seek COVID advice from experts

This letter is in response to Dr. William Dixon’s Dec. 24 Chronicle column, “Do not forgo family gatherings amid pandemic.” It was most disturbing to read his comments and recommendations as Dr. Dixon provided no sources for the basis of his comments.

For example:

1. “Those who contract the Delta variant will be left with very strong immunity against current and any future variants.

2. “Survivors of the Omicron variant will likely have strong, long-lasting immunity against all of the more severe COVID variants.

3. “Those who have been vaccinated may not need a booster shot.

4. “School-age children without debilitating conditions do not need to be vaccinated. Those already vaccinated certainly do not need a booster.”

There are other jaw-dropping

statements, but the ones quoted above are the most egregious when compared to current information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We will soon be entering the third year of this pandemic. The third year! Readers respect our local newspaper and often look to experts who publish in the Chronicle for guidance. I urge The Citrus County Chronicle to seek COVID-19 medical suggestions and information from medical doctors and experts who specialize in infectious diseases and not print information about COVID-19 from Dr. Dixon, a retired surgeon.

JoAnne Boggus  
Homosassa

Lost Ziploc bag

To the lady who gave me a ride from Walgreens to the car repair shop on Friday, Dec. 24, in a white car:

I left a Ziploc bag in your car. It had gift certificates in the bag. If you read this letter, can you please get them to me? My address is 912 S. Shad Terrace, Inverness, FL 34450.

It would be greatly appreciated. Thanks a lot for the ride.

Jane Bice  
Inverness

THE CHRONICLE invites you to call “Sound Off” with your opinions about local subjects. You do not need to leave your name, and have less than a minute to record. COMMENTS will be edited for length, libel, personal or political attacks and good taste. Editors will cut libelous material. OPINIONS expressed are purely those of the callers.



**Take home vehicles for gov't a waste of gas**

The sheriff's department takes their vehicles home. Now I see county workers are taking their vehicles home. There's a white pickup county truck parked in front of a residence at 3:45 in the afternoon. That's a waste of gas. Maybe I should work for the county and get free transportation back and forth.

**Make landfills have a 'clean zone'**

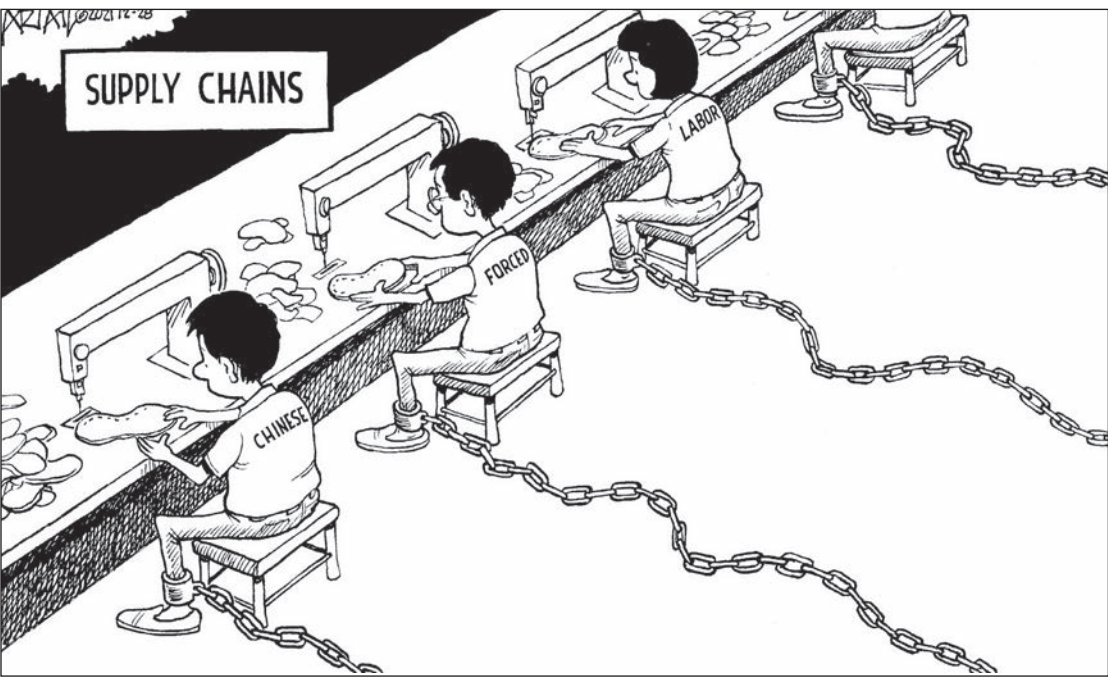
I believe that most of the trash that we see here in Citrus County leads to the landfill on (State Road) 44 and the landfill on (U.S.) 41, Florida Avenue. I believe that both of those landfills should have to be made a clean zone. The responsibility of the owners of both landfills should designate it trash pick-up at least one mile from each landfill, being that most of the trash seems to be coming from the landfill or people bringing their trash to the landfill. Once again, we should enforce a clean zone at least one mile from each one of those landfills.

**Caller will buy gas where it's cheaper**

I'm responding to the person who called Sound Off saying that we should buy our gas from Citrus County – it goes towards the roads – and not to buy it from Ocala (Wednesday, Dec. 29, Page A8, "Buying gas out of county not helpful"). Really? If I'm in Ocala and gas is cheaper, I'm buying my gas there. You're paying all this money. I don't see the money being utilized from our taxes to fix the roads in Citrus County. So quit complaining that if we don't buy gas here, they're not going to fix the roads. Because we bought gas here plenty of times and guess what? They're still not fixing the roads with that money.

**Correct quality of black and white photos**

Why are your black-and-white pictures coming out completely dark so that you cannot even see the faces? Your color pictures are OK, but your black-and-whites, all of a sudden, in all the papers, they're too dark. Is there anything you can do to correct that?



**Partial 2022 checklist of goals**

Partial 2022 checklist for the BOCC goal-setting retreat of Jan. 5: 1. Complete the remaining 1.7 miles to four-lane County Road 491 from State Road 44 to County Road 486. 2. Complete the establishment of a Baker Act facility within the county. 3. Find a location for the new, approved animal shelter and Central Ridge dog park. 4. Move forward with the 10-lane boat ramp at the Barge Canal with Tarpon Springs-style dockage for an Apollo-style head boat. 5. Prepare for probable northern turnpike extension hook-up with the Suncoast Parkway in the county.

**Print the complete story**

The way the Chronicle and Gerry Mulligan daily support the United Way is very commendable. Why not tell your readers how much of their charitable contributions are used by the United Way for salaries, rent, transportation, postage and other expenses? How much of that \$39 funds the United Way itself? Be fair and print the complete story and information.

**State needs to address timing on signal**

I've got a couple issues that I'm wanting to call you about: One is the light on Grover Cleveland by the two drugstores. You've got

three lanes going north. You've got three lanes straight through and I can't figure out why they don't designate the right-hand lane as a turn lane, because we have to sit through four lights before we're able to turn right when there's cars ahead of us. The other issue is the light at Sugarmill Woods and (U.S.) 19. The other day when I went by there, the traffic was backed up for at least a quarter of a mile and sometimes it's longer than that. It just doesn't make any sense because there's no traffic coming or going out of Sugarmill Woods. So anyway, just thought I'd sound off about that. I've been wanting to do it for a long (time).

**Visitors reason for increase in COVID**

I think why we have more COVID is because of all the Northerners coming into our state and all the travelers from out of state go into rest areas to be tested.

**Caller will 'pay it forward'**

To the person who paid for the lunch of three lovely ladies at The Hen House: Thank you very much. I, for one, will pass it on and I wish you good health and much happiness in the new year. Thank you.

**Insurance mind control**

This is insurance mind control

... this company offered to pay me \$350 for a weather-related destroyed roof. Actual cost: \$9,000. Legal assistance was required to settle. Insurance adjuster offered the standard rate of 10 percent to 20 percent of actual cost with bonus incentive. Insured, beware.

**TV listing needs to be bigger**

The Chronicle did a fine job when they made the want ads larger and easier to read. Now would they please, please do the same thing with the TV guide listing?

**Add trash fees to tax bill**

In regards to trash pick-up in Citrus County, a very simple solution: Add \$500 to everyone's property tax bill. When they present an invoice for one year's service, that \$500 is deducted from their property tax bill. Any trash hauler who is handing out bogus invoices would be barred from trash collection in Citrus County for life.

**Asphalt spilling from company's truck**

Headline: Trash, catch, carry. Sure could have used all that asphalt that was coming out of the paving company's dump truck on Gospel Island Road to patch the potholes on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021 at 11 o'clock (on State Road) 44 West in Inverness. Must have been several hundreds of dollars at the cost of asphalt that we taxpayers already paid for.

**Worker shortage**

I've noticed in yesterday's paper the same person complained that they can't get their paper in the morning and that they'd like to read their paper in the morning. They don't seem to understand there's a worker shortage going on and if this person wants the paper by a certain time, then go to one of the newspaper stands.

**Flu didn't take a year off**

I'm responding to Sound Off (about) flu season's already making a comeback. What a joke. After a year off, the flu is back. Really? Like it really took a year off and said, "Let me come back." The flu never left and it's never going to leave. That's totally hypocritical to say it took a year off. That's totally pathetic.

**Implement an assessment for road paving**

I'm just wondering why it is that the county commissioners do not recommend a special assessment for road paving. The people that lived here back in the '80s had a special limerock road assessment and each side of the road, the people had to pay per foot property on the road to get it paved and it was called a special limerock road assessment and everybody whose road was paved in the '80s had to pay this. Why do the newcomers expect to get paved roads when they buy property on a dirt road or a limerock road? I don't understand this. Special road assessments should come back and that's the way the roads should get paved.

**Clean up skeletons in yard**

(Re the Friday, Dec. 31, Page A10 Sound Off, "Clean up your mess"): Yes, yes, yes, your neighbors would certainly like for you to put those skeletons away, lady. Please put them away.

**By-pass offers simple solution**

Once again, a simple solution for downtown traffic in Crystal River: Try not to over-think it. All traffic – truck traffic or vehicle traffic – wanting to go north on (U.S.) 19 uses Turkey Oak. All southbound on (U.S.) 19 wanting to go east on (State Road) 44 use Turkey Oak. This does not take a consultant to figure this out.



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This image provided by the Virginia department of Transportation shows a closed section of Interstate 95 near Fredericksburg, Va. Tuesday. Both northbound and southbound sections of the highway were closed due to snow and ice.

## Stranded drivers endure frigid night on impassable highway

By SARAH RANKIN and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Hundreds of motorists were stranded after a winter storm snarled traffic in Virginia and left some drivers stuck in place for nearly 24 hours in freezing temperatures along an impassable stretch of interstate south of the nation’s capital.

Problems began Monday morning when a truck jackknifed on Interstate 95, the main north-south highway along the East Coast, triggering a swift chain reaction as other vehicles lost control, state police said. Lanes in both directions became blocked across a 40-mile stretch of I-95 north of Richmond. As hours passed and night fell, motorists posted messages on social media about running out of fuel, food and water.

Meera Rao and her husband, Raghavendra, were driving home from visiting their daughter in North Carolina when they got stuck Monday evening. They were only 100 feet past an exit but could not move for roughly 16 hours.

“Not one police (officer) came in the 16 hours we were stuck,” she said. “No one came. It was just shocking. Being in the most advanced country in the world, no one knew how to even clear one lane for all of us to get out of that mess?”

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries or deaths.

Around daybreak, road crews began helping drivers get off “at any available interchange,” the Virginia Department of Transportation tweeted.

By early evening, only about 20 cars remained on the affected section of road and no one was left stranded, a spokeswoman for the Vir-

ginia Department of Transportation said.

Some motorists on the highway may still be in the process of being routed around closures, the agency said.

An Associated Press photographer who flew in a helicopter along a 50-mile stretch of interstate observed about a dozen clusters of stuck vehicles on Tuesday afternoon.

Crews were trying to first clear vehicles that could move on their own. Then they would tow disabled or abandoned ones and plow, said Marcie Parker, a Virginia Department of Transportation engineer leading the effort to clear the interstate, said. She expected the roadway to be cleared for the Wednesday morning rush hour.

People could be seen walking down traffic lanes still covered with ice and snow.

Gov. Ralph Northam said his team responded through the night by sending emergency messages to connect drivers with help and working with local officials to set up warming shelters as needed. Officials told reporters crews were helping distribute food, water and fuel.

People who were stranded overnight and their families lashed out at Northam on Twitter, asking why the Virginia National Guard was not deployed.

Northam said in an interview that he opted not to request National Guard help because the issue facing state crews was not a lack of manpower but the difficulty of getting workers and equipment through the snow and ice to where they needed to be. He said that effort was complicated by the disabled vehicles, freezing temperatures and ice.

The affected section of interstate was not pretreated, Parker said, because heavy rain preceded the snow, which fell at times as heavily

as 2 inches an hour.

“That was entirely too much for us to keep up with,” she said.

The storm also left passengers on an Amtrak train stranded in Virginia. Amtrak’s Crescent left New Orleans on Sunday on its way to New York and got stuck near Lynchburg on Monday morning, when downed trees blocked the tracks.

Passenger Sean Thornton told AP that Amtrak provided food, but toilets were overflowing and passengers were furious. Amtrak planned for the train to complete its trip once the tracks are clear.

Back on the highway, Rao said they stopped their car engine at least 30 times to conserve gas and ran the heat just enough to get warm. They had some potato chips, nuts and apples to eat, but Rao did not want to drink any bottled water because she had a sprained ankle and did not think she could reach a makeshift restroom.

Finally, around midmorning Tuesday, a tow truck driver appeared and cleared away snow, allowing the Raos and other cars back up and take the exit.

“He was a messenger from God,” Rao said. “I literally was in tears.”

Up to 11 inches of snow fell in the area during Monday’s blizzard, according to the National Weather Service, and state police had warned people to avoid driving unless absolutely necessary, especially as colder nighttime temperatures set in.

Compounding the challenges, traffic cameras went offline as much of central Virginia lost power in the storm, the transportation department said.

Sen. Tim Kaine, who lives in Richmond, said he was stuck in his car 21 hours after starting his two-hour commute to the Capitol at 1 p.m. Monday.

“This has been a miserable experience,” Kaine told WTOP. Traffic was so tightly packed that emergency vehicles struggled to remove disabled cars and trucks, he said.

Kaine described camaraderie among those who were stranded, including a Connecticut family returning from a Florida vacation who walked up and down lines of parked cars sharing a bag of oranges.

Darryl Walter, of Bethesda, Maryland, was stuck for 10 hours as he drove home from a Florida beach vacation with his wife, son and dog Brisket.

They had a few bottles of water, some bags of chips, a blanket for warmth and Trivial Pursuit to pass the time. Walter said the worst part of the ordeal was not knowing how long it would last.

Walter felt fortunate that they were able to make it home as soon as they did knowing that many others remained stranded for much longer. They passed a long line of southbound cars that were unable to get past the jackknifed trucks.

“It had to be 15 miles of backup,” he said.

A planned one-hour drive home from her parents’ house turned into a 16-hour nightmare for Susan Phelan when she got stuck in the northbound lanes of I-95 and did not move for roughly 10 hours.

After a frigid night without sleep, food or water, she pulled into the driveway at her Alexandria, Virginia, home just before noon Tuesday.

“Mom was right: Always pack a Snickers bar,” said Phelan, a former federal communications officer. “At some point in the gridlock, I was going to have to start knocking on windows asking for water. At that point, everybody was helping everybody. If you needed something, it was not a problem.”

## Biden urges concern but not alarm as omicron rises

By ZEKE MILLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden urged concern but not alarm Tuesday as the U.S. set new records for daily reported COVID-19 cases and his administration struggled to ease concerns about testing shortages, school closures and other disruptions caused by the surging omicron variant.

Speaking ahead of a meeting with his COVID-19 response team at the White House, Biden looked both to convey his administration’s urgency toward addressing the new variant and to convince wary Americans that the current surge bears little resemblance to the onset of the pandemic or last year’s deadly winter. The president emphasized that vaccines, booster shots and therapeutic drugs have mitigated the danger for the overwhelming majority of Americans who are fully vaccinated.

“You can still get COVID, but it’s highly unlikely, very unlikely, that you’ll become seriously ill,” Biden said of vaccinated people.

“There’s no excuse, there’s no excuse for anyone being unvaccinated,” he added. “This continues to be a pandemic of the unvaccinated.”

Compared to last year, more Americans are employed, most kids are in classrooms, and instances of death and serious illness are down — precipitously so among the vaccinated.

“We’re in a very different place than we were a year ago,” said White House press secretary Jen Psaki when asked if the country had lost control of the virus.

Still, over the past several weeks Americans have seen dire warnings about hospitals reaching capacity amid staffing shortages, thousands of holiday flight cancellations in part because crews were ill or in quarantine, and intermittent reports of school closures because of the more-transmissible variant.

“I believe schools should remain open,” Biden said, adding that they have the funding needed for testing and other mitigation measures to stay open during the surge.

The president also announced that the U.S. is doubling its order for an anti-viral pill produced by Pfizer that was recently authorized by the FDA to prevent serious illness and death from COVID-19. That means 20 million doses, with the first 10 million pills to be delivered by June.

A senior administration official said that combined with other therapies, such as monoclonal antibodies and convalescent plasma, 4 million treatments that are effective against the omicron variant would be available by the end of January.

“They’re a game changer and have the potential to dramatically alter the impact of COVID-19, the impact it’s had on this country and our people,” Biden said of the pills.

Biden, though, is also facing new pressure to ease a

nationwide testing shortage, as people seek to determine if they or their family members have been infected with the variant. Long lines and chaotic scenes over the holidays marred the administration’s image as having the pandemic in hand.

