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Breezy, some clouds, showers possible.

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COUNTY COVID-19 UPATE

Citrus County COVID cases still going up

According to the Florida Department of Health, 20 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update.

No new deaths were reported, for a total of 384.

To date in the county, 9,496 people have tested positive (including 75 non-residents).

One new hospitalization was reported, for a total of 627 hospitalized.

DOH-Citrus vaccine registration system open

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 65 and older and frontline health care workers is now available.

Individuals can now be added to a waiting list for vaccine appointments and be notified when appointments are available in Citrus County by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-0442; TTY is 833-476-1036.

As part of the statewide preregistration system, each county has a designated number that individuals can call and pre-register with if they do not have internet access. Citrus County's designated number is 833-540-2058.

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

When calling, get the name of the operator and do not hang up until you receive confirmation the appointment has been made, including the date, time and location of the appointment.

— From staff reports

OPINION

ONLINE POLL:

Your choice?

While not specifically mentioning Florida, the Biden administration is discussing potential travel restrictions to prevent the spread of contagious variants that appear to be rising in Florida and a number of states. How do you feel about a federal travel ban being imposed on Florida?

- A. Live free or die.
 - B. Whatever happened to "states' rights."
 - C. The feds will do the right thing by Florida.
 - D. You only have one life to give.
 - E. Whatever it takes to stop the spread.
- To vote, visit www.chronicleonline.com. Scroll down the home page and look for the poll box in the right-hand column.

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

On the brink of 500K

America's top infectious disease expert calls looming milestone horrible, historic

JOHN RABY
Associated Press

The U.S. stood Sunday at the brink of a once-unthinkable tally: 500,000 people lost to the coronavirus.

A year into the pandemic, the running total of lives lost was about 498,000 — roughly the population of Kansas City, Missouri, and just shy of the size of Atlanta.

The figure compiled by Johns Hopkins University surpasses the number of people who died in 2019 of chronic lower respiratory diseases, stroke, Alzheimer's, flu and pneumonia combined.

"It's nothing like we have ever been through in the last 102 years, since the 1918 influenza pandemic," the nation's top infectious disease expert,

Dr. Anthony Fauci, said on CNN's "State of the Union."

The U.S. virus death toll reached 400,000 on Jan. 19 in the waning hours in office for President Donald Trump, whose handling of the crisis was judged by public health experts to be a singular failure.

The first known deaths from the virus in the U.S. happened in early February 2020, both of them

in Santa Clara County, California. It took four months to reach the first 100,000 dead.

The toll hit 200,000 deaths in September and 300,000 in December.

Then it took just over a month to go from 300,000 to 400,000 and about two months to climb from 400,000 to the brink of 500,000.

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Friendlier, cleaner waters



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

The Homosassa River is lined by homes on both sides of the river. The fragile ecosystem is protected but some feel more protections are necessary.

Septic-to-sewer project moving forward

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Efforts are moving forward to remove pollution-causing septic systems on local waterways and replace them with a more environmentally friendly central sewer.

Citrus County Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Analysis members met virtually last week to discuss the most cost-effective options for septic-to-sewer conversions in two watersheds identified by the Florida Department of Environmental

Protection (FDEP) as being areas of most concern: Crystal River/Kings Bay and Chassahowitzka-Homosassa Springs.

The FDEP's Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) determined those two springs have been affected by increased nitrogen levels and require additional protections to ensure their conservation and restoration.

The FDEP said septic tanks contribute up to 42% of the current nitrogen pollution in the district's springs, which can cause algae growth detrimental to

aquatic plants and wildlife.

The FDEP is footing the bill for a wastewater feasibility study that will determine which pollution reduction or remediation method is most effective.

In spots where it would not make economic sense to install a sewer, the report would recommend homeowners upgrade their existing septic system to a more advanced one. Grants would likely be available for that purpose.

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MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Pictured is the Halls River Bridge in Homosassa Springs. The Halls River empties into the Homosassa River in the few miles between Homosassa Springs and the Gulf of Mexico. Discussions are underway to reduce pollution along the river via the conversion of septic tanks to sewer.