“On testing, I know this remains frustrating. Believe me it’s frustrating to me, but we’re making improvements,” Biden said.

In a reversal, the White House announced last month that it would make 500 million rapid antigen tests available free to requesting Americans, but it will be weeks, if not months, before those tests are widely available. The administration notes those tests are on top of existing supply of rapid tests and that even a small increase will help ease some of the shortages. Additionally, private insurers will be required to cover the cost of at-home tests starting later this month.

Test manufacturers have until Tuesday night to respond to the government’s contract request, and the first awards are expected to be made this week, Psaki said. Meanwhile, the administration is still developing a system for Americans to order the tests as well as a means to ship them to people’s homes.

“We’ll set up a free and easy system, including a new website to get these tests out to Americans,” COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients said last week.

“We’re actively working to finalize that distribution mechanism, which includes a website where people will be able to order tests for free. And we’ll share more details in the weeks ahead — days and weeks ahead.”

Pressed when the first tests would reach Americans, Psaki said, “I don’t have an update on that at this point in time.”

In a Monday letter, GOP Sens. Richard Burr and Roy Blunt, the top Republicans on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, pressed the Department of Health and Human Services for answers on how the administration was working to address nationwide testing shortages.

“With over \$82.6 billion specifically appropriated for testing, and flexibility within the department to allocate additional funds from COVID-19 supplemental bills or annual appropriations if necessary, it is unclear to us why we are facing such dire circumstances now,” they wrote. “It does not appear to be because of lack of funding, but a more fundamental lack of strategy and a failure to anticipate future testing needs by the administration.”

White House officials have noted that the spike in testing demand is driven not just by omicron, but by people seeking to travel safely during the holidays and return to school after, and that the shortages are global in nature.

## Former Theranos CEO Holmes convicted of fraud and conspiracy

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE  
AP Technology Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — In a case that exposed Silicon Valley’s culture of hubris and hype, Elizabeth Holmes was convicted Monday of duping investors into believing her startup Theranos had developed a revolutionary medical device that could detect a multitude of diseases and conditions from a few drops of blood.

A jury convicted Holmes, who was CEO throughout the company’s turbulent 15-year history, on three counts of wire fraud and one counts of conspiracy to commit fraud after seven days of deliberation. The 37-year-old was acquitted on four other counts of fraud and conspiracy that alleged she deceived patients who paid for Theranos blood tests, too.

The verdict came after the eight men and four wom-



Elizabeth Holmes, second from left, walks out of federal court in San Jose, Calif., Friday.

en on the jury spent three months sitting through a complex trial that featured reams of evidence and 32 witnesses — including Holmes herself. She now faces up to 20 years in prison for each count, although legal experts say she is unlikely to receive the maximum sentence.

The jury deadlocked on three remaining charges, which a federal judge anticipates dismissing as part of a mistrial ruling that could come as early as next week. The split verdicts are “a mixed bag for the prosecution, but it’s a loss for Elizabeth Holmes because she is going away to prison for at

least a few years,” said David Ring, a lawyer who has followed the case closely.

Federal prosecutors depicted Holmes as a charlatan obsessed with fame and fortune. In seven days on the witness stand, she cast herself as a visionary trailblazer in male-dominated Silicon Valley who was emotionally and sexually abused by her former lover and business partner, Sunny Balwani.

The trial also laid bare the pitfalls of a swaggering strategy used by many Silicon Valley entrepreneurs — conveying a boundless optimism regardless of whether it’s warranted, known as “fake it ‘til you make it.” That ethos helped hatch groundbreaking companies such as Google, Netflix, Facebook, and Apple — the latter co-founded by one of Holmes’ heroes, Steve Jobs.



President Joe Biden arrives to meet with the White House COVID-19 Response Team on the latest developments related to the Omicron variant in the South Court Auditorium in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House Campus in Washington, Tuesday.



## CFP championship: Matchups that will decide 'Bama-Georgia II

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

The last time No. 1 Alabama and No. 3 Georgia played, things could not have gone much better for the Crimson Tide.

Alabama dropped 41 points on the Bulldogs, more than double the next-highest total they have allowed this season, in the Southeastern Conference title game on Dec. 4. Bryce Young shredded Georgia's otherwise dominant defense for 421 yards passing, essentially locking up the Heisman Trophy.

So it's back to the drawing board for Georgia and just run it back for 'Bama, right?

"I don't think you do ev-

erything the same, but I also don't think you can make a lot of changes that the players are not going to go out and be able to play and execute with confidence," Alabama coach Nick Saban said earlier this week.

Both teams are expecting a few new wrinkles – within reason.

"They're not going to change up and go all Arkansas on us," Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett said. "They're not going to do that. They're going to be Alabama. And we're going to be Georgia. And we're going to see who executes better."

Arkansas was one of four SEC teams that lost to both Georgia and Alabama this season.

Razorbacks coach Sam Pittman, along with ESPN analysts Greg McElroy and Cole Cubelic, help break down the matchups that could determine Bulldogs-Crimson Tide II.

### What to do about Will?

Alabama outside linebacker Will Anderson Jr. is the best defensive player in the country. The sophomore has 17.5 sacks among 33.5 tackles for loss. Both totals lead major college football.

Georgia should feel good about its offensive tackles, especially left tackle Jamaaree Salyer, who was key in shutting down Michigan star pass rusher Aidan Hutchinson in the semifinals.

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Butch Dill / AP

Alabama linebacker Will Anderson Jr. (31) sacks Auburn quarterback TJ Finley (1) during the first half of a Nov. 27 game in Auburn, Ala.

## Snap that streak



Jay LaPrete / AP

Columbus' Adam Boqvist, right, chases Tampa Bay's Alex Killorn behind the net during the first period of Tuesday's game.

## Lightning beat Blue Jackets 7-2 to stop 3-game slide

By **NICOLE KRAFT**  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ondrej Palat had two goals and an assist as the Tampa Bay Lightning trounced the Columbus Blue Jackets 7-2 on Tuesday night to break a three-game losing streak.

Brayden Point added a goal and two assists for the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions, who scored three power-play goals. Corey Perry and Patrick Maroon each had a goal and an assist, Anthony Cirelli contributed two assists, and Pierre-Edouard Bellemare and Alex Killorn also scored.

"Our team game was better," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "Obviously, it helped to get out to the lead we got out to in the beginning. We played with a little bit of confidence today, so it was good."

Gus Nyquist provided a goal and an assist for an illness-ravaged Columbus team, which dropped its fourth in a row against the Lightning. Dean Kukan also scored for the Blue Jackets.

Tampa Bay goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 20 shots in his 17th win, tying Frederik Andersen of Carolina for the NHL lead.

Joonas Korpisalo made 29 saves for Columbus in his first start since Nov. 27, a span that includ-

ed a stint in COVID-19 protocols.

Palat put Tampa Bay ahead 1-0 with a power-play goal 34 seconds into Sean Kuraly's first-period penalty, beating Korpisalo at 4:53. Palat's second goal – and 400th career point – came on a redirection of Ryan McDonagh's shot from the point at 9:30.

"It's humbling," Palat said. "I'm just so happy. I'm in the NHL. I'm with the same team for so long and we had great success here. I'm helping my team and I would never have thought about getting this milestone."

Perry made it 3-0 with the Lightning's second power-play goal at 17:47.

Kukan made the most of his first game since Oct. 27, scoring 34 seconds into the second period to put Columbus on the board. Just 59 seconds later, Point upped the Lightning lead to 4-1 with a drive from the left circle.

Nyquist got the Blue Jackets within two again on his seventh goal of the season at 4:16, but Maroon made it 5-2 with Tampa Bay's third power-play goal only eight seconds into Columbus' fourth penalty of the night.

"We are in it right now and nobody feels sorry for us," Blue Jackets coach Brad Larsen said.

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## Brady, Bucs thriving despite losing receivers

By **FRED GOODALL**  
Associated Press

TAMPA — It doesn't seem to matter who Tom Brady's throwing to, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers keep finding ways to win.

Antonio Brown is the latest big-name playmaker the seven-time Super Bowl champion won't have at his disposal the remainder of the season. Brown was booted off the team after the wide receiver abruptly left the sideline during the third quarter of Sunday's 28-24 come-from-behind victory over the New York Jets.

Chris Godwin is out with a season-ending knee injury and Mike Evans has been slowed by a sore hamstring. However, that's just meant more opportunities for lesser-known backups such as Breshad Perriman, Tyler Johnson and Cyril Grayson to contribute.

At 12-4, the reigning Super Bowl champions have matched the most regular-season wins in franchise history. A victory this weekend over Carolina would keep the Bucs in the running for the No. 2 playoff seeding in the NFC.

Several key players on offense and defense are nursing injuries. Coach Bruce Arians made it clear Monday that finishing strong is the priority, not holding players out in hopes of minimizing the risk of injury.

"There is no balance. You play to win. You play to get that second seed, that's huge," Arians said. "We're not resting

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## Anticipation high as new stock car season starts Saturday

SRL Series expands to include CCS

By **KIMBERLY KELLY**  
For the Chronicle

There are a lot of exciting changes on tap at Citrus County Speedway for the 2022 stock car season. And, it's all set to begin Saturday, Jan. 8.

Billed as "Bring On The Carnage," the night's events include the School Bus Figure 8, Grocery Getter Enduro 60, Flagpole Race, Chain Car Race, Boat Trailer Race, Demolition Derby, Ford Outlaw 30 and Ford Outlaw Figure 8.

"It's a crazy exciting show with something crazy going on the track somewhere," CCS Track manager Cameron Ray said.

The event will be the final points night for both the Enduro and Demolition Derby divisions of the 2021 season. No points will be given in the other five divisions on



SAL SIGALA JR. PHOTOGRAPHY / Special to the Chronicle

Cars sit in preparation for a SRL event. Citrus County Speedway will feature the SRL Series' Super Late Model event on Feb. 12. Local drivers are expected to compete in the event that pays \$15,000-to-win. The SRL Series is a West Coast series out of California that has recently expanded to include racetrack east of Mississippi including the Inverness venue.

the schedule.

The first night of points comes two weeks later, on Jan. 22 with the Fifth Annual \$5,555-to-win Rick Sirmans Florida State Championship Race.

For the last four years the event had been held at

Showtime Speedway in St. Petersburg.

"There are usually 40 cars for each of these events," Ray said. "Hopefully it will be exciting."

A true grass roots race with seasoned drivers from the entire state of Florida

and the Carolinas is expected to include many Late Model Drivers and Colton Bettis, a 12-year-old up-and-coming driver who also drives Winged and non-Winged Sprint Cars.

The event is a 75-lap SMLM/MM race that hon-

ors Rick Sirmans, his battle with Lung Cancer in 2018 just before the inaugural race, and the lives of others who fought and lost to cancer. It is the fifth and final event in his name.

Winners of the event have included Wayne Anderson,

Eric Cuchta, Garrett Larson and local driver Michael Hinde.

Included in the night's show is the Ford Outlaw 25, Pure Stock 25 and Little Gator Motorsports Legends cars 25.

And that's just the start of what is expected to be a spectacular season.

New to Citrus County Speedway will be the SRL series, a West Coast series out of California that has expanded its operation to sanction Super Late Model events east of the Mississippi. The Series will hold a Super Late Model event on Feb. 12 that pays \$15,000-to-win.

"They run the same type of car we run so our cars will be able to compete in it as well," Ray said.

The Wheel Man Sportsman series has been revamped with new ownership and will continue to race at the Inverness venue.

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GOLF LEADERS

BRENTWOOD

**Brentwood Wednesday Afternoon Golf League results for Dec. 29, 2021, are as follows:**  
**First**  
W. Brooks & S. Higginbotham  
**Second**  
G. Truchan & J. Taylor  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 2 G. Vilums  
No. 4 R. Ouellette  
**Most Over Quota:**  
J. Reed  
**50/50 winner:**  
M. Smith

**Brentwood Wednesday Morning Points Quota League results for Dec. 29:**  
**First** +8  
Jim Kieffer  
**Second** +6  
Mark Savitt  
**Third** +4 (MOC)  
Dave Pozorski  
Closest to the pin:  
**Nos. 2 & 4** Gary Lewis  
**Skins:**  
No. 4 Gary Lewis  
No. 5 Butch Rooke  
No. 6 Dave Pozorski (Eagle)  
No. 8 Jim Kieffer  
**Brentwood Sunday Scramble results for Jan. 2, 2022:**

**First** -6  
Marc Brandstradt, Art Hagen, Jennie Diaz, Ray Ouellette  
**Second** -5  
Dave McLaughlin, Ann McLaughlin, Drew Preuss  
**Third** -3 **Birdie No. 5**  
John West, Patty Middlebrook, Jarry Myers  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 2 Don Miller  
No. 4 Faye Bessette  
**50/50 winner:**  
Judy LaPatka

**Brentwood Early Monday Points Quota League results for Jan. 3:**  
**First** +4  
Tim Patch  
**Second** +3  
Frank Powell  
**Third** +2  
Dave Auger  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 2 Frank Powell  
No. 4 Jim Grossbauer

**Here are the winners of the Snowbirds Thursday Afternoon Golf for Dec. 30 at Brentwood golf course:**  
**First**  
T. Coverstone, P. Coverstone, R. Easterling, D. Francis  
**Second**  
T. Fontana, P. Dentebeck, B. Phillips, B. Kintner  
**Third**  
R. Francis, S. Gehrking, D. Ressler, N. Kintner  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 2 B. Kintner  
No. 4 B. Bishop  
**50/50 winner:**  
D. Young

**The Brentwood Men's Golf Group begins play at 8 a.m. Tuesday mornings at Brentwood Farms Golf Club. All men are welcome to join the group in a friendly round of handicapped golf. Results of the Jan. 4 game are as follows:**  
**First** 34  
Bob Helmann  
**Second** 38  
Bob Dalton  
**Third** 38  
Lon Bennett  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 2 Lon Bennett  
No. 4 Kevin Boylan

CHICKS WITH STICKS

Chicks with Sticks is a ladies' point quota league that plays at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays at LakeSide Country Club in Inverness and Fridays at Citrus Springs Golf & Country Club in Citrus Springs. The group also plays casual golf with varied formats on Sundays at Citrus Springs and Wednesdays at LakeSide.

**Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, results at Lake-Side CC:**  
Carol Lanzillo +8  
Polly Jackson +6  
Sue Menage +2  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 2 Alden Cooper  
No. 15 Jan Kominski

**Friday, Dec. 31, results at Citrus Springs G&CC:**  
Jan Kominski +7  
Tina Varnas +3  
Ginny Hearn +2  
Sue Menage +2  
Closest to the pin:  
Nos. 4 & 16 Sue Menage  
If you are interested in playing with us, please call Jan at 352-344-9550 or Carole at 352-746-2082 for more information.

CITRUS HILLS

WOMEN

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, the Citrus Hills Ladies Golf Association (CHLGA) played a game of "Happy New Year!" on the Oaks course. This was an individual net game where low net scores on the odd-numbered holes determined the winners. Winners by flight were as follows:

**Flight 1**  
**First** 32  
Julie Wolf  
**Second** 34 (MOC)  
Marti Jones  
**Third** 34 (MOC)  
Susan Burns  
**Flight 2**  
**First** 32  
Sherry Robertson  
**Second** 34 (MOC)  
Elizabeth D'Andrea  
**Third** 34 (MOC)  
Gail Bockiaro  
**Birdies:**  
No. 3 Ileen Zavoda  
No. 1 Mary Bodenheim

MEN

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, the Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association played 2021's last game on the Oaks course playing a game with mixed scoring, depending on par for each hole. Eight teams competed. The scoring was conducted using the one best net score compared to par for par 3 holes, 2 best net scores compared to par for par 4 holes, and 3 best net scores compared to par for par 5 holes. Results yielded a winner and a 2-way tie for second place, so a count-back by handicapped hole ensued to unravel the tie. Results were as follows:  
**First** -16  
Tom Halloran, Ardean Espgaard, Don Clayton, Len Ciriello  
**Second** -15  
Jim Brown, Rick Hurley, Bruce Cohoon, J.B. Goodall  
**Third** -15  
Bob Keller, Jim Remler, Steve Keen, Dick Olsen  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 3 Charlie Haire  
No. 12 Joe Chipollini  
**Notable scores:**  
Pete Lindley 79  
Ardean Espgaard 79

Eleven members of the Henderson Quota Points League played on the Citrus Hills Oaks course on Wednesday, Dec. 29. The results are as follows:  
Tim McDowell +4



BOB BALLOU / For the Chronicle

Pictured are a few of the participants at Inverness Golf & Country Club's 25th Annual New Year's Day Golf Tournament. Left to right, front: Charles Kelly, Jim Evilsizer, Danny Rouse and Jack Anderson. Left to right, rear: Lee Schultz, Keith Spong, Jack Peterson and Bruce Ellig.

Tim Gehrke +3  
Frank Wormwood +2  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 3 Tim Gehrke  
No. 5 Tim McDowell  
No. 10 Hawk Isaac  
No. 12 Tim Gehrke  
For more information or to join the league, contact Tim Henderson at 352-527-6670.