Council to vote on sewer, splash park

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Crystal River City Council is a vote away from moving ahead with a multi-agency agreement to transfer septic tanks from 276 Citrus County properties to the city's sewage system.

At their upcoming meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Crystal River City Hall, 123 NW U.S. 19, council members will decide whether to invest in the Crystal River Southern Septic to Sewer Project.

If so, the city will chip \$1.21 million into the \$4.84 million project, alongside a 50% share from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and a 25% contribution from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

It's expected the septic-to-sewer expansion project will remove 3,445 pounds

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Around the
COUNTY

Police nab man
for attempted
robbery

A 37-year-old Citrus County man was apprehended Sunday, Feb. 21, walking along State Road 44 after brandishing a



Anthony
Lamar
Wright

Anthony Lamar Wright was arrested and charged with commercial armed robbery.

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

A Black male, later identified as Wright, had entered the store and produced a gun before demanding money from the clerk, Carman said. He fled on foot after not getting his demand.

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

Wright was identified as the defendant involved in the attempted robbery, Carman said.

There were no reported injuries.

— Jeff Bryan

Camp Good Hope,
Teen Encounter
coming Feb. 27

Children and teens who have experienced the loss of a loved one will discover ways to address their grief and learn to cope at the Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter Mini-Camp on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Wings Grief Center in Homosassa Springs.

Mini-Camps, held from 9 a.m. to noon, bring together grief professionals and caring volunteers to help children learn about loss and healing through interactive stations of arts/crafts, music, nature and wellness.

To register a child for the Camp Good Hope (for ages 6 through grade 5) or Teen Encounter (for middle and high school students) Mini-Camp, call 352-249-1470 or email info@friendsofcitrus.org.

Camper applications must be completed by Feb. 22. A \$10-per-kid registration fee reserves your space(s).

Scholarships are available upon request.

Camps observe CDC guidelines. Space limited.

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast is a charitable organization providing community grief support workshops for anyone who has experienced a loss; telephone support; grief support resources for all ages; educational materials for parents and teachers; social support activities; wellness support programs and children's grief support camps.

For details about these programs or for ways you can help, call 352-249-1470 or visit www.friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

— From staff reports

■ Send news releases to community@chronicleonline.com.

Man says he took car to recoup bad debt

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Angry over a reportedly unpaid debt, a Floral City man is accused of stealing the debtor's car.

The arrest of Adam Albert Waller, 40, originated from a complaint made on Feb. 1. The victim at the time of the theft was arrested and in the Citrus County jail.

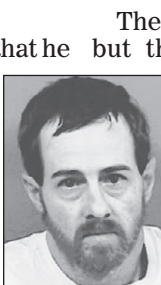
The victim told Citrus County investigators that when he turned himself in to deputies on Dec. 30, 2020, he had parked his 1986 black Crown Victoria at the corner of County Road 48 and Trails End, according to

the arrest report.

The victim told deputies that he asked his mother to pick up his car but when she arrived the vehicle was already gone. He told deputies that no one had permission to take the car.

When asked who might have taken it, he told deputies that he suspected Waller or another man.

On Feb. 6, a Sumter County Sheriff's deputy saw the victim's car at the Dollar General on County Road 476 and initiated a traffic stop, according to arrest records.



Adam A.
Waller
said man owed
him \$400.

The deputy arrested the driver, but the driver explained that

Waller sold him the car for \$250 on Jan. 29, 2020, and signed off on the vehicle's title as the owner.

The Citrus County deputy learned on Feb. 13 that Waller had been arrested on an unrelated charge. There had been a warrant for his arrest and he was charged with resisting arrest without violence.

On Feb. 15, the arresting deputy went to the Citrus County jail to meet with Waller about the stolen car.

According to the report, Waller told the deputy that the victim owed him \$400 and didn't pay it back.

Waller told the deputy he knew that the victim was arrested and in jail so he took the car and sold it for \$400.

"I was mad at him for not paying me the money he owed me, so I stole his car then sold it for \$400 and got the money back that he owed me," he reportedly told the deputy according to the arrest report.

The deputy charged him with trafficking in stolen property and theft of the vehicle. His bond was set at \$7,000.

Accounting for fewer kids in class

Fla. public school superintendents weigh in on 'missing' students for 2020-21

RYAN DAILE
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Tying tangible experience to troubling data, five school superintendents addressed a House panel Thursday, with some asking for "more teeth" in a law to help find students who have gone unaccounted for this school year.

State economists estimate that 87,811 fewer students have enrolled in public schools than were predicted for the 2020-21 academic year, which has been shadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

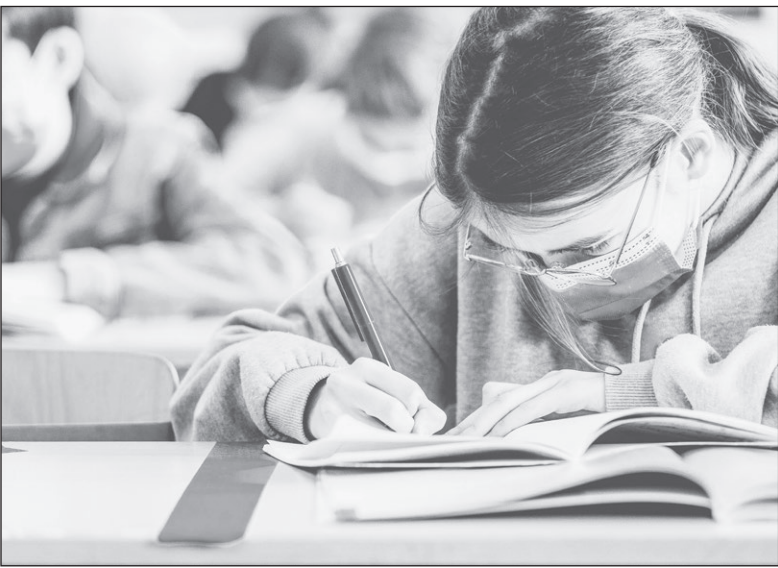
As lawmakers try to pinpoint how much of the enrollment drop is a result of students leaving traditional public schools for private schools or home-schooling, and how many simply can't be found, the superintendents tried to give the House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee a clearer picture.

Miami-Dade County Superintendent Alberto Carvalho said 10,006 fewer students than expected enrolled in his district's schools.

He said 78% can be accounted for in three categories: They moved out of state, moved to another county or enrolled in private schools.

But he said the remaining 22%, or roughly 2,200 students, "were unaccounted for or not represented in our enrollment numbers."

Carvalho said about 900 students registered for the school year but "did not enter school at



MetroCreative

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all." Roughly 670 students were withdrawn by parents to enroll in different schools, but ultimately didn't end up entering the new schools. Close to 500 students were "withdrawn due to non-attendance, that means excessive absences," Carvalho said, telling lawmakers that "parents ... refuse to send them to school."

"Finally, there are some students whose whereabouts are truly unknown," Carvalho said, with about 144 students fitting that description.

The Miami-Dade district has been able to locate and "re-engage" about 700 students, according to the superintendent,

through "daily phone calls to parents, home visits, parent conferences, aggressive social worker deployment, even school police-led visits."

District staff members have worked, even on nights and weekends, to bring students back to school.

"I can tell you that, in many instances, we ourselves have gone into the deep south, into the rural areas of Miami-Dade, to find students who are literally living on migrant fields. By the dozens," Carvalho said.

Problems with finding students and getting them re-enrolled are persistent across many Florida

counties. That includes Bay County, which has less than a tenth of the number of students of Miami-Dade and is located hundreds of miles away in the Panhandle.

Bay County Superintendent Bill Husfelt told the House panel Thursday some parents "lie to the courts, lie to police officers, they lie about where their (students') location is."

Students not enrolling this year could create a surge in kindergarten enrollment in the coming school year, which could create difficulties.

Education officials have theorized a significant portion of "missing" students could be children who were set to enter kindergarten this school year, but whose parents decided to delay their start because of COVID-19.

The "missing" students also have budget implications, as the state generally provides money to school districts on a per-student basis. Lawmakers will have to decide how to address the 88,000 unaccounted for students when drawing up a budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said he thinks a "substantial number of redshirt" kindergartners might enroll in the coming year.