CITRUS SPRINGS

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played a game of "3 best balls on odd holes and 2 best balls on even holes." Results follow:  
**First** 175  
Jeff Rossy, Ron Dilts, Leon Smith  
Closest to the pins:  
No. 4 Mike Feltner  
No. 8 Frank Tyo  
No. 14 Leon Smith  
No. 16 Bob Manecky

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played a game of "2 best balls." Results follow:  
**First** 126  
Mike Feltner, King, Bob Manecky  
**Second** 128  
Bill Curry, Bob Geci, Tom Mazzola  
Closest to the pins:  
No. 4 Leon Smith  
Nos. 8 & 11 Tom Mazzola  
No. 14 Jeff Rossy  
No. 16 Greg Wood

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, the Citrus Springs Men's Association played a game of "2 best balls on 4's & 5's and 3 best balls on 3's." Results follow:  
**First** 142  
Leon Smith, Ron Akin, Mike Feltner, Chris Rife  
**Second** 142  
Jeff Rossy, Larry Murphy, Leo Stockmaster, Bob Manecky  
**Third** 145  
Dennis Johnson, Ed Starling, Len Thomas  
Closest to the pins:  
Nos. 4, 8 & 14 Mike Feltner  
No. 11 Bill Curry  
No. 16 Frank Tyo

INVERNESS G&CC

2022 started off with a beautiful day for Inverness Golf & Country Club's "25th Annual New Year's Day Golf Tournament." There were 40 participants in this year's event. Results by flight are as follows:

**Flight 1**  
**First** Gross  
Lee Schultz & Chris Bernhard  
**Second** Gross  
Grey & Grey  
**First Net**  
Jack Peterson & Bob Ballou  
**Second Net**  
Bruce Ellig & David Colson  
**Flight 2**  
**First** Gross  
Alan Barnes & J. Parkinson  
**Second** Gross  
Donna Martin & John Martin  
**First Net**  
MaryJane Evilsizer & Jim Evilsizer  
**Second Net**  
Jerry Eaton & Nancy Purcell

MARINO GROUP

The Marino Group plays a weekly 9-hole co-ed Monday scramble at local courses. The scramble is open to golfers of all levels and is golfer friendly. If interested, contact Bob and Debbie Marino at dmarino7@tampabay.rr.com. The "Marino Group's Monday 9-Hole Scramble" on Jan. 3, 2022, was played at Spruce Creek/The Preserves. Results follow:

**First** 31  
Ken & Steven Anderson, Dottie Mattioni, Steve Young  
**Second** 31  
Kevin Kaye, Russell Reyner, Dallas Sayre, Richard Hill  
**Third** 31  
Doc Freer, Charlie Wiggins, Ray Costa, Jane Bemiss  
**Fourth** 32  
Joe Raulerson, Jay McAvoy, Darrell Creech, Brian Suzik, Bob Montgomery  
**Fifth** 32  
Jack & Denise Mullen, Paul Ihlenfeldt, Buck Rich  
**Sixth** 34  
Randy Robbins, John Condray, Sam Calabrese, Victor Mattioni  
**Seventh** 34  
Ian Williams, Rod Aldrich, Randy Betscher, Mike Weimer  
**Eighth** 34  
Don & Carol Grant, Bob Mitto, Bob Goodrie  
**Ninth** 34  
Bob & Debbie Marino, Al Olio, Bill Bemiss, Cookie Long  
**10th** 35  
Jim Sparano, Jean LeBlanc, Bob Walters, Dayle Montgomery  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 3 Kevin Kaye  
No. 4 Jack, Denise, Paul, Buck  
No. 6 (Men) Ken Anderson  
No. 6 (Women) Dottie Mattioni  
No. 7 Jack, Denise, Paul, Buck  
No. 9 Kevin, Dallas, Russell, Richard  
**Birdie points w/13:**  
Doc, Charlie, Ray, Jane

PINE RIDGE

Twenty-eight players participated in Pine Ridge Golf Club's "Friday Nine Hole Mixed Scramble" on Dec. 24, 2021. Results follow:  
**First** 34 (MOC)  
Linda Heelan, Ron Titter, Ron Titter Jr., Chuck Baumstark  
**Second** 34 (MOC)  
Gloria Wright, Owen Wright, Sharon Middleton, Mark Middleton  
**Third** 34 (MOC)  
Annie Rehfeld, Mike Rehfeld, Cecily Rasmussen, Ken Rasmussen  
**Fourth** 34 (MOC)  
Linda Turschmann, Ed Turschmann,

Mike Beaver, Mike Fitzpatrick  
**Fifth** 35  
Denise Mullen, Jack Mullen, Sally Gawlinski, Tom Gawlinski  
**Sixth** 36  
Jenn Bradley, Tony Bradley, Abigail, David, Katie Mulverhill  
**Seventh** 37  
Yvonne Boyle, John Boyle, Dottie Mattioni, Victor Mattioni, Tony Bradley  
Closest to the pins:  
No. 2 (Women) Linda Turschmann  
No. 2 (Men) Ed Turschmann  
No. 5 (Women) Gloria Wright  
No. 5 (Men) Owen Wright

Thirty-four players participated in Pine Ridge Golf Club's "Friday Nine Hole Mixed Scramble" on Dec. 31. Results follow:

**First** 33  
Gloria Wright, Owen Wright, Katie Mulverhill, Mike Fitzpatrick  
**Second** 34  
Cecily Rasmussen, Ken Rasmussen, Linda Heelan, Ron Titter  
**Third** 35 (MOC)  
Linda Turschmann, Ed Turschmann, Tony Bradley, Casper the Ghost  
**Fourth** 35 (MOC)  
Sally Gawlinski, Tom Gawlinski, Sary Harper, Ralph "Scooter" Harper  
**Fifth** 36 (MOC)  
Abi Bradley-Folley, David Bradley-Folley, Tammy Woodburn, Larry Oviatt  
**Sixth** 36 (MOC)  
Sharon Middleton, Mark Middleton, Mike Beaver, Scott DeMaster  
**Seventh** 36 (MOC)  
Dottie Mattioni, Victor Mattioni, Andy Stockwell, Chuck Baumstark  
**Eighth** 37  
Denise Mullen, Jack Mullen, Diane South, Dana South  
**Ninth** 38  
Annie Rehfeld, Mike Rehfeld, Carey Little, Casper the Ghost  
Closest to the pins:  
No. 11 (Women) Dottie Mattioni  
No. 1 (Men) Mr. Zilch  
No. 15 (Women) Cecily Rasmussen  
No. 15 (Men) Ralph "Scooter" Harper

Thirteen players participated in Pine Ridge Golf Club's "Saturday 18 Hole Fun Golf" event on Jan. 1, 2022. This week's event was a scramble with no player's tee shot used more than 5 times per nine. Results follow:

**First** 69  
Linda Turschmann, Ed Turschmann, Carey Little, Casper the Ghost  
**Second** 70  
Linda Heelan, Ron Titter, Jack Mullen, Casper the Ghost  
**Third** 71 (MOC)  
Tammy Woodburn, Larry Oviatt, Patrick Fisher, Casper the Ghost  
**Fourth** 71 (MOC)  
Don Gamache, Mike Beaver, Mike Fitzpatrick, Rick Meckley  
Closest to the pins  
No. 5 Linda Turschmann  
No. 15 Rick Meckley

PLANTATION

**Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, 9-Hole Points Game results:**  
Dan Wilson +6  
Tim Hume +6  
Barry Reynolds +4  
Bob Sherman +3  
Dan Taylor +3  
Jeff Dominey +3  
Bob Blackledge +2  
Don Perrin +2  
Kent Brookings +2  
Sean McDougall +2  
Dale Pickles +2  
Mike Ray +1  
M. McDougall +1  
Diane Maher +1  
Joy Cloe +1  
Butch Jones +1

**Wednesday, Dec. 29, Ladies 9-Hole Points Game results:**  
Lanie Cooney +3  
Joann Johnson +3  
Karen Demicoli +2  
Pat Coles +1  
Joyce Karau +1

**Thursday, Dec. 30, 9-Hole Points Game results:**  
Kent Brookings +3  
V. Edwards +2  
Diane Maher +2  
Sean McDougall +2  
Jere Defoor +2  
Jay Morelli +2  
C. Young +2  
Jerry Rizzo +1  
Tim Hume +1  
Brenda Ferrell +1  
Butch Jones +1  
Mike Russ +1  
H. Rosner +1

**Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, 18-Hole Points Game results:**  
Bruce Pou +5  
Jeff Kowal +3  
Diane Maher +2  
Joe Cloe +2  
Chuck Harvey +1  
Dan Taylor +1

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at Plantation On Crystal River Golf Course, the MGA-GreenT played a "Points" game. The results were as follows:  
**First** +4  
Clayton Jack  
**Second** +2  
Ron Neal  
**Third** +1  
Paul Collins

RAINBOW'S END

The Rainbow's End Men's Golf League plays a weekly 18-hole stroke game on Thursdays. Tee time is at 8 a.m. All men are welcome for fun and friendly handicap play; those age 64 and under tee from white, 65 and over from gold. For information, contact Tom Laverty at 931-434-9142 or Dave Ross at 386-295-4714. Results for Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, are as follows:  
**Low Gross** 79

Dave Emond  
**Low Net** 62  
Ed Kennedy  
Closest to Hole:  
No. 4 Tom Laverty  
No. 9 Paul Chadourne

SOUTHERN WOODS

**On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, the Southern Woods Men's Golf Association played a "2-Man Best Ball Game from Green Tees." Results follow:**

**Flight 1** (Tie) 66  
**First**  
Doug Williams & Blind  
David Pace & Terry Nutt  
**Flight 2**  
**First** 64  
Paul Coppick & Deeb George  
**Second** 67  
Chuck Reeb & William Mostyn  
**Third** (3-way Tie) 68  
Mike Cristofono & Tom Venable  
Gary Mosey & Angelo DeFranco  
Richard Bingham & Ronald Bollman  
**Flight 3**  
**First** 62  
Richard Anderson & Marvin Justice  
**Second** 65  
Todd Wilson & Edward Skinner  
**Third** 68  
Tony Valente & Michael Lefferts  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 4 Terry Nutt  
No. 8 Frank Sovo  
No. 13 Chuck Reeb  
No. 17 Doug Williams

WOMEN

**On Thursday, Dec. 30, the Southern Woods Ladies Golf Association played member/member alternate shots. There were nine teams, or 18 players. Results follow:**  
**First** 70  
Sylvia Taus & Kerry Caruso  
**Second** 71  
Karen Taylor & Lorraine Dayton  
**Third** (Tie) 72  
Doreen Durand & Norah Hastings  
Joy Figueredo & Terri Harris  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 4 Nora Hastings  
No. 8 Joy Figueredo.  
No. 13 Joyce Drye  
No. 17 Terri Harris

SUGARMILL WOODS

WOMEN

**On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, the Sugarmill Woods Ladies Golf Association played a "4-Club Game." The "Overall Low Gross" winner was Chris Venable with a score of 94. Results by flight are as follows:**  
**Flight 1**  
**Low Net** 75  
Lorraine Dayton  
**2nd Low Net** 77  
Barb Sutphen  
**Flight 2**  
**Low Net** 75  
Mary Tarorick  
**2nd Low Net** 80  
Ginger Bong  
Closest to the pin:  
Cypress No. 6 Chris Venable  
Pine No. 4 Sally Neeb  
Pine No. 7 Mary Tarorick

MEN

**On Thursday, Dec. 30, the Sugarmill Woods Men's Golf Association played a "Scramble-Handicapped" game. Results follow:**  
**First** 56.40  
Rich Bingham, Felix Tarorick, Jim Turner, Mark Campbell  
**Second** 59.85  
Paul Coppick, John Raymond, Bob Strauss, John Rada  
Closest to the pin:  
Pine No. 4 Felix Tarorick  
Pine No. 7 Stuart Hoffman  
Cypress No. 3 Deeb George  
Cypress No. 6 Rich Bingham

TWISTED OAKS

WOMEN

**On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, the Twisted Oaks Ladies' Association (TOLA) played a "Nine Hole Tournament" game – "using the first 5 holes and the last 4 holes" minus half of their handicap. Here are the results:**  
**Flight A** (Tie) 35.5  
**First**  
Jeanne Rhodes & Joan Ruggere  
**Flight B** (Tie) 36.5  
**First**  
Barbara Woodyard & Annabelle Go  
**Flight C**  
**First** 34  
Kathy Ferguson  
**Second** 35.5  
Kay Plank

MEN

**On Wednesday, Dec. 29, the Twisted Oaks Men's League played a game of "2 Best Balls." Results follow:**  
**First** 118  
Bill Dienes, Terry Smith, Greg Soloway, Chris Hester  
**Second** 123  
Frank Mead, Dave McFadden, Cliff Ledbetter, Ace Hornyan  
**Third** 125  
Ken Coombs, Doug Yew, Art Avery, Blind  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 4 Matt Patice  
No. 8 Manny G.  
No. 11 Tim Yedlicka  
No. 16 Ken Coombs

**On Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, the Twisted Oaks Bandits played their weekly game. Results follow:**  
**First** +7  
Joe Troll  
**Second** +6  
Bob Young  
**Third** +5  
Ben Davis  
Closest to the pin:  
No. 4 Ron Ferrari  
No. 8 Bo Brousseau  
No. 11 Sonny A.  
No. 16 Dr. B

New year starts with a familiar question about Woods

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The largest winners-only field ever assembled at Kapalua can make it seem as though getting to paradise isn't as difficult as it used to be.

Try telling that to Dustin Johnson, who will not be starting a new year on Maui for only the second time since he joined the PGA Tour in 2008. The locals have grown accustomed to Johnson sauntering into the Honolua Store at dawn to order his egg whites and brown rice.

Winning is hard, even for the best.

Equally difficult is predicting how a new year will unfold.

Strange as it would have seemed a year ago that Johnson would not be part of the 39-man field at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, consider who is here. Phil Mickelson, who 14 times over the last two decades turned down his invitation to the winners-only event, at age 51 found 8 million reasons to play.

By winning the Player Impact Program and its \$8 million bonus, Lefty was required to add a new tournament to his schedule. So he decided to play golf on Maui.

Where will it lead? Here are five topics to ponder for the new year, which starts with a question that seems to repeat itself each year: What next for Tiger Woods?

Tiger sighting

The Daily Mail published photos of Woods this week at Los Angeles International Airport wearing a hoodie that most appropriately read, "Straight Outta Ice Bath."

The road to recovery from multiple injuries to his right leg in a Feb. 23 car crash remains long. All it took was three days playing with his son in the PNC Championship, where they finished second, to get the golf world buzzing about his next comeback.

The only certainty is that Woods won't be playing a full schedule. The swing hasn't left him. But he was allowed to ride in a cart at the PNC Championship, and the format was a scramble. That's a long way from anything remotely resembling serious competition.

Bank on him being at The Players Championship, at least for his induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame. It's also a safe bet he'll be at Augusta National for the Masters Club dinner for champions. As for playing? That depends on his ability to navigate the toughest walk on tour.

The only big hill to climb at St. Andrews is the Swilcan bridge, and given his love for links, an appearance at the 150th British Open is a popular pick.

In the meantime, he only needs to post an occasional video to keep everyone guessing.

The Saudi League

Talk of a rival league backed by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund is starting to sound like a game of chicken. Who will be the first to sign up?

It has been more than two months since Greg Norman hand-picked media outlets to cover the creation of his LIV Golf Investments and the \$200 million investment in the Asian Tour, which he said was "only the beginning" and promised "additive new opportunities."

Since then, the Shark has filled his C-Suite but has yet to name any players willing to join a new league. The PGA Tour is taking it seriously enough

**Doug Ferguson**  
On the Fringe



to push prize money closer to \$500 million and draw up plans to compensate its biggest stars.

One pivotal date could be the first week in Feb-

ruary, when more than two dozen PGA Tour players have signed up to take big appearance money to play in the Saudi International.

Grand Slam

Mickelson proved age is just a number when it comes to winning a major. His victory in the PGA Championship at 50 made him the oldest major champion in history and created hope that a U.S. Open – the missing piece of the career Grand Slam – is still in play.

He isn't alone in his pursuit, leading to another question: Is the next member of golf's most elite club likely to be Rory McIlroy or Jordan Spieth?

McIlroy has gone to Augusta National the last seven years with a shot at getting the career Grand Slam with only a serious chance at it in 2018, when he played in the final group with Patrick Reed and shot 74.

Spieth captured the third leg in 2017 and now needs only the PGA Championship. His game appears to be back in order after winning the Texas Open. Unlike the Masters, the PGA Championship moves around and some venues are more suitable than others. Southern Hills in Tulsa, Oklahoma, would seem to provide one of the better opportunities for Spieth.

Collin's climb

Collin Morikawa lost one opportunity to reach No. 1 in the world when he gave up a five-shot lead in the final round of the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. He gets another shot at Kapalua, though Jon Rahm will have a say in defending his top spot.

But this is about more than the No. 1 ranking, which comes and goes. Morikawa has played two full seasons on the PGA Tour and already has two majors, and his profile gets stronger by the month. To win another major this year would put him in elite territory. Dating to 1960, only six players have won majors in three successive years – Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Brooks Koepka.

President's Cup

Who wins the Presidents Cup at Quail Hollow is not nearly as interesting as who makes – or who doesn't make – the U.S. team.

More than just giving Europe its worst beating in the Ryder Cup, the Americans had a core of a team that was young and cocky and cohesive. How many of them will make it to Quail Hollow in September?

Remember, the U.S. team that won the Ryder Cup at Hazeltine by a 17-11 margin had only seven players who made it to the Presidents Cup the following year.

Among those left off this year were Sam Burns, who now is No. 10 in the world. Matthew Wolff was finding his joy and his form by the end of the year. Big-hitting Jason Kokrak won twice last year. Something – or someone – will have to give.

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SPEEDWAY

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"They're paying more money so we should see close to 30 cars on their race nights," Ray said.

And when they are not racing within the series, the track will have its own Sportsman division so

many of the same cars will compete on additional race nights.

The Little Gator Motorsports Legends Cars will also compete throughout the season and will host the Legends Cars Winter Nationals in February. The event will draw over 175 of the best Legends Cars racers from across the United States and

Canada for the event.