"I think it's important in this (upcoming) budget that we get it as close to right as we can, and that's subjective. But I do believe that those 88,000 children are going to show up, coming into next August," he said.

Simpson: Health care cuts may be 'on the table'

CHRISTINE
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News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The havoc of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has strained health-care providers across the state, might not be enough to spare hospitals and nursing homes from Medicaid spending cuts in the coming year.

Top Republican leaders in the Florida House and Senate acknowledged Thursday a chance that lawmakers could make health-care cuts as they struggle to craft a balanced budget amid the economic wreckage caused by the coronavirus.

"So, I would say that everything is on the table," Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said when asked about reducing Medicaid payment rates for hospitals and nursing homes.

Simpson said the Senate is considering ways the state could take advantage

of additional federal health-care funding arrangements to help offset potential cuts to hospitals.

"They are being vetted through our committee process," Simpson said, "and once we know what all the opportunities are, we will be better able to assemble those pieces, to see if any cuts will be necessary."

Legislators are confronting a budget shortfall of at least \$2 billion because of a drop in tax revenues during the pandemic and issues such as a surge in Medicaid costs. The budget woes have prompted lawmakers to rethink past spending decisions, while looking at how to collect sales taxes owed on online purchases. GOP leaders have repeatedly warned that cuts are likely inevitable.

While Simpson did not provide details about

options to spare hospitals from cuts, he might have been referring to what are known as state-directed provider payments, which would have to be approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The state could draw down additional or supplemental federal Medicaid dollars and include those funds in payments made to Medicaid managed-care plans. The state would then direct the Medicaid managed-care plans to make payments to providers based on certain quality incentives.

In a \$96.6 billion budget proposal released last month, Gov. Ron DeSantis authorized the creation of a state-directed provider payment program. But DeSantis' proposal didn't specify when during the upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year the program could begin

operating and did not specify how much additional money the state could receive.

Also, the governor's proposal did not include any of the required state funding to draw down the additional federal dollars. Instead, the required state matching funds would come from local governments.

Justin Senior, CEO of the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida, said the creation of the additional financing program could generate new funds but said it wouldn't be available for all hospitals. Meanwhile, reducing Medicaid payment rates would affect all hospitals.

"It would be a statewide cut, but they are not replacing it with a statewide program," Senior told The News Service of Florida.

Jointly funded by the state and federal governments, Medicaid provides health care to poor, elderly and disabled Floridians.

Medicaid is a counter-cyclical program: In good economic times, enrollment is low, but during economic downturns — when states are struggling with tax collections — enrollment spikes.

Since the pandemic began, Florida has seen a 20 percent spike in enrollment, with more than 4.26 million people enrolled. To help offset the costs associated with the enrollment spike, the federal government increased by 6.2 percentage points its share of Medicaid costs.

Senior, who in the past was state Medicaid director and secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, said that with the size of the Medicaid program, he understands why it is targeted for reductions.

But Senior also said it's "bizarre and frustrating" to reduce the Medicaid program given the amount of federal dollars the state would forgo as a result.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

QUESTION: Just for fun: What's the best thing about living in Citrus County in the winter months?

- A. No snow. (330 votes)
- B. Sunny, perfect days. Basically — eternal summer. (265 votes)
- C. Seeing manatees. (38 votes)
- D. More business from snowbirds. They really help the local economy. (32 votes)
- E. Eating juicy, ripe oranges and strawberries. (27 votes)
- F. All of the annual festivals that make living here just plain fun. (73 votes)