Regular season divisions will continue to run their weekly shows as scheduled including Super Late Models, Open Wheel Modifieds, Outlaw Street Stocks, Mod Minis, Ford Outlaws, Mini Stocks and Pure Stocks; and the special Carnage nights that include the Demolition Derby, School Bus Figure

8, Chain Race, Boat Race, Grocery Getter Enduros and Flagpole will be scattered throughout the season.

Of the issues that plagued the 2021 season, Ray said, "Hopefully we are out of the (weather pattern) and we will have some good weather," Ray said.

He also hopes that the tire situation has resolved itself.

"I hope the tire situation will no longer be a problem," he said. Last year several big events were canceled or postponed due to the national tire shortage.

"We are going to go to American racers next year across all divisions," he said. "We're not going to be able to buy truckloads of tires, but they don't think there will be

any closures where we won't be able to get any tires at all."

Ray said major events like the Fourth Annual Grocery Getter Enduro, the Sportsman Fall Brawl 200, and the Fifth Annual Full Throttle 100 Super Late Model events have been scheduled.

The 2021 Citrus County Speedway Annual Banquet will be Jan. 30.



**NHL**

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Tampa Bay	35	22	8	5	49	116	103		
Florida	33	22	7	4	48	128	97		
Toronto	31	21	8	2	44	104	76		
Boston	29	17	10	2	36	85	76		
Detroit	34	16	15	3	35	96	114		
Buffalo	33	10	17	6	26	89	116		
Ottawa	29	9	18	2	20	79	107		
Montreal	34	7	23	4	18	73	123		
Metropolitan Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
N.Y. Rangers	34	22	8	4	48	101	85		
Washington	34	20	6	8	48	119	89		
Carolina	31	23	7	1	47	106	66		
Pittsburgh	31	18	8	5	41	99	81		
Philadelphia	32	13	13	6	32	85	106		
Columbus	31	15	15	1	31	101	112		
New Jersey	34	13	16	5	31	99	121		
N.Y. Islanders	28	10	12	6	26	64	80		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
St. Louis	33	19	9	5	43	116	91		
Nashville	33	20	11	2	42	101	89		
Minnesota	31	19	10	2	40	116	98		
Colorado	28	18	8	2	38	119	93		
Winnipeg	31	15	11	5	35	95	91		
Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82	85		
Chicago	32	11	17	4	26	74	108		
Arizona	30	6	21	3	15	63	117		
Pacific Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Vegas	35	22	12	1	45	127	107		
Anaheim	35	17	11	7	41	107	98		
Calgary	31	17	8	6	40	100	73		
Edmonton	33	18	13	2	38	111	107		
Los Angeles	33	16	12	5	37	91	89		
San Jose	34	17	16	1	35	96	108		
Vancouver	34	16	15	3	35	89	95		
Seattle	33	10	19	4	24	92	122		

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.

Monday's Games									
N.Y. Rangers 4, Edmonton 1									
Carolina at Toronto, ppd									
Minnesota at Ottawa, ppd									
Tuesday's Games									
Tampa Bay 7, Columbus 2									
Florida 6, Calgary 2									
Boston 5, New Jersey 3									
Detroit 6, San Jose 2									
Washington at Montreal, ppd									
Colorado at Chicago									
Winnipeg at Arizona									
N.Y. Islanders at Seattle, ppd									
Nashville at Vegas									
Philadelphia at Anaheim									

Wednesday's Games									
Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.									
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.									
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, ppd									
Thursday's Games									
Calgary at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.									
Columbus at New Jersey, 7 p.m.									
Minnesota at Boston, 7 p.m.									
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.									
San Jose at Buffalo, 7 p.m.									
Toronto at Montreal, ppd									
Florida at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.									
Chicago at Arizona, 9 p.m.									
Winnipeg at Colorado, 9 p.m.									
Detroit at Anaheim, ppd									
N.Y. Rangers at Vegas, 10 p.m.									
Ottawa at Seattle, ppd									
Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.									

Friday's Games									
Calgary at Carolina, 7 p.m.									
Washington at St. Louis, 8 p.m.									

Saturday's Games									
Calgary at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.									
Columbus at New Jersey, 7 p.m.									
Minnesota at Boston, 7 p.m.									
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.									
San Jose at Buffalo, 7 p.m.									
Toronto at Montreal, ppd									
Florida at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.									
Chicago at Arizona, 9 p.m.									
Winnipeg at Colorado, 9 p.m.									
Detroit at Anaheim, ppd									
N.Y. Rangers at Vegas, 10 p.m.									
Ottawa at Seattle, ppd									
Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.									

**NBA**

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Brooklyn	23	12	.657	—					
Phila.	20	16	.556	3½					
Toronto	17	17	.500	5½					
Boston	18	19	.486	6					
New York	18	20	.474	6½					
Southeast Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Miami	23	15	.605	—					
Washington	19	18	.514	3½					
Charlotte	19	19	.500	4					
Atlanta	16	20	.444	6					
Orlando	7	31	.184	16					
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Chicago	25	10	.714	—					
Milwaukee	25	14	.641	2					
Cleveland	21	17	.553	5½					
Indiana	14	24	.368	12½					
Detroit	7	28	.200	18					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Memphis	25	14	.641	—					
Dallas	19	18	.514	5					
San Antonio	14	22	.389	9½					
New Orleans	13	25	.342	11½					
Houston	10	28	.263	14½					
Northwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Utah	27	10	.730	—					
Denver	18	17	.514	8					
Minnesota	17	20	.459	10					
Portland	14	22	.389	12½					
Oklahoma City	13	23	.361	13½					
Pacific Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Golden State	29	7	.806	—					
Phoenix	29	8	.784	½					
L.A. Clippers	19	19	.500	11					
L.A. Lakers	19	19	.500	11					
Sacramento	16	22	.421	14					

Monday's Games									
Phila. 133, Houston 113									
Washington 124, Charlotte 121									
Memphis 118, Brooklyn 104									
Detroit 115, Milwaukee 106									
Chicago 102, Orlando 98									
Utah 115, New Orleans 104									
Dallas 103, Denver 89									
Golden State 115, Miami 108									
Portland 136, Atlanta 131									
Minnesota 122, L.A. Clippers 104									
Tuesday's Games									
Toronto 129, San Antonio 104									
Memphis 110, Cleveland 106									
New York 104, Indiana 94									
Phoenix 123, New Orleans 110									
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers									
Wednesday's Games									
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.									
Houston at Washington, 7 p.m.									
Phila. at Orlando, 7 p.m.									
Brooklyn at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.									
Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.									
San Antonio at Boston, 7:30 p.m.									
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.									
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.									
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.									
Miami at Portland, 10 p.m.									
Utah at Denver, 10 p.m.									
Thursday's Games									
Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.									
Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m.									
Golden State at New Orleans, 8 p.m.									
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 10 p.m.									
Friday's Games									
San Antonio at Phila., 7 p.m.									
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.									
Utah at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.									
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.									
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.									
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.									
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.									
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.									
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.									

**NFL**

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
x-Buffalo	10	6	0	.625	456	279			
x-New England	10	6	0	.625	438	340			
e-Miami	8	8	0	.500	308	349			
e-N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	300	477			
West									
x-Pittsburgh	10	6	0	.625	456	279			
x-Cincinnati	10	6	0	.625	438	340			
e-Cleveland	8	8	0	.500	308	349			
e-Indianapolis	4	12	0	.250	300	477			



## BUCS

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anybody. We're playing to win.”

Four weeks ago, Perri-man caught a game-winning pass in overtime to beat Buffalo. Grayson's 33-yard TD reception gave Tampa Bay the lead against the Jets with 15 seconds remaining on Sunday.

Long-time favorite target Rob Gronkowski had seven catches for 115 yards against New York, however, Brady also connected with Grayson – elevated from the practice squad – six times for 81 yards. Johnson had four receptions for 50 yards and Perri-man had two for 41 yards.

With Godwin – and now Brown – out, look for Brady to continue to benefit from the experience and confidence Perriman, Grayson and Johnson have gained over the past month.

### What's working

With 4,990 yards passing, Brady is 120 shy of surpassing Jameis Winston's single-season franchise record of 5,109 set in 2019.

The winning throw to Grayson was the 40th TD pass of the season for the 44-year-old quarterback and his 80th in 31 regular-season games since

joining the Bucs in 2020. That ties Josh Freeman for second place on the club's all-time list behind Winston (121).

### What needs help

The Jets averaged nearly 6 yards per carry while rushing for 150 yards, leaving Arians less than pleased with the tackling by his defense. The Bucs entered the game allowing 87.5 yards per game, third best in the NFL.

### Stock up

Grayson is a former LSU track star making the most of an opportunity to contribute to Tampa Bay's bid to repeat as Super Bowl champions.

He had a 50-yard TD on his only catch in a loss at New Orleans on Oct. 31 and totaled nine receptions for 162 yards and one TD in wins over the Panthers and Jets the past two weeks.

### Stock down

Brown's career is on hold again after yet another messy departure from an NFL team. Stints in Pittsburgh, Oakland and New England also ended badly.

He took off his jersey, shoulder pads, undershirt and gloves before walking off the field against the Jets, finishing with 42 receptions for 545 yards and

four TDs in seven games this season. Arians said Brown is no longer part of the team.

### Injuries

Evans, who sat out the previous week, played Sunday and had a touchdown catch.

He's 54 yards short of becoming the only player in NFL history to begin a career with eight consecutive seasons with at least 1,000 yards receiving. Arians would like to see him extend the record – if he's healthy enough to play.

“Seeing him (Monday), he said he felt good. We'll wait and see how it goes,” Arians said. “Obviously, I would love to see him have it.”

### Key number

53 – Brady moved ahead of Ben Roethlisberger with the 53rd winning drive of his career on Sunday. That's tied with Drew Brees for second behind Peyton Manning's 54. He has 42 career fourth-quarter comebacks, second most behind Manning's 43.

### Next steps

Tampa Bay faces Carolina for the second time in three weeks, with a chance to stay in the running for the No. 2 playoff seeding in the NFC.



Alex Brandon / AP

The end zone is labeled with the name of the Washington Football Team during the second half of a game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

# Washington to reveal new name on Feb. 2

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**  
Associated Press

Washington's NFL team announced Tuesday it will unveil its new name on Feb. 2 and that it will not be the Wolves or RedWolves.

Commanders, Admirals, Armada, Brigade, Sentinels, Defenders, Red Hogs, Presidents and the status quo “Washington Football Team” were among the other finalists.

“We are on the brink of starting a new chapter, but our history, our legacy cannot be lost along the way,” team president Jason Wright said in an episode of the team-produced show “Making the Brand.” “Now, more than ever, it's important that we stay connected to our roots. We understand the importance of choosing a meaningful name: one that will anchor the team for the next 90 years and beyond.”

Wright said the decision was made not to go with Wolves or RedWolves because of trademarks held by other organizations. Those possibilities were popular among Washington fans.

The new helmets and uniforms will feature the franchise's signature burgundy-and-gold colors, with three stars on the collar and stripes on the shoulders of otherwise plain jerseys. In a “Making the Brand” clip showing him getting a look at one of the helmets, coach Ron Rivera said: “I love this. Right on. I think the look's going to be hot.”

A trailer teasing the reveal included a “W” logo making an appearance.

The video featured the messages: “Hail to the greats that laid the foundation for our legacy,” “Hail to the fans we consider family,” “We are and always have been Washington,” “We will fight for our community” and “Together we will define our future.”

Photos of franchise greats were mixed in with current players meeting with military personnel and fans.

The organization dropped its old name in July 2020 after decades of complaints that it was racist toward Native Americans and recent pressure from team sponsors. The decision was made to be known as the Washington Football Team that season, which stuck around for 2021 while the

front office went through a lengthy rebranding process.

“Our journey to a new identity is a marathon, not a sprint,” Wright said. “To get it right, we had to take every step of the process seriously, and the destination is a sum of all those parts.”

Washington was the first team in the four major North American professional sports leagues to move away from Native American imagery amid a national reckoning on race. Cleveland in Major League Baseball followed suit, adopting the new name Guardians that is now in effect after settling a lawsuit with a roller derby team by the same name.

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## MATCHUPS

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But Anderson presents a different kind of challenge.

“The thing I like about Alabama is all the different things they do with him,” Pittman said.

Defensive coordinator Pete Golding likes to use Anderson on stunts and slants to get him attacking different parts of the line of scrimmage.

“I think he's best when he's on the move,” Cubelic said.

Anderson is a game-wrecker on an Alabama defense that's a little underrated, and it will take a team effort by Georgia to neutralize him.

### Attacking Alabama's corners

The Tide have shown some vulnerabilities in their secondary all season, and then senior cornerback Josh Jobe was lost for the playoff with a foot injury.

Jalyn Armour-Davis, who had been dealing with a hip problem, returned to start against Cincinnati in the Cotton Bowl but was in and out of the game.

Without them, freshman Kool-Aid McKinstry and Khyree Jackson are Alabama's main cornerbacks.

If Georgia can hold off Anderson and the Alabama rush, it should find some holes in pass coverage, but can Bennett and the Bulldogs receivers take advantage?

Bennett, the former walk-on, has proved over and over that while he is no Heisman Trophy winner, he usually

can get the job done.

Georgia's receivers are talented, but their best weapons are tight end Brock Bowers, who had 10 catches for 139 yards in the first game against Alabama, and running back James Cook, who had four catches for 128 yards in the Orange Bowl.

The 230-pound Bowers often lines up in receiver spots.

“That guy is a problem,” McElroy said. “And there's not really anybody that you can put on him that is going to disrupt what he can contribute to the game.”

It might not be a matter of whether Georgia has the players to attack Alabama's secondary, but it's in the Bulldogs' DNA to play that way.

“Kirby likes to play physical football and get big with people and bully them, and it's hard to bully Alabama,” said Pittman, who was Georgia's offensive line coach for four seasons under coach Kirby Smart before taking over at Arkansas in 2020.

### How healthy is Alabama's o-line?

The story of the first Alabama-Georgia matchup was the Tide's offensive line.

“Their offensive line played better in that game than they had possibly all year,” Pittman said.

The Bulldogs' defense has 45 sacks this season and the SEC title game was the only one in which it was shut out.

Cubelic said it seemed as if Georgia didn't have a well-thought out plan for

pressuring Young the way LSU and Auburn did.

Smart was Saban's defensive coordinator before becoming coach at Georgia, and Pittman said their defensive schemes still have a lot in common. The Bulldogs and Tide mostly play straight up on second and third down, with lots of pressures and more exotic looks on third down. Especially those twists and blitzes that attack the middle of an offensive line.

The Tide tinkered with their line this season and found a combination they liked late but could be forced to make more changes in the title game. Right guard Emil Ekyior (shoulder) and right tackle Chris Owens (ankle) both left the Cotton Bowl with injuries.

Meanwhile, All-America nose tackle Jordan Davis and the Georgia defensive front reverted back to regular-season form against Michigan.

### No Metchie

Maybe the biggest difference between the first and second meeting when Alabama has the ball is that the Tide will be without second-leading receiver John Metchie to complement All-America deep threat Jameson Williams.

Metchie was lost for the season against Georgia with a knee injury, but not before he had six catches for 97 yards and a touchdown. Alabama always has another receiver, but nobody else is as much as of a run-after-the-catch threat as Metchie.

# Djokovic given medical exemption to play at Australian Open

By **JOHN PYE**  
Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia — Novak Djokovic will get a chance to defend his Australian Open title after receiving a medical exemption to travel to Melbourne, ending months of uncertainty about his participation because of the strict COVID-19 vaccination requirements in place for the tournament.

The top-ranked Djokovic wrote on Instagram on Tuesday he has “an exemption permission.”

Djokovic, who is seeking a record 21st Grand Slam singles title, has continually refused to reveal if he is vaccinated against the coronavirus. The Victoria state government has mandated that all players, staff and fans attending the Australian Open must be fully vaccinated unless there is a genuine reason why an exemption should be granted.

Australian Open organizers quickly responded with a statement confirming Djokovic was allowed to compete at the tournament, which starts on Jan. 17, and

was on his way to Australia.

Tennis Australia said the process included the redaction of personal information to ensure privacy for all applicants, with details of names, ages and nationalities removed.

Australian Open tournament director Craig Tiley said “fair and independent protocols were established for assessing medical exemption applications that will enable us to ensure Australian Open 2022 is safe and enjoyable for everyone.”



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MEETINGS

**4587-0105 WCRN  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Citrus County Veterans' Advisory Board will meet on **Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 3:30 pm** in the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct., Lecanto, Florida, to conduct its regular meeting.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Second Floor, Inverness, FL 34450, (352) 341-6560, at least two (2) days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD Telephone (352) 341-6580.

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación (352) 527-5370.

English Translation: (If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at (352) 527-5370.)

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Advisory Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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MEETINGS

**4584-0105 WCRN  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**The Academy of Environmental Science Board** will hold a public meeting on **January 12, 2022**, 2:30 p.m. at the Academy of Environmental Science Campus, 12695 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429.

The purpose of this public meeting is a general meeting of the Academy of Environmental Science Board of Directors. The Board will act on matters to be determined by members of the board including but not limited to the Administrator's report.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Michelle Leeper, (352)302-3319. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the academy using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Michelle Leeper, Board President at 352-302-3319.

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LEGALS

**4586-0126 WCRN** Harley R. Hatch  
2021-DR-579 Notice of Action  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2021-DR-579**  
**DIVISION: DOMESTIC**

**IN RE: THE MATTER OF:**  
HARLEY R. HATCH,  
Petitioner/Father,  
And  
TAYLER LAKER,  
Respondent/Mother.  
And  
PATRICK STEVEN LAKER,  
Respondent/Father,  
And  
TIMOTHY RAY ANDERSON,  
Respondent/Father.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FAMILY CASES  
WITH MINOR CHILDREN**

Type of Action: Amended Petition to Disestablish Paternity and/or Terminate Parental Rights, Establish Paternity, Parenting Plan and Other Relief

To: TIMOTHY RAY ANDERSON, 6610 Date Palm Blvd., Apt #16, Port Richey, FL 34668

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action for Paternity has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Melissa R. Pendergrass, Esq., o/b/o Harley R. Hatch, Petitioner, whose address is 107B W. Main St., Inverness, FL 34450, "on or before January 15, 2022" and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

**Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.**

**You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.**

**WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.**

Dated: 12/17/2021

ANGELA VICK  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Samantha Leap  
Deputy Clerk

{{County Court Seal}}

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CREDITORS

**4579-0105 WCRN** 2021-CP-1059  
Marie Rose Royere Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2021-CP-1059

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
MARIE ROSE ROYERE,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of MARIE ROSE ROYERE, Deceased, File Number 2021-CP-1059 by the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450; that the decedent's date of death was August 2, 2021; that the total value of the estate is homestead and exempt property only, and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Catherine A. Carroll, 272 Prospect Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335 and R. Michael Baker, 67 Oxford Road, Colonia, NJ 07067.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:  
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ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WITH BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is December 29, 2021.

Person Giving Notice:  
CATHERINE A. CARROLL  
272 Prospect Avenue  
Downington, PA 19335

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
BRADSHAW & MOUNTJOY, P.A.  
S. Michael Mountjoy, Esquire  
209 Courthouse Square, Inverness, Florida 34450  
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CREDITORS

**4573-0105 WCRN** 2021-CP-001149  
Jeffrey R. Olm Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE CASE NO. 2021-CP-001149

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
JEFFREY R. OLM  
A/K/A JEFFREY RAND OLM,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Jeffrey R. Olm a/k/a Jeffrey Rand Olm, deceased, whose date of death was November 25, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is December 29, 2021.

Personal Representative:  
Dale D. Olm  
124 Gill Way  
Benicia, CA 94510

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Montyce VanNess, Esquire  
Florida Bar No. 88868  
VanNess & VanNess, P.A.  
1205 North Meeting Tree Blvd.  
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LIENS

**4569-0105 WCRN**

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CREDITORS

**4583-0105 WCRN** Catherine Louise Hartway  
2021 CP 001113 Notice to Creditors (summary administration)  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY,  
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2021 CP 001113  
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
CATHERINE LOUISE HARTWAY,  
Deceased.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (summary administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:  
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Catherine Louise Hartway, deceased, File Number 2021 CP 001113, by the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N Apopka Ave # 101, Inverness, FL 34450; that the decedent's date of death was October 6, 2021; that the total value of the estate is homestead real property and a Travel Trailer with a combined approximate value of \$100 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:  
Name Address  
William Victor Hartway 8246 West Pebble Lane  
Homosassa, FL 34448

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:  
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The date of first publication of this Notice is December 29, 2021.

Person Giving Notice:  
William Victor Hartway  
8246 West Pebble Lane, Homosassa, FL 34448

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
John S. Clardy III Florida Bar No. 123129  
Email Addresses:  
[clardy@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:clardy@tampabay.rr.com) [Lydia@clardyelderlaw.com](mailto:Lydia@clardyelderlaw.com)  
Clardy Law Firm, P.O. Box 2410, Crystal River, FL 34423  
Telephone: (352) 795-2946  
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**4581-0105 WCRN** Robert George Hall  
2020-CP-997 Notice to Creditors  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No.: 2020-CP-997**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF  
ROBERT GEORGE HALL,  
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Robert George Hall, deceased, whose date of death was December 22, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL. 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 29, 2021.

Personal Representative:  
Tod Hall  
2691 E Jupiter St.  
Inverness, FL 34453

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Jonathan A. Boddien Florida Bar Number: 1011617  
GRANT & DOZIER, LLC  
123 North Apopka Ave  
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**4574-0105 WCRN** 2021-CP-001133  
Russell D. Harper Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE CASE NO. 2021-CP-001133

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
RUSSELL D. HARPER  
A/K/A RUSSELL DONALD HARPER,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Russell D. Harper a/k/a Russell Donald Harper, deceased, whose date of death was November 5, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is December 29, 2021.

Personal Representative:  
Jamie L. Harper n/k/a Jamie L. Harper-Roth  
899 Read Street  
Attleboro, MA 02703

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Montyce VanNess, Esquire  
Florida Bar No. 88868  
VanNess & VanNess, P.A.  
1205 North Meeting Tree Blvd.  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle 1/5/22

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

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Wednesday, January 5, 2022

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- RESPECTS

(RESPECTS: rih-SPEKTS: Considers worthy of high regard; esteems.)

Average mark 27 words  
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 36 or more words in RESPECTS?  
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- BARRACUDAS

bard	radar	curd	scar
brad	carb	daub	scarab
burr	card	drab	scrub
bursar	casaba	drub	scuba
abacus	crab	sabra	scud
absurd	crud	scab	surd
aura	curb	scad	

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

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### ACROSS

1 Gives the boot to

6 Flourished (Var.)

12 Made tea

14 Rock band crew member

15 Before deadline (2 wds.)

16 Imaginary

17 None

18 — out a living

19 Horse command

21 Road topping

23 Type of overalls

26 Prince Val's son

27 Kiosk buy, slangily

28 Kind of vinegar

30 Complain persistently

31 Cigar residue

### DOWN

1 Kimono belt

2 Large vase

3 Become solid

4 String

### Reference

32 book

33 Special skill

35 Visitor from Melmac

37 Mdse. bill

38 Secret motive

39 Date regularly

40 Puppy bite

41 Team cheer

42 Consumed

43 Epoch

44 San Francisco hill

46 Quipster

48 Mountainous

51 Honey source

55 Beepers

56 Barked

57 Battery terminals

58 Peasants

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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D	E	M	O		T	A	N	S		R	E	P	

5 Turnpike rumbler

6 More sincere

7 Goose's call

8 Cheese dish

9 Shelley offering

10 Travel word

11 Lamprey

13 River formations

19 A favorite relative

20 Hire

22 Horrified

24 Running in neutral

25 — Babies

26 "Puppy Love" singer

27 Use force

28 Bistro

29 Invitation addendum

34 Jangled

36 Room to maneuver

42 Ocean depths

43 Graceful and quick

45 Man-eating giant

47 Imitates

48 Auditor, for short

49 Bled, as a color

50 In time past

52 Calendar abbr.

53 TKO official

54 Fabric meas.

1-5

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# WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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

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1. "Leave, actor Pesci!" (1)

2. Steel structural support furrow (1)

3. NFL half's Col. Sanders' places (3)

4. Nursery rhyme girl's nasty falls (1)

5. Pullover rainwear big boss (2)

6. Obtain a stiff bracelet by contriving (2)

7. Less crooked mythical goat-man (2)

1-5-22

ANSWERS  
1. GO JOE 2. BEAM SEAM 3. AFCS KPCS 4. JILLS SPILLS  
5. PONCHO HONCHO 6. WANGLE BANGLE 7. STRAIGHTER SATYR

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4580-0105 WCRN Martha R. Gale  
2021-CP-1168 Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2021-CP-1168

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA R. GALE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of MARTHA R. GALE, Deceased, whose date of death was October 2, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the Co-Personal Representatives and the Co-Personal Representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 29, 2021.

Personal Representatives:  
Patricia M. Mitchell  
1404 North Cherry Pop Drive  
Hernando, Florida 34442

CREDITORS

4585-0112 WCRN 2021-CP-1008  
Brian Michael Borland Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2021-CP-1008

IN RE: ESTATE OF BRIAN MICHAEL BORLAND, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BRIAN MICHAEL BORLAND, deceased, whose date of death was August 13, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for CITRUS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 5, 2022.

Personal Representative:  
ARTHUR ROSE  
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CREDITORS

4576-0105 WCRN 2021-CP-981  
John Francis Hennessey, III Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2021-CP-981

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN FRANCIS HENNESSEY, III, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOHN FRANCIS HENNESSEY, III, deceased, whose date of death was August 25, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for CITRUS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is December 29, 2021.

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## Roman farce opens at Art Center Theatre

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Art Center Theatre will open 2022 with Stephen Sondheim's joyous musical romp through ancient Rome. "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" has desperate lovers, scheming neighbors and a secret behind every toga as the crafty slave Pseudolus tries to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan for his young master, Hero, in exchange for his freedom.

But, of course, no farce would be complete without plot twists and turns, with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors, and a showgirl or two. And all of this is performed to music by Stephen Sondheim in this Tony Award-winning play.

Directed by Karrie Bailey with musical direction by Danielle Flury-Downey, the musical features Caleb Namey as Hero, Kaileigh Moran as Philia, Richard Flury as Senex, Julie Imbrogono as Domina, Kyle Flanagan as Hysterium, Timmy Spence as Lucus, Gary Ammerman as Pseudolus, Pam Hall as Gymnasia, Tom Venable as Erronius, Justin Zacek as Miles Gloriosus, Lisa Peterson as Tintinabula,

Dianne Klatt as Panacea, Pat Maynard and Kelly Slemcee as the Beninae, Joni Steffens as Fibrata and RJ Cantagallo, George Livermore and Harlin Vermeer as Proteans.

Nicole Moran is the stage manager and the play is performed on a set built by set construction coordinator Gary Boesch and the set building crew of Michael Wells, Chris Peters, Bill Dagenhart, Doug Haynes and Richard Flury.

The set was painted by Todd Mast, with decorative mural painting by Doug, Dianna, Hannah and Laura Haynes. Doug Haynes built the bust and Karrie Bailey was responsible for props. Dianna Haynes created the lighting and sound design and Sandy Hynes and Ralph Shaffer are staffing the theater technical booth where lighting and sound is controlled.

The play will run two weekends, opening Jan. 7 and closing Jan. 16. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$21 and are available at the box office on the Art Center campus or by calling 352-746-7606. The box office is open 1-4 weekdays and one hour before performances.

## Welcome 2022 with declutter

I'm not sure where to start exactly, so I guess I'll just begin.

It's 2022 and I will be 62 in a couple of months. How can this be? Just a few years ago I was 25. Getting older, doesn't bother me so much, it's

**Katie Lucas**  
Serving Seniors



how my body is reacting to it that's killing me. We had a Christmas party a few weeks ago. JR and I both straightened up the house, I prepared some appetizers, etc., and as parties go, I stood in the kitchen talking and laughing. Occasionally, I would sit for a bit, but for most of the party, I stood. When I woke up Sunday morning my hips hurt so bad, I felt as though I had been dancing, jumping and had been in an accident.

I'm not ready for achy breaky, so what is going on? Inside I'm 25, but my body does not agree and is making me pay for it. Obviously, I'm out of shape, so I realize that exercise is essential, even if it's just walking, so this is

already on the new year's list; this and cleaning out my cabinets and closets.

Speaking of which, this time of year is a good time to start your "spring cleaning list." Just take small steps so it is not overwhelming.

Take one room at a time, then break it in to smaller steps. For example, if the front bedroom chest of drawers needs to be cleaned out and straightened up, take one or two drawers a day. Use boxes or bins and mark them "keep," "throw," and "donate."

Remember when you donate, be sure what ever it is, is worthwhile. In other words, don't donate dirty, torn, or broken items. We are fortunate to have quite a few thrift stores that support area charities, so there are several options for you to call and see if they can come and pick up your items. (Just a side note: I'm pretty sure no one accepts TVs anymore, but you should check to be sure.)

This also may be a good time to talk to your kids to see if there are items, they would like of yours. Prompt them by saying,

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# 'We do life together'

### Grieving, lonely, everyone welcome at Friends' Café Break

By MARGO WILSON  
For the Chronicle

It doesn't matter whether it's the holiday season or not. When you lose a loved one, it's often hard for your friends and sometimes your family to understand the scope of your grief.

As one man, who lost his wife in 2019 after a lifetime of marriage and who is spending the third holiday season without her, said, "It's crushing."

Attending a recent Café Break at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast in Homosassa Springs, the man, Frank, who asked that his last name not be used, said his wife had developed vascular dementia, and the couple became isolated as he cared for her.

After his wife died, "I was a hermit," Frank said. But then, he received a call from Hospice of Citrus County. And the hospice worker suggested Frank check out the services the Friends of Citrus offers.

Friends of Citrus is a grief resource that evolved out of hospice. It offers support groups, educational programs and even chair yoga to those who have new or ongoing grief. The organization also welcomes anyone seeking a friend, who is lonely and would enjoy meeting people who care about each other.

The public is invited to attend a grief class if that would help, or to just drop in at Café Break and chat with the folks there.

The Friends programs are free, but donations are accepted. Friends is supported by the money its thrift stores earn, donations and grants.

Program Director Susan Quenelle said during the summer before the pandemic, the center was developing new programs, including the chair yoga class.

She came up with the idea for Café Break because she realized that people who are grieving need "a place to hang out. There's nowhere to go. They feel lonely," she said.

Quenelle said at first, she brought cookies and doughnuts to the Café.

Now, participants bring their own food for their buddies and themselves,



MARGO WILSON / For the Chronicle

Each week, the participants bring food to share. From the front are, Susan Derkatsch, Cleo Salmons, Patricia Van Vliet, Frank, Stephanie Hannan and Hans Derkatsch.

or they take orders and pick up food at local restaurants.

The Café is in the Wings Grief Center, part of the Friends complex, which also includes an administrative wing and a thrift shop. There's also a thrift shop in Lecanto. The cafe is open Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Chair yoga precedes the Café on Wednesdays, and an ongoing support group follows the Café on Thursdays.

Café participants often go to one event and then stay for the next.

Stephanie Hannan of Homosassa said after her significant other died in 2017, she started attending a grief class at the center. She's remained friends with some of the people in the

class. And she's found that dropping in at the Café is "a great way to meet people and form new friendships," she said.

Patricia Van Vliet of Sugarmill Woods said she and her late husband had volunteered at the Friends thrift store. He developed dementia and died two years ago. It was then she decided to join the kaffeeklatschers at the Café.

"I've met a lot of nice people," she said.

Cleo Salmons also lost her husband. But at the Café, she's found "friendly people. We're all friends here," she said. "We have lunch together and enjoy each other's company. It's a

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Special to the Chronicle

This is glider training at the Civil Air Patrol headquarters at the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport in Brooksville.

## Civil Air Patrol continues mission in Hernando

By MARGO WILSON  
For the Chronicle

Three Citrus County Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets have decided to turn lemons into lemonade by joining the Brookside-based Hernando County Composite Squadron of CAP.

The Citrus County Cadet Squadron was deactivated recently after several of its cadets graduated from high school and some moved out of the area to attend college. Others moved to attend a military academy or joined the military between 2020 and 2021, according to Richard Johnson, public affairs officer with the Hernando Squadron.

And "COVID did play a large role in the demise of the squadron," Johnson wrote in an email. He explained how difficult it was to recruit new cadets when all that was available to them was ZOOM meetings. Meanwhile, some of the Citrus squadron's adult leaders resigned for various reasons during the pandemic.

After squadron leader Capt. Shannon Straubel was transferred out of state by her employer, no one was available to assume command of the



Margo Wilson / For the Chronicle

Richard Johnson, public affairs officer with the Hernando County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at the CAP headquarters.

unit and the unit was deactivated, according to Johnson.

When the Citrus unit closed, there were six cadets. Three transferred to Hernando, the closest squadron, and the other three to an out-of-state unit. Neither Straubel, nor the three

Citrus cadets, nor their parents were available to speak to a reporter.

But the father of cadet Bryson Tucker, 13, said he feels that when Bryson joined the Hernando CAP squadron, "It was the biggest day in his life."

Bryson and dad Seth and their family live in Inverness. The Tuckers moved to Citrus County in March 2021 and checked out several squadrons before joining the Hernando squadron.

Seth said Bryson joined the Hernando group because it's a "composite" squadron, meaning that both adults, as well as young people ages 12-20, are eligible for membership. The Citrus County group had been a youth, or cadet-only group.

Johnson said the Hernando group has welcomed the three Citrus County cadets, whom he said are doing well. The Hernando squadron would be pleased if both young people and adults from Citrus County would join, according to Johnson.

Founded in 1972, the Hernando squadron will celebrate its 50th

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### WHAT'S INSIDE TODAY?

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Ready for 2022  
programs, activities

By **LIZ MUELLER**  
Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus Garden Club had the special benefit of being guided through 2020 and 2021 by our club president, Sandra Hume. During the tough months of 2020, and into 2021, Sandra Hume kept the club going and maintained a positive attitude. Members were greeted with individual treats waiting for each of us on our 6-foot-spaced folding chairs – lovingly baked by Sandra. She kept activities and programs going as only a deter-

mined pioneer could when faced with unprecedented circumstances. What could have broken us, only made us stronger. Throughout 2021, the Citrus Garden Club focused on aiding our community and enhancing it with the beauty of flowers. And now we welcome 2022. Starting a new year of Citrus Garden Club meetings, on Jan. 6 members will gather at the Recreation Building (1700 Forest) in Whispering Pines Park in Inverness at 9 a.m. for social time with the business meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. The program for that meeting will be Michele Kline from HOPE Wildlife Rehabilitation who will bring wildlife with her

for our education and enjoyment. The public is welcome to attend. The program always follows our business meeting. On Jan. 19, the club will host its annual mah jongg Tournament at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. This is a popular fundraiser and fills up quickly. There will be lots of raffle baskets, door prizes and lunch. Contact Dee Nielsen at 352-697-1846 or Patty McCoy at 352-527-4164. “All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.” And speaking of the seeds of today, the Citrus Garden club sponsors a youth garden group headed by Brenda Davis. Sprigs Youth Gardeners consists of local grade-

school children who meet regularly to participate in nature and environmental projects. Brenda helps the students interpret, prepare and document projects to submit for FFGC awards, and they have won several already. “Here’s to a bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old; here’s to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold.” Citrus Garden Club President Sandra Hume, a resident of Inverness, has presided over the club during good times and difficult times. In her spare time, she uses her green thumb to tend to her backyard that is filled with a large variety of plants.