Total votes: 765. Find this week's online poll question./Page A1

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Find your place, and live in the moment. Enjoy what life has to offer. Set a realistic pace that brings you the comfort and joy you deserve. Stop doubting, and start discovering what's important to you.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Make your space inviting. Move things around to suit your lifestyle. Share your feelings and plans with loved ones.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Don't let your emotions interfere when you're making an important decision. Stay calm, use discipline and verify facts before you take action.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Work in your best interest instead of trying to impress or please someone. Push your ideas and vision.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — If you recognize what's possible, success will follow. Let go of negativity and let your innovative ideas set new trends.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — An open mind will encourage you to try something new. Express your thoughts and feelings. Share something special with someone.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Stay on course. Look for the right opportunity and put everything into your objective. If you take on too much, you will fall short of your goal.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Information, education and communication will lead to positive changes. Focus on what you have to offer. Don't be afraid to make the first move.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't let an unexpected change bring you down. Take advantage of any opportunity that comes your way.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't let uncertainty or confusion lead to your downfall. Look at the possibilities and use your skills to bring about changes.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Settle into something you do well or love to do. Opening up to a loved one will help you make decisions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Consider how you earn and handle your money, and make changes that will stabilize your future.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Weigh the pros and cons of every situation you face. Be careful when dealing with peers, relatives and people who work for institutions. Choose your words carefully.

ENTERTAINMENT

John Travolta
selling \$5M oceanic
mansion in Maine

ISLESBORO, Maine — The Maine mansion that actor **John Travolta** shared with his late wife, actor **Kelly Preston**, has been put up for sale.

The 67-year-old star of "Grease" and "Saturday Night Fever" recently listed the home on Islesboro, an island off the coast of Maine, for \$5 million, according to the Portland Press Herald.

The couple bought the home in 1991 as newlyweds and turned it from a "very dark and somber" house into a bright family home for their soon-to-be-born son, **Jett**, according to a 1999 feature in Architectural Digest. Built in 1903, the 10,830-square-foot home has 20 bedrooms and sits on a 48-acre estate along the ocean.

Travolta told Architectural Digest that he and Preston bought the home after visiting actor **Kirstie Alley** at her home on the island.

The couple said they had always wanted a home big enough to entertain their dozens of family members.

Preston, who had roles alongside **Tom Cruise** in "Jerry Maguire" and **Arnold Schwarzenegger** in "Twins," died last year after a two-year battle with breast cancer. She was 57. Their first son, Jett, died in 2009 after suffering a seizure at the family's vacation home in the Bahamas.

Travolta became a Hollywood star in the 1970s and was nominated for an acting Oscar for his 1977 performance in "Saturday Night Fever." He was nominated again for his role in 1994's "Pulp Fiction."



Associated Press

In this Aug. 22, 2019, file photo, actor John Travolta attends the LA premiere of "The Fanatic" at the Egyptian Theatre in Los Angeles. The Maine mansion that Travolta shared with his late wife, actor Kelly Preston, has been put up for sale. The 67-year-old star of "Grease" and "Saturday Night Fever" recently listed the home on Islesboro, an island off the coast of Maine, for \$5 million, according to the Portland Press Herald.

As 'Kimye' become
Kim and Kanye, will
it stay peaceful?

LOS ANGELES — Initial signs suggest a smooth and amicable split between **Kim Kardashian West** and **Kanye West**.

As "Kimye" becomes just Kim and Kanye with Kardashian filing for divorce Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court, they do so with a prenuptial agreement in place, independent fortunes and a desire to share time with their four young children.

The presence of the prenup means the couple likely kept much of their property — hers earned through reality TV and channeling her celebrity into several lucrative business ventures,

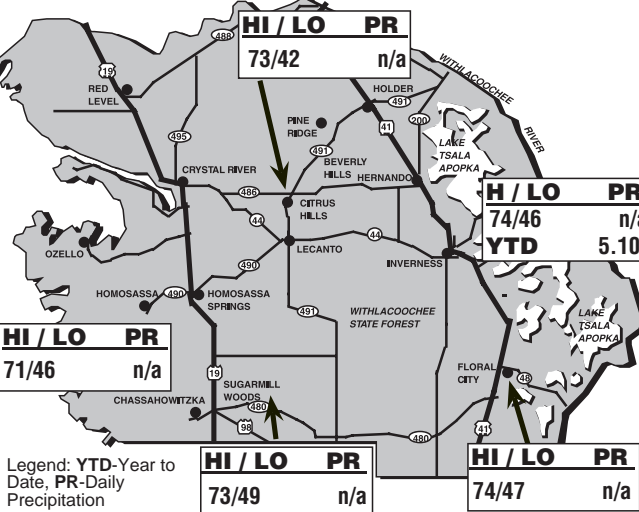
his earned through music and fashion — separate during their 6 1/2 years of marriage.