Special to the Chronicle



Fred Bremer / Special to the Chronicle  
A fallen Cyprus tree blocks the waterway on a stretch of the Orange State Canal in Floral City.

Lakes and waterways  
of Floral City

By **MARCIA BEASLEY**  
Special to the Chronicle

What is so special about the Floral City area? There is no one thing. It is a combination of natural elements and one of those is the Floral City Pool of the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes and its waterways. The public is invited to attend a program “The State of the Tsala Apopka Lakes and Waterways” at the January meeting of the FFGC Floral City Garden Club. This program will be presented at noon in the Floral City Community House at the Town Center on Friday, Jan. 14. Presenting the program will be the well informed Mark Fulkerson, Ph. D., P.E. Director of

the Water Resources Bureau, Southwest Florida Water Management Bureau. Fulkerson’s regular contributions to the TOO FAR, Water & Natural Resources Foundation’s Newsletter provide an up-to-date status on the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes and the waterways. His shared knowledge assists in promoting conservation, restoration and sustainable use of our natural resources. Garden Club members and guests will have a social period at 11 a.m. and a pot-luck lunch at 11:30. Cuttings, starts, bulbs and seeds brought by the members for the “Grow ‘N’ Share Table” will be available for all on the picnic table, outside at the back door of the Community House. Gardeners are reminded to meet in the Memorial Garden at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, for the monthly maintenance of that area and others as needed. The

Club has recently adopted the care of the “Fountain ‘N’ Flowers Feature” at the northeast corner of U.S. 41 and County Road 48. Development of this corner continues and donations sent to the F.C. Heritage Council, PO Box 328, F. C. 34436 are gratefully welcomed. Club members support Citrus County Blessings and backpack preparation for the Floral City Elementary School will take place as usual on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Floral City Garden Club is a member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and membership is open to all who have an interest in learning more about horticulture, floral and landscape design and environmental conservation. Visit the website at [www.floralgardenclub.weebly.com](http://www.floralgardenclub.weebly.com) or call President Carol Wood at 813-235-3917.

CASA not accepting  
used donations

The Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) will not be accepting used donations such as clothing, shoes, etc. from now until Jan. 18. They will resume accepting donations of used items again on Jan. 19.

New York Club kicks  
off the New Year

The New York Club will meet at noon Jan. 18 at the American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. They meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Menu choices are two hot meals or a chicken Caesar salad. Hot meals include salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea and coffee. Alcoholic beverages and soda are available for purchase. Lunch is \$18 per person includ-

ing tip. Checks should be received by Jan. 7. Feel free to drop your check(s) for following month’s luncheons in the box at the front door. For more information about meals, call Veronica at 352-445-1997. All are welcome and you need not be a New Yorker to join. To receive an application, call Maria Sosha at 845-667-2900. Dues are \$10 per year. Checks must be sent with a signed application. Don’t forget to bring a donation for CASA. Needed are toiletries, cleaning supplies, used cell phones and ink cartridges. Volunteer center to have MLK Healthy Food Drive Food pantries often find their stock of non-perishable food items depleted after the holidays. The Nature Coast Volunteer Center (NCVC) and AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP will have a food drive

in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., who asked, “What are you doing for others?” Non-perishable food will be collected now through Jan. 14 at the Citrus County Resource Center (CCRC), Citrus County libraries, community centers and the Citrus County Tax Collector’s offices. A drive-thru drop-off for the Martin Luther King Jr. drive will be Jan 14 at the CCRC, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. King devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all. By serving, we honor him and help realize these dreams. The public can join from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 14 at the CCRC to sort, count and pack non-perishables. There will be refreshments and volunteers are encouraged to register ahead of time. For more information or to volunteer, call 352-527-5959 or email [ncvc@citrusbocc.com](mailto:ncvc@citrusbocc.com).

Embroiderers Guild  
of America to meet

The Sandhill Crane Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America (EGA) will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 5 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 200 Mt. Faire Ave. in Brooksville. All are welcome. EGA is open to anyone who is interested in embroidery from beginner to more advanced. For information, call Jenna McClooney at 727-204-0420.

Club to have  
barbecue fundraiser

Come and enjoy barbecue pulled pork sandwiches from the Woman’s Club of Dunnellon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 8 at the clubhouse, 11756 Cedar St. This is a takeout only event. The cost is \$10 per sandwich and includes coleslaw, baked beans and a brownie.

Proceeds from all club fundraisers benefit local charities and college scholarships. For more information, call Susi at 727-460-0435. Church to have outdoor flea market Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church will hold an outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 8 on the church property, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills. The church holds flea markets monthly from September through May, usually on the first Saturday of the month. Shoppers are welcome. Commercial vendors and private individuals are welcome to bring and sell goods. Spaces are available for \$10 and should be reserved in advance although there is always room for one more.

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CHALK TALK

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project at [www.fdottampabay.com/project/521/439698-1-52-01](http://www.fdottampabay.com/project/521/439698-1-52-01). Apply for a Take Stock scholarship Take Stock in Children is a program that helps qualified students and their families realize their dream of sending their child

to college. Scholarship applicants must be in public school in the sixth, seventh, eighth or ninth grade, meet the financial eligibility requirements, agree to remain drug-, alcohol- and crime-free and get good grades. Take Stock’s two-year, tuition free scholarships are provided through a partnership with the Florida Prepaid Foundation. To apply, visit [takestockcitrus.org](http://takestockcitrus.org) or call the Take Stock office

to receive a mailed copy. To learn more, call 352-344-0855. Take Stock searching for volunteer mentors Take Stock in Children is a school-based mentoring program that assists in creating a brighter future for deserving youth by providing college and vocational scholarships, volunteer mentors, tutoring and long-term support. Take Stock Citrus currently

monitors 44 active students enrolled in the county’s public middle and high schools. The program has started selecting students for the 2021-22 school year. For new student scholars, Take Stock is looking for caring adults who can help make a difference by mentoring students once a week for 30 minutes. Take Stock is not a tutoring program, but a program that provides support, guidance and encour-

agement for students as they work their way through middle and high school and prepare for college or vocational school. For more information or to receive a volunteer application, call Pat Lancaster, student services coordinator, at 352-344-0855. To list notes in Chalk Talk, email [community@chronicleonline.com](mailto:community@chronicleonline.com). The Chronicle reserves the right to edit submissions for length and style. Publication in the print version each week is not guaranteed.

LUCAS

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“I’m giving such and such away.” This may encourage them to come and look through your things and maybe even help you “de-clutter.”

If you have more than one child, be sure to make a list of who wants what, have them sign it and give everyone a copy. You could even possibly add it to your will so there are no questions, plus it makes things much easier on everyone if everything has been

taken care of. Also, if it’s been more than 10 years, you should review your will and see if anything needs to be updated. I have several copies of “what my family should know,” a booklet I put together a while back. It covers financial information,

pre-arrangements, legal information and includes space for “family” history. If you would like one, let me know. Here we go, 2022 ... Until next month, take care, be safe, keep moving and best wishes for a better 2022!

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2021-2022 Concert Series

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Fellowship Hall


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# The Mini Page

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Next Week:  
Riddle me  
this!

Founded by Betty Debnam

## A 2022 Calendar for Kids



### Mini Fact:

Queen Elizabeth II will celebrate her 70th year on the throne on Feb. 6.

### Games in China

The Games of the XXIV Olympiad will begin on Feb. 4 in Beijing, China, and end on Feb. 20. These will be the first Winter Olympics to take place in China.

Athletes will compete in seven sports and 15 disciplines during the games. Will you watch?



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1 — New Year's Day 17 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day						

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14 — Valentine's Day 21 — Presidents Day						

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13 — Daylight Saving Starts 17 — St. Patrick's Day						

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17 — Easter 22 — Earth Day						

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8 — Mother's Day 30 — Memorial Day						

JUNE						
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14 — Flag Day      19 — Juneteenth 19 — Father's Day						

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4 — Independence Day 9 — Eid al-Adha begins						

AUGUST						
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7 — National Friendship Day 9 — National Book Lovers Day						

SEPTEMBER						
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5 — Labor Day 25 — Rosh Hashanah						

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10 — Indigenous Peoples Day 31 — Halloween						

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11 — Veterans Day 24 — Thanksgiving Day						

DECEMBER						
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18 — Hanukkah begins    26 — Kwanzaa 25 — Christmas    31 — New Year's Eve						

What big events are happening in your family, school or city this year? Make a note of them here:

## 7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. afraid (6)\_\_\_\_\_

2. England's capital (6)\_\_\_\_\_

3. what you wash your hands with (4)\_\_\_\_\_

4. what M&Ms have inside (9)\_\_\_\_\_


5. use a key (6)\_\_\_\_\_

6. number of continents (5)\_\_\_\_\_

7. corn or broccoli (9)\_\_\_\_\_

EN	UNL	DON	COL
LON	VEG	BLE	RED
CHO	SO	SEV	AP
ATE	ETA	SCA	OCK

Answers: scared, London, soap, chocolate, unlock, seven, vegetable.



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WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 5, 2022														C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis													
	C	S	D/I	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30												
2	(WESH) NBC	19	19	News	NBC News	Ent. Tonight	Hollywood	Chicago Med (N) '14'		Chicago Fire (N) '14'		Chicago P.D. (N) '14'		News	J. Fallon												
3	(WEDU) PBS	3	3	World News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) 8		Nature "Living Volcanoes" Active volcanoes. 'PG'		NOVA The risks of sky-high buildings. (N) 'PG'		Big Pacific "Mysterious" (In Stereo) 'PG' 8		Nature "Living Volcanoes" Active volcanoes. 'PG'													
5	(WUFT) PBS	5	5	DW News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) 8		Nature 'PG' 8 (DVS)		NOVA (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		Big Pacific 'PG' 8		BBC News	Old House												
8	(WFLA) NBC	8	8 8	News	NBC Nightly News - Hoyt	NewsChannel 8	Ent. Tonight	Chicago Med (N) (In Stereo) '14' 8 (DVS)		Chicago Fire "Back With a Bang" (N) '14'		Chicago P.D. "Home Safe" (N) (In Stereo) '14'		NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show												
9	(WFTV) ABC	20	7 20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G' 8	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	The Goldbergs 'PG' 8	The Wonder Years 'PG'	The Conners 'PG'	Home Economics 'PG'	The Chase (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' 8 (DVS)		Eyewitness News 11PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!												
10	(WTSP) CBS	10	10 10	10 Tampa Bay	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Jeopardy! (N) 'G' 8	The Amazing Race "We're Back! Eleven teams begin their journey. 'PG' 8		It Can't Be That Easy" (N) '14' 8		Good Sam Dr. Rob Griffith falls into a coma. '14'		10 Tampa Bay	Late Show- Colbert												
13	(WTVT) FOX	13	13	FOX13 6:00 News (N)	FOX13 6:30 News (N)	Access Hollywood 'PG'	TMZ (N) 'PG' 8	I Can See Your Voice (In Stereo) 'PG' 8 (DVS)		Next Level Chef "High Steaks" (N) '14' 8		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 8		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 8													
20	(WCJB) ABC		11	TV20 News	World News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Ed.	Goldbergs	Wonder	Conners	Home Econ.	The Chase (N) 'PG'		News at 11	J. Kimmel												
22	(WCLF) IND	2	2 2	Christian Bridges	Bridges	J. Duplantis	Great Awakening with Citrus	Sully's Biz Brew	News Up	Prophecy	Andrew	Lift Up	Jewish Jes	Roots	The Great A												
24	(WYKE) FAM	16	16 16	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash				Macabre Theater				Citrus Court	Citrus												
28	(WFTS) ABC	11	11	News	World News	Inside Ed.	The List (N)	Goldbergs	Wonder	Conners	Home Econ.	The Chase (N) 'PG'		News	J. Kimmel												
32	(WMOR) IND	12	12	Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Last Man	Last Man	Creek	Creek	Big Bang	Sheldon												
38	(WTTA) MNT	6	6 6	Extra 'PG'	Ent. Tonight	Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8		Noticias	Seinfeld	Dateline '14' 8		Dateline '14' 8													
40	(WACX) TBN	21	21	S.Channel	The 700 Club 8	Paid Prog.		Love/Child	Keith Moore	Endtime	Way-Master	SuperChannel Presents		Faith Build.	Prince												
43	(WTOG) CW	4	4 4	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	DC's Legends of Tomorrow (In Stereo) 'PG' 8		Batwoman Bat Team stand-off. '14' 8		CW44 News (N) 8	CW44 News (N) 8	Dateline A woman comes forward with her story.													
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	(W06X) FOX		13	Fox 51 at 6	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	I Can See Your Voice		Next Level Chef (N) '14'		FOX 51 News		Dateline (In Stereo) 8													
66	(WXPX) ION		17	Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods 'PG'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'													
(A&E)	54	48	54	The First 48 '14' 8		The First 48 "Taken" '14'		The First 48 '14' 8		The First 48: Playing With		The First 48 '14' 8		The First 48 '14' 8													
(ACCN)			99	College Football: New Era	Pinstripe Bowl			College Basketball Syracuse at Miami. (N) (Live)		All ACC (N)	All ACC	All ACC	All ACC	All ACC	All ACC												
(AMC)	55	64	55	★ ★ "The Great Outdoors" (1988) Dan Aykroyd. 'PG'		★ ★ ★ "Gran Torino" (2008, Drama) Clint Eastwood. 'R' 8		★ ★ ★ "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah. 8		★ ★ ★ "The Cutting Edge" (1992)		★ ★ ★ "Apollo 13" (1995) 'PG' 8			My Best												
(ANI)	52	35	52	River Monsters 'PG'		River Monsters 'PG'		River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N) 'PG'		River Monsters 'PG'		River Monsters 'PG'		River Monsters 'PG'													
(BET)	96	71	96	★ ★ "Proud Mary" (2018, Action) Taraji P. Henson. Premiere. 'R' 8				Tyler Perry's Sistas '14'		First Wives	Bigger 'MA'	Tyler Perry's Sistas '14'															
(BIGTEN)	742	809		Campus	B1G Live (N)	College Basketball Nebraska at Michigan State. (N)		College Basketball Penn State at Northwestern. (N)				B1G Live (N)	B1G Show														
(BRAVO)	254	51	254	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Watch What	Housewives/OC		Housewives												
(BSFL)	35	39	35	Inside	Pregame	NBA Basketball Philadelphia	76ers at Orlando Magic. (N) (Live)	Postgame		In Magic	In Magic	World Poker															
(CC)	27	61	27	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	South Park														
(CMT)	98	45	98	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'												
(CNN)	40	29	40	Situation Room With Wolf		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)													
(ESPN)	33	27	33	SportsCenter (N) 8		NBA	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks. (N)					NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets. (N)															
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	Daily Wager (N) (Live)		College Basketball Teams TBA. (Taped)		College Basketball North Carolina at Notre Dame. (N)				SportsCenter (N) 8															
(FBN)	106	149	106	The Evening Edit (N)		Kennedy (N) 8		American Gold		The Pursuit! (The Pursuit!)		American Gold		The Pursuit! (The Pursuit!)													
(FLIX)		118	170	★ ★ ★ "The Yards" (2000) Mark Wahlberg. 'R' 8		★ ★ ★ "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah. 8		★ ★ ★ "The Cutting Edge" (1992)		★ ★ ★ "Apollo 13" (1995) 'PG' 8					My Best												
(FNC)	44	37	44	Special Report		FOX News Primetime (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity (N) (Live) 8		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Gutfeld! (N) 8													
(FOOD)	26	56	26	Guy's Grocery Games 'G'		Guy's Grocery Games 'G'		Guy's Grocery Games 'G'		Worst Cooks in America 'G' 8		Diners		Guy's Chance													
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office												
(FS1)	732	112	732	Undisputed		College Basketball DePaul at St. John's. (N)		College Basketball Creighton at Villanova. (N) 8				College Basketball															
(FX)	30	60	30	★ ★ ★ "Deadpool 2" (2018) Ryan Reynolds. 'R' 8		★ ★ ★ "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" (2014) Chris Evans. 'PG-13' 8		★ ★ ★ "X-Men: Apocalypse"																			
(GOLF)	727	67	727	Golf Central 'G' 8		Tito's		PGA TOUR		PGA Tour Golf 8																	
(HALL)	59	68	39	★ ★ "Over the Moon in Love" (2019) Jessica Lowndes.		★ ★ "Roadhouse Romance" (2021) Lauren Alaina. 'NR'		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls												
(HBO)	302	201	302	★ ★ ★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002)		Murders, Rock		★ ★ "The 15:17 to Paris" (2018) 8		Hard Knocks: Colts		John Wilson		Hard													
(HBO2)	303	202	303	★ ★ "El cantante" (2006) Marc Anthony. 'R' 8		Hard		★ ★ ★ "In the Heights" (2021) Anthony Ramos. 'PG-13' 8																			
(HGTV)	23	57	23	Home Town 'G'		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Ugliest		Hunters		Moving for Love (N) 8													
(HIST)	51	54	51	Forged in Fire 'PG'		Forged in Fire 'PG'		Forged in Fire (N) 'PG'		Forged in Fire 'PG'		Forged in Fire 'PG'		Forged in Fire 'PG'													
(LIFE)	24	38	24	Married at First Sight "Matchmaking in Boston" '14'		Married at First Sight Ten couples have two weeks to wed. '14' 8								Married at First Sight '14'													
(LMN)	119	50	119	★ ★ "Young, Stalked and Pregnant" (2020) 'NR' 8		★ ★ "Dying for Motherhood" (2020) Emmanuelle Vaugier.		★ ★ "You're Not Safe Here" (2021) Haskiri Velazquez.																			
(MSNBC)	42	41	42	The Beat With Ari Melber		The ReidOut (N) 8		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		The 11th Hour (N) 8													
(NBCSN)	448	26	730	SPORTS ARE HEADING TO USA NETWORK BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022				SPORTS ARE HEADING TO USA NETWORK				SPORTS ARE HEADING TO USA NETWORK															
(NGEO)	109	65	109	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		Trafficked With Mariana		Trafficked With Mariana		To Catch a Smuggler													
(NICK)	28	36	28	Loud House Loud House		Slimetime		"The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie"		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends '14'												
(NWSNTN)	18	18	18	The Donlon Report (N)		On Balance		Dan Abrams Live (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)		Banfield (N) 8		On Balance													
(OWN)	125	24	103	20/20 on OWN '14'		20/20 on OWN '14'		Speak Sis (N) '14'		Speak Sis (N) '14'		Speak Sis (In Stereo) '14'		Speak Sis (In Stereo) '14'													
(OXY)	123	44	123	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered		"The Shadow" 'PG'		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Deadly Twist" 'PG'															
(PARMT)	37	43	37	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Yellowstone 'MA' 8		Yellowstone 'MA' 8		★ ★ "Desperado" (1995) Antonio Banderas. 'R'															
(SEC)	745	72		The Paul Finebaum Show		College Basketball Ole Miss at Tennessee. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Mississippi State at Missouri. (N)		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now													
(SHOW)	340	241	340	★ ★ ★ "Django Unchained" (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx. (In Stereo) 'R' 8		★ ★ ★ "Pulp Fiction" (1994) John Travolta. (In Stereo) 'R' 8		★ ★ ★ "Kick-Ass" (2010) Aaron Johnson. Premiere. 'R' 8							Death Proof												
(SUN)	36	31	36	Focused		Sports Stars		Inside		Pregame		NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Portland Trail Blazers.															
(SYFY)	31	59	31	"Hotel Transylvania 2"		★ ★ ★ "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (2008)		★ ★ ★ "Kick-Ass" (2010) Aaron Johnson. Premiere. 'R' 8							Witch												
(TBS)	49	23	49	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) '14' 8				Go-Big Show '14'		Sheldon	Sheldon												
(TCM)	169	53	169	★ ★ ★ "The Red Shoes" (1948) Moira Shearer.		★ ★ ★ "A Night at the Opera" (1935) 'NR' 8									Sons												
(TDC)	53	34	53	Moonshiners '14' 8		Moonshiners '14' 8		Moonshiners Amanda lends Mark and Huck her process. (N) '14' 8						Master Distiller													
(TLC)	50	46	50	Secretly Pregnant 'MA'		Secretly Pregnant '14'		My 600-Lb. Life (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'				Too Large (N) '14' 8		Save My Skin (N) '14'													
(TMC)	350	261	350	★ ★ ★ "Eighth Grade" (2018) Elsie Fisher. 'R'		★ ★ ★ "Summerland" (2020) Gemma Arterton.		★ ★ ★ "A Royal Night Out" (2015) Sarah Gadon.							The Truth												
(TNT)	48	33	48	Bones '14' 8		Foodies	NHL Hockey	St. Louis Blues at Pittsburgh Penguins. (N) (Live) 8		NHL Hockey: Islanders at Canucks																	
(TOON)	38	58	38	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Bears	Total Drama	King of Hill	King of Hill	Futurama	Futurama	Burgers	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad												
(TRAV)	9	106	9	Ghost Adventures 'PG'		Ghost Adventures 'PG'		Ghost Adventures 'PG'		Ghost Adventures Poltergeist activity at a tiki bar. '14'		Ghost Adventures 'PG'		Ghost Adventures 'PG'													
(truTV)	25	55	25	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers												
(TVL)	32	49	32	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King												
(USA)	47	32	47	Winter olympic trials (N)		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Law & Order: SVU													
(WE)	117	69	117	NCIS 'PG' 8		NCIS "Heartland" 'PG'		NCIS "Nine Lives" 'PG'		NCIS "Murder 2.0" '14'		NCIS '14' 8		NCIS "Cloak" '14' 8													

### BRIDGE

By PHILLIP ALDER

Top declarers are excellent at placing the key missing cards. Watch Jeff Meckstroth in action on this deal.

East's one-diamond opening showed two or more cards in the suit and 11-14 points. Meckstroth (South) preferred the more descriptive one-no-trump overcall. Two diamonds promised at least six cards in either major, and two no-trump indicated length in two suits excluding spades.

Declarer was allowed to win the first trick with his spade queen. He cashed the heart ace and, confident that West had played a singleton 10, continued with his club king and jack, East ducking both to deny declarer a door to the dummy. East won the third club and cashed the spade ace. Then he paused. The defenders were getting one spade, one heart (if declarer couldn't get to the dummy to take a finesse) and one club. So they needed two diamond tricks without establishing the diamond 10 as a dummy entry. As a consequence, shifting to the queen wasn't going to be good enough. Instead, East led the diamond three! He hoped that South would play him for the ace and put up his king.

North 01-05-22

♠ K 5  
♥ J 9 5 4  
♦ 10 8 5 2  
♣ Q 9 3

West East

♠ J 10 8 7 6 3  
♥ 10  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 8 7 6

♠ A 4 2  
♥ Q 7 2  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ A 10 4 2

South

♥ Q 9  
♦ A K 8 6 3  
♦ K 7 6  
♣ K J 5

Dealer: East  
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	2♦	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Meckstroth realized that if West had the ace-queen or ace-jack of diamonds, he was doomed.

So, did West have only the ace or the queen-jack?

With the queen-jack, he might have led that suit. So, Meckstroth played low from this hand!

West took the trick and returned the suit, but South won with his king and exited with his last diamond.

East could not stop Meckstroth from getting into the dummy to take the heart finesse.

### SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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

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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

### HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

“ P T O I K I Z N Y R H H I Y Y L R B W C P F Y

C J T T A L C O S I Z , U R O I K I Z N J T T A

L C O S I Z F Y C Y R H H I Y Y L R B W C P . ”

— Z T U I Z O A R K C B B

Previous Solution: “If you do anything for too long, it starts to lack edge, to become too easy. Easy is the kiss of death.” — Julia Ormond

TODAY'S CLUE: A *seals* K

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■ Find the daily crossword puzzle inside the Chronicle's classified pages, along with Sudoku, Wordy Gurdy and a word puzzle.

## Let your children fly

DEAR ANNIE: I cried when I was reading the letters from parents about not letting go of their children in college. My mother was so strict with me that I was not even allowed to go to college.

A new local college was opened the year I graduated from high school, but my parents' excuse for me not to go was that they couldn't afford it. They also asked me how I was going to get there since it was 25 miles from home. They decided that, since I was a girl, I did not need a car, even though they bought both of my brothers a car when they turned 16.

I could not even get a job because we lived in the country and there were no businesses close by. They finally allowed me to go to "beauty school" to learn how to do hair, which I hated. After graduating from that and getting my license, I still could not work because, they asked, "How are you going to get to work without a car?" It was always just one roadblock after another.

I was not even allowed to date, while all of my friends were going out with boys to parties and such. My mother didn't trust me. Honestly, I don't know why because I never had boys come to visit me on the farm. I think that I was 18 or 19 before I had my first date, and even then, Mom was not sure about it.

Needless to say, the first male who asked me to get married was the one I chose. I could not wait to get out of that house, but as it turned out, the man I did marry was a HUGE mistake.

My brother was in the Navy, and while he was stationed in Florida, he asked me to fly down there to spend time with him. He had a married friend who said that I could bunk with them. I was finally working in a factory at this time, so I had my own money, but my parents said, "NO!" They actually told me that if I went, I would not be welcome back home again.

Honestly, I never could understand why they, especially my mother, distrusted me so much. I never gave her any reason to, and when I questioned her, all she would say was, "Oh, I trust you." I feel as if I missed so much in my teenage years. I even thought about joining the Navy, to which my mother said, "No way in hell!" At that time, I still had animals on the farm, and I knew that if I did join, my parents would dump them. So, I just stayed home.

The funny thing is that a cousin's wife said that she was in the Navy and that she really enjoyed it and



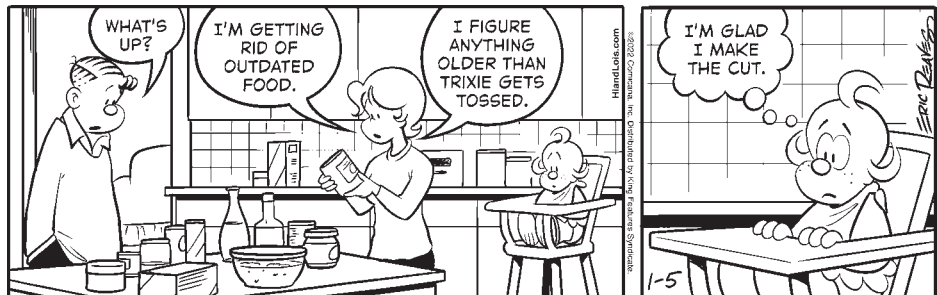
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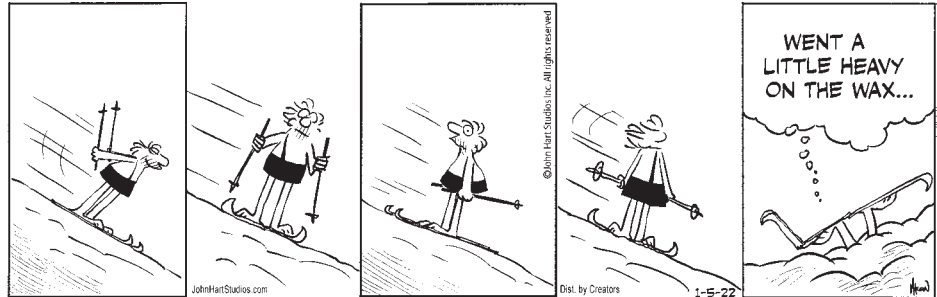
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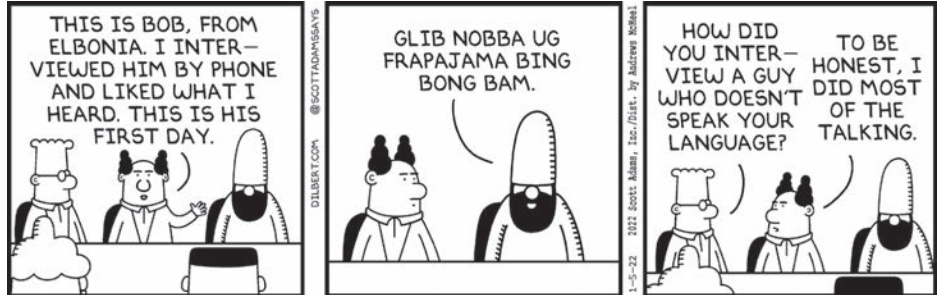
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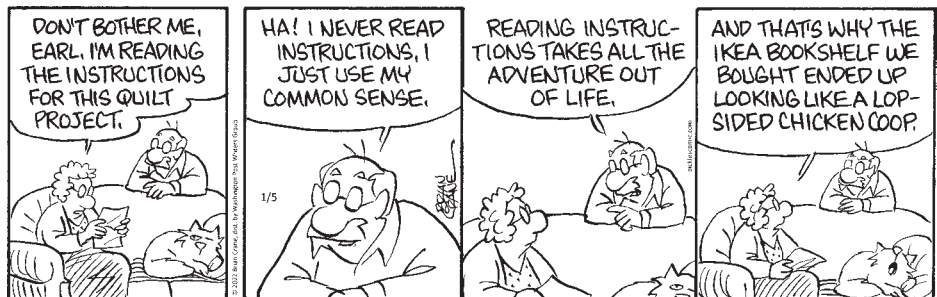
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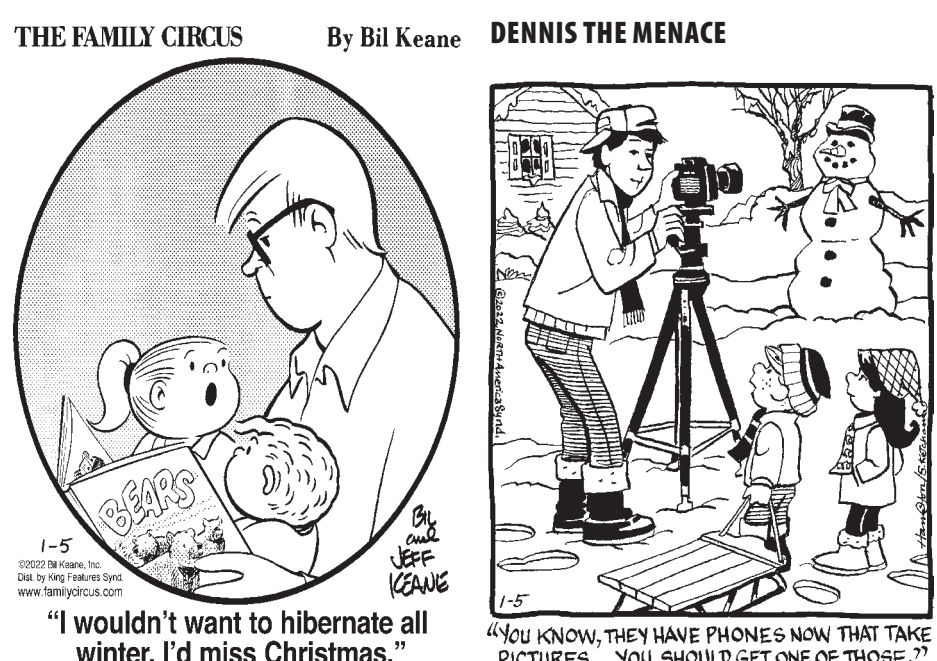
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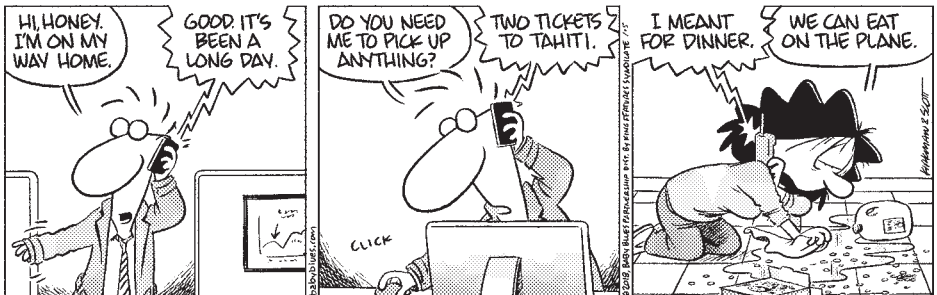
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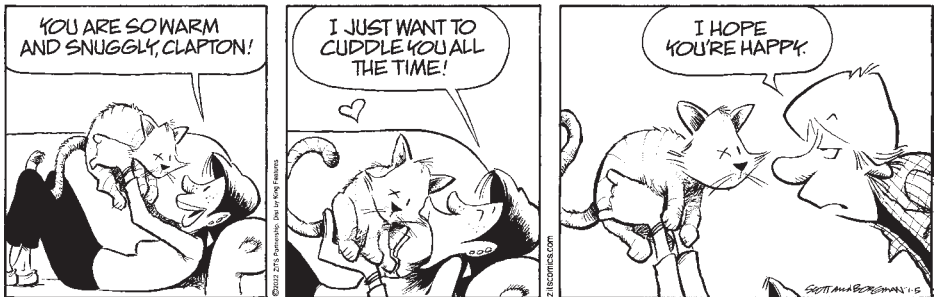
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ASTROGRAPH

By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Reflect before you initiate change. Observing, addressing unstable or questionable situations and considering the results you are trying to achieve will save you time and money. Eliminate confusion and take notes, and you'll get a clear picture of what's possible.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Ponder over what to do next. Refuse to let anyone push you in a direction you aren't ready to pursue. Stay focused on what's important to you instead of putting what others want first.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You can enforce change. You will make a difference if you take charge. Don't count on everyone to agree with you, but the ones who do will contribute handsomely.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Go over every detail before you make a move. Don't be afraid to do things on your own if necessary. Someone may have ulterior motives, so tread carefully. Strive for a

peaceful life.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Surround yourself with people who share your beliefs and interests. Discuss alternatives and be a team player. Don't get worked up over something you cannot change.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Don't step on someone's toes. Do your own thing, and leave others to their devices. Try to get along with others and to be transparent and up-front in all your dealings.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Rev things up and finish what you start. How you deal with your deadlines and responsibilities will determine how vulnerable you appear to others. Refuse to let anyone lead you astray.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Live, learn and move along. Perpetual motion keeps life interesting. Explore what's available to you and share what you find with someone you respect. Keep your valuables in a safe place.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Put your energy into looking and feeling your best. Strive for perfection, strength and a

healthy attitude, and you will get the results you want. Be yourself and trust your instincts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Network, socialize and do something that pumps you up and gives you the drive you require to follow through with your plans. Take a unique approach to relationships and networking.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Set your sights on what you want to achieve and refuse to let anything sidetrack you. Pay attention to detail and be disciplined. Knowledge is the key to getting things done right the first time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** A sudden change based on what someone says or does will leave you in a quandary. Rely on your intuition, and you'll choose what's best for you. Progress can be made.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Let your heart lead the way. Take responsibility for your words and actions, and refuse to let anyone take advantage of you. When in doubt, do your research and sit tight.

TODAY'S MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness;  
844-462-7342 Code 187

Wednesday, Jan. 5	Thursday, Jan. 6
<b>"American Underdog" PG:</b> 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:30 p.m. <b>"Sing 2" PG:</b> 12:15, 3:30, 7:45 p.m. <b>"The King's Man" R:</b> noon, 3:45, 7:15 p.m. <b>"The Matrix Resurrections" R:</b> 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45 p.m. <b>"Spider-Man No Way Home" PG13:</b> 11, 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 3, 6:30, 7 p.m.	<b>"American Underdog" PG:</b> 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:30 p.m. <b>"Sing 2" PG:</b> 12:15, 3:30, 7:45 p.m. <b>"The King's Man" R:</b> noon, 3:45, 7:15 p.m. <b>"The Matrix Resurrections" R:</b> 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45 p.m. <b>"Spider-Man No Way Home" PG13:</b> 11, 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 3, 6:30, 7 p.m.

Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850

No movies announced at this time.

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead.



# Thrift store donation will benefit youths

**SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE**

Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop was visited on Dec. 11 by several enthusiastic members of the Dunnellon High School (DHS) Robotics Club, who picked up a check for \$499 to defray travel costs to an international competition in Tallahassee in March.

In total, the club has more than 20 participating members. On Jan. 8, competition founder Dean Kamen (inventor of the Segway scooter) will appear in a worldwide webcast to announce the theme and parameters for the robots which will be built by teams of young people all over the world.

They will have six weeks to complete their robot. The intense work uses practical applications of science and math and fosters teamwork

as they work against the deadline to build a machine capable of doing the job.

Other donations from the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop for the month include \$500 to Bishop Freddie Oats' Faith Temple World Wide Ministries Food Pantry earmarked for the holiday season. For more information, call the church at 352-318-8182.

Dunnellon Middle School received \$250 to help establish a new program, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, which puts the focus on creating a positive learning environment for all students.

A \$200 check was also presented to the Pop Warner Mitey Mite Cheering Squads to help pay for their transportation costs to regional and national championships.



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From left are: Bonnie Dean, thrift shop volunteer; Naomi Belmore, thrift shop volunteer; Chase Letien, Robotics Club president; Jordan Vining, Robotics Club vice president; Elizabeth Barsanti, club member; Ashley Sterken, club member; Zenora Renda, club member; and Donald Slocum, club sponsor.

## HAPPENINGS

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For more information or to reserve a space, call Rose Mary at 352-527-6459 or email [wjeselso@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:wjeselso@tampabay.rr.com).

### Sunset drum circle to meet

The Second Sunday Sunset Drum Circle will meet at 4 p.m. Jan. 9 at the last picnic shelter on Fort Island Gulf Beach, 16000 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River. If it is raining at the start time, the circle is cancelled.

This is a free community monthly event which has existed for 15 years. The group embraces diversity and aims to help people "get in the groove by living in the present." This family-friendly event is a great way to connect with others through the universal language of rhythm and its purpose is to unite people of all backgrounds and have fun.

Bring drums, flutes, shakers and other small percussion instruments, along with a chair, beverage, bug spray and dancing feet. Due to the recent spike in COVID-19, attendees are encouraged to distance. Park rules prohibit dogs, alcohol, smoking and ground fires.

For more information, visit Citrus County Drummers on Facebook or call Charlotte at 352-344-8009.

### Oak Village Women's Club to meet

The Oak Village Women's Club (OVWC) will have their luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 10 at Sugarmill Woods Country Club, 1 Douglas St. in Homosassa.

The theme is "Centering your mind, body and soul!" with Karen Anderson who will teach Tai Chi. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

Lunch includes New England clam chowder, dinner rolls and one of the following entrees: cod piccata, almond-crusted chicken or vegetarian salad. Dessert is apple crisp a' la mode.

The cost is \$25 for members. Guests can attend the first time for \$25 and thereafter, for \$27 unless they join. Checks with menu choices are due Jan. 1. Drop checks off at the Oak Village bulletin board on Oak Village Boulevard South or Oak Village Bath and Tennis Club, 1 Village Center Circle.

Membership is open to women who reside in Sugarmill Woods. For more information, call Hattie Ciolko at 352-503-7300.

### Attend a seminar on edible landscaping

Edible landscaping is a Florida-friendly technique that incorporates vegeta-

bles, fruit trees, berries and herbs into traditional landscaping.

Join UF/Citrus County Extension's master gardeners for tips on adding these plants to your landscape at 1 p.m. at every Citrus County Library System location:

■ Jan. 11 at Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road in Inverness

■ Jan. 12 at Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills

■ Jan. 19 at Floral City Library, 8360 E. Orange Ave.

■ Jan. 24 at Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St. in Crystal River

■ Jan. 25 at Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave.

Attend a virtual seminar at 1 p.m. Jan. 25. Register at least four hours before at [citrusediblelandscaping.eventbrite.com](http://citrusediblelandscaping.eventbrite.com).

To speak to a master gardener, call 352-527-5709 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or email [IF-SVC-CITRUSMG@a.d.u.fl.edu](mailto:IF-SVC-CITRUSMG@a.d.u.fl.edu). Master gardeners can answer gardening questions, identify samples or address gardening challenges. Information is grounded in research from UF.

### Genealogical society to meet

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 11 via Zoom and in person at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St. in Lecanto.

The speaker will be Claudia Breland, professional genealogist, who will talk about "Beyond the United States: Genealogy Research in Other Countries." Learn about other databases and websites that have records in other countries such as England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and Germany.

Guests are welcome to attend. To get a Zoom link, email [himary@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:himary@tampabay.rr.com).

### Landscaping program: 'Right Plant, Right Place'

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is offering a free online gardening workshop, "Right Plant, Right Place," from 2 to 3 p.m. Jan. 11.

Once established, the right plant is often sustainable without additional supplemental watering. Choosing appropriate plant materials, planting them correctly and managing them wisely ensures a garden's success.

To register, visit [ccufflprogram.eventbrite.com](http://ccufflprogram.eventbrite.com). For more information, call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708.

### Senior Friends for Life to meet

Senior Friends for Life will meet Jan. 12 at Riviera Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 1935 SE U.S. 19 in Crystal River.

There will be open registration and dues are \$10. All need to pay for the year. They will be electing new officers in January.

Visitors are always welcome. For a reservation, call Nancy at 352-563-5732 or Walli at 352-746-3258.

### MOAA to have sponsored speaker event

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Citrus County Chapter welcomes veterans and the public to attend a sponsored speaker presentation by Citrus County Commissioner Ruthie Davis Schlabach. The event takes place at 10 a.m. Jan. 13 at the American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River.

Schlabach will speak on issues and solutions affecting veterans in Citrus County. For more information, visit [moaaff.org/Chapters/CitrusCounty](http://moaaff.org/Chapters/CitrusCounty).

### Paint with the Women of Sugarmill Woods

The Women of Sugarmill Woods are hosting a painting party at the Crazy Mermaid Gallery from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 13, 5450 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

For \$35, try your hand at painting, enjoy a glass of wine, coffee or water and snack on some finger food.

To register, visit [ThatCrazyMermaidLady.com](http://ThatCrazyMermaidLady.com). For more information, contact Roxanne Soden at

[rmsoden@gmail.com](mailto:rmsoden@gmail.com) or 630-212-7173.

### Audition for an Art Center thriller

The Art Center of Citrus County will host auditions for "Something to Hide" at 2 p.m. Jan. 15 and 16, 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando. The cast has three male and four female roles.

This ingenious thriller follows an author who finds out his wife and publisher ran over and killed his mistress in a car. They agree to dispose of the body and the rest of the play reveals the true relationship between husband and wife.

Show dates include:

■ 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. March 25

■ 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. March 26

■ 2 to 4:30 p.m. March 27

■ 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 1

■ 2 to 4:30 p.m. April 2

■ 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 2

■ 2 to 4:30 p.m. April 3

■ 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 8

■ 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 9

■ 2 to 4:30 p.m. April 10

For more information, call 352-746-7606.

### Garden club meeting schedule set

The Homosassa River Garden Club announced the schedule of its 2021-22 meetings. All meetings are held at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, room 113, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. in Homosassa. A social gathering begins at 9:30 a.m.

■ Jan. 15 – Florida Arbor Day tree giveaway at two locations

■ Jan. 17 – Wekiva Youth Camp presentation

■ Feb. 21 – "Florida Wildflowers Foundation – Habitat Corridor Programs" presentation

■ March 21 – Florida springs presentation

■ April 18 – "Eelgrass Restoration" presentation

Meetings are free and the public is welcome. For more information, contact Carole Ingram at 352-586-9506 or [ocaroleingram@gmail.com](mailto:ocaroleingram@gmail.com).

### Garden Club to have mah-jongg party

The Citrus Garden Club is hosting a mah-jongg party at 9 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club's Windsor/Hampton room, 509 E. Hartford St. in Hernando.

The party includes morning coffee and a luncheon choice of taco salad or chicken salad wrap with potato salad, as well as strawberry cloud cake for dessert. There will be prizes galore, raffle baskets and a share-the-wealth drawing.

Be sure to bring one mah-jongg set per table and each player must bring their 2021 NMJL card.

Tournament play and luncheon is \$30 per person. Checks should be made out to the Citrus Garden Club with specified lunch choices. Proceeds from this event help fund civic projects and youth scholarships.

For reservations or more information, call Dee at 352-697-1846 or Patty at 352-527-4164.

### Nature Coast Orchid Society to meet

The Nature Coast Orchid Society will meet at 1 p.m. Jan. 22 at VFW Post 8681, 18940 Drayton St. in Spring Hill. Doors open at noon.

They will host Pam Waters from Orchids In Bloom. Pam will discuss Cattleya walkeriana and Rhynchostylis gigantea. There will be sales, a raffle and a member's show-off table.

Guests are welcome. For more information, visit [naturecoastorchidsociety.com](http://naturecoastorchidsociety.com).

### Gulf to Lake Baptist to have craft fair

Gulf to Lake Baptist Church will host, "Your Heart's Desire Art & Craft Fair" at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 22, 1454 N. Gulf Ave. in Crystal River.

Art and craft goods will be available for sale. All items are handcrafted.

For more information about the church, visit [gulftolake.com](http://gulftolake.com).

### Join the American Legion Riders' Poker Run

The American Legion Riders Chapter 237 will have their 11th annual Poker Run Jan. 29 beginning at the post, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills. Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m. with kickstands up at 10:45 a.m.

A \$15 entry fee includes a poker hand, prize ticket and meal. Event proceeds will benefit Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast. In its first 10 years, this event has provided a total of \$65,287 to help individuals and families cope with end-of-life issues, grief and loneliness.

Festivities include door prizes, a silent auction, a 50/50 at every stop and music donated by Better Than Nothin'. Best hand wins the Poker Run and all vehicles are welcome.

For more information, call ride chairman John Roby at 352-341-5856 or 352-536-7480, or the post at 352-897-4776. For more information about Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast, call 352-249-1470, visit [friendsofcitrus.org](http://friendsofcitrus.org) or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

### Ladies of the Elks to have charity fashion show

The West Citrus Ladies of the Elks will have their charity fashion show, "Celebrating the Fabulous You," at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at the lodge, 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa.

Fashions are by Janet of Sarasota. Guests will have a chance to shop for clothes with everything from casual to dressy, enjoy lunch and win a raffle basket.

Tickets are \$30. For more information, call Kathy at 352-586-8886.

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## TOGETHER

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great program. We welcome anyone who wants to come, whether you're grieving or not."

Louretta Russell of Inverness said, "If you're hurting inside, it's a place to go and there are no judgments."

She said whether attendees take part in a class or just stop in for coffee, "You'll always receive a warm, sincere welcome. The worst thing to feel is isolated and that no one understands. Here, everyone understands, and the staff have been wonderful."

Salmons said the center has helped her feel "I have a purpose in life. I help other people and that helps me."

Frank agrees with that philosophy. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, he helps serve dinners at his church. He also volunteers for Friends.

The Friends grief programs are open to all ages, including children. Frank helps with the children's

programs.

Many of the children have lost a parent.

Frank said he was talking to one boy of 7 who had lost his father.

"I asked him, 'What was his name?' And he said, 'Daddy.'"

"You have to have intestinal fortitude to not break down," Frank said.

Listening to a child, saying a kind word, "helps me because I help them," Frank said.

Hans and Susan Derkatsch of Homosassa lost their adult daughter in 2015. They also have learned the power of helping others, as well as the comfort of being among those who share their pain.

Hans has co-led a group for parents who have lost a child. The couple also attend an ongoing bereavement support group. And they participate in the Café.

"We've made very close friends here," Hans said. "Frank and I are tight."

Susan said the grief of losing a child or loved one doesn't conveniently end by



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Susan Quenelle is the program director of the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast. She stands in front of The Tree of Loving Memories, for which families and friends can purchase a metal leaf and memorialize a person or pet who has died.

a certain date, if ever.

And as Susan has experienced, "People don't help you. They tell you to get

you. ... If you start crying in the middle of a sentence, they don't ask what's wrong," Susan said.

Medical people are among those who don't always grasp what's going on with those who are grieving.

Frank said after his wife died, he was talking to a doctor, who asked him how he was feeling.

Frank said, "I'm ready to go when the good Lord calls."

The doctor interpreted that to mean Frank was suicidal, which wasn't really what Frank was trying to convey.

A woman who asked to remain anonymous said a doctor prescribed Xanax for her, even though she didn't want a drug to numb her pain.

People attending the Café understand the frustration their comrades feel when medical people, relatives and friends just don't grasp the void that opens when someone who's dear passes away.

Program Director Quenelle said she welcomes people who are grieving to

contact her. She will show them around the center and suggest programs that might work well.

"We invite anyone in the community who has experienced loss or who is just lonely to come and meet new friends," Quenelle said.

The woman who didn't want her name used pointed out that the center doesn't just help those who grieve to process the strong emotions they feel.

She said at the Café, attendees also learn practical things from each other — like what to do when a light in your car says your tire pressure is low.

"We do life together," she said. "We're good together."

To contact Quenelle to discover the many programs available, call 352-249-1470. Or visit the website at [www.friendsofcitrus.org](http://www.friendsofcitrus.org). The center is at 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa Springs.

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## MISSION

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birthday in February. There are 56 members, including 22 cadets.

Johnson said the Citrus County squadron had been "a well-established squadron, which thrived for many years." However, information about the Citrus County squadron's history wasn't immediately available.

As Johnson tells it, the nonprofit, all-volunteer CAP is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force but is not a military force. The Air Force uses CAP to perform humanitarian deeds, such as search and rescue; help during natural disasters, including hurricanes; and monitor such environmental damage as oil spills.

During the COVID pandemic, CAP has been activated on a broader national scale than at any time since World War II, Johnson said in an interview.

It has provided millions of meals and delivered millions of medical test kits during COVID, Johnson said.

Founded a week before the Pearl Harbor bombing that launched America into World War II, CAP started as a home guard, and, at first, did a lot of patrolling for enemy submarines off the U.S. coasts.

Today, CAP is devoted to emergency response, aero education, and cadet programs. It is funded by Congress.

Johnson said 90 percent of search and rescues by plane are done by CAP, and over 100 people are rescued each year.

CAP members work with middle and high school teachers to provide aero and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education. CAP has programs in model rocketry, computers, and other aero and STEM fields.

The cadet programs that CAP offers enable young people to not only learn about aircraft and how to fly, but also about emer-



Richard Johnson / Special to the Chronicle

Bryson Tucker of Inverness, center, is shown at the ceremony in which he was promoted to cadet staff sergeant. At right, is Cadet 2nd Lt. Linden Shawcroft, who received that title after this photo was taken. Commander of the Hernando County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol Marlene Welch is shown with her back to the camera.

gency operations, including search and rescue.

The Hernando cadets soon will be learning to build model rockets, Johnson said. They also will visit the Kennedy Space Center.

Cadets also learn physical fitness, nutrition, and leadership skills, Johnson said.

Cadets in Florida get the chance to attend two "encampments" a year, where they get more intense training in leadership, team building, independence, and flying.

There are scholarships for flight training and other educational opportunities, as well as the chance for cadets to groom themselves to be desirable candidates for the Air Force and other military academies.

The Hernando Squadron has its own glider, and cadets from around the state come to the Brookside CAP base for glider orientation and training.

When one is in a glider, "You hear the wind and almost feel like a bird," Johnson said.

He said once a person has had this experience, he or she is "hooked" on flying.

Seth Tucker of Inverness said he believes that young people who are involved in CAP "will excel in adult life. ... When you see these kids around their peers, you see the difference. They learn how to lead and how to follow. They learn respect. And these are aspects that you can't get

in school. To see these kids respond to the training is incredible," Tucker said.

He said his son, Bryson, "is really big on the space aspect of aerospace." Tucker said he's fairly confident Bryson "will serve our country in some kind of flying capacity."

Johnson's son, Sean, 14, has been involved in CAP for two years. He said he might like to attend the Air Force Academy and join the Space Force, or else be an MRI technician.

Johnson's daughter, Kate, 17, also is involved in CAP and has finished ground school.

Tucker said he was involved in CAP in North Carolina when he was young, and it led to a career in public safety — both as a firefighter and as a sheriff's deputy. He said the Hernando squadron welcomes not only young people to join but also adults. He said it would be especially nice if some of the many retired veterans in the area would join the group.

"There are so many veterans and retired military people here. I wish they'd come and check us out," Tucker said. "It's a good way to symbolically put the uniform back on and continue to serve."

Lt. Col. Marlene Welch is the commander of the Hernando Squadron.

She said she participates in CAP because "I love watching the cadets grow."



Margo Wilson / For the Chronicle

Cmdr. Marlene Welch of the Hernando County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

As she sees it, "The Civil Air Patrol is the best-kept secret. It's a great opportunity for kids 12-20."

The Hernando County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets at

3151 Air Commerce Blvd. at the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport in Brooksville. Cadets meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and senior members at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of

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