"Where rich, productive people are getting married, the prenup will usually say that 'My income stays mine and your income stays yours,'" said attorney **Daniel Jaffe**, a major player in Southern California's celebrity divorces for decades. "So if, in fact, that's the case, there won't be any major property issues."

For the four children ranging in age from 7-year-old **North** to 21-month-old **Psalom**, Kardashian seeks joint custody in her divorce documents. That doesn't necessarily mean equal time or decision making for the nearly 16 years until all the kids are adults.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 77° Low: 50°
Breezy, increasing clouds, showers possible by late afternoon

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 70° Low: 40°
Mostly sunny, low humidity

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 74° Low: 50°
Mostly sunny

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TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT		
Yesterday	72/45	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	49°	
Record*	95/23	HUMIDITY		
Normal	74/46	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	47%	
Mean temp.	60	POLLEN COUNT**		
Departure from mean	-2	Today's active pollen:		
PRECIPITATION		juniper, oak, grasses		
Yesterday	0.00"	Today's count: 8.3/12		
Total for the month	3.66"	Tuesday's count: 8.5		
Total for the year	4.34"	Wednesday's count: 10.5		
Normal for the year	5.18"	AIR QUALITY		
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BAROMETRIC PRESSURE				
	30.31			

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
02/22	MONDAY	7:01	8:40	6:24	9:07
02/23	TUESDAY	7:00	9:34	6:25	10:02

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK				
Feb 27	Mar 5	Mar 13	Mar 21	
SUNSET TONIGHT 6:24 pm				
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:00 am				
MOONRISE TODAY 1:53 pm				
MOONSET TODAY 3:28 am				

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

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TIDES				
*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek				
MONDAY				
City	High	Low		
Chassahowitzka**	1:39 a.m.	0.5 ft None	n/a	10:27 a.m. 0.1 ft None
Crystal River**	1:06 p.m.	1.2 ft None	n/a	7:30 a.m. 0.3 ft 6:56 p.m.
Withlacoochee*	11:40 a.m.	2.0 ft 9:47 p.m.	2.8 ft 5:21 a.m.	0.0 ft 4:46 p.m.
Homosassa***	3:30 p.m.	0.5 ft None	n/a	10:35 a.m. 0.0 ft 6:41 p.m.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	79	55	sh	Miami	78	70	sh
Fort Lauderdale	80	69	sh	Ocala	79	53	sh
Fort Myers	83	64	s	Orlando	83	57	sh
Gainesville	76	50	sh	Pensacola	70	41	sh
Homestead	80	68	sh	Sarasota	78	62	s
Jacksonville	73	49	sh	Tallahassee	66	44	sh
Key West	81	71	sh	Tampa	79	61	pc
Lakeland	80	59	sh	Vero Beach	81	62	sh
Melbourne	80	61	sh	W. Palm Bch.	77	70	sh

MARINE OUTLOOK

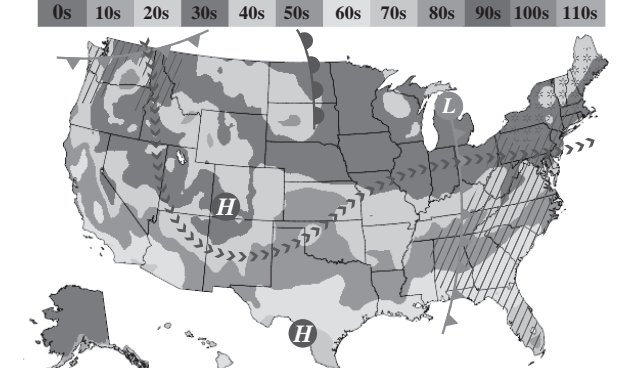
Today: West winds 15 to 20 knots then becoming northwest after midnight. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. A chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening.

Gulf water temperature
64°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	SUN	SAT	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.70	28.76	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.58	37.58	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.65	38.66	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.90	39.92	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M.
Monday

City	SUN				MON				City	SUN				MON			
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	H	L		Pcp.	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	
Albany	30	12	0.00	35	29	sn	New Orleans	65	44	0.00	65	42	pc				
Albuquerque	47	34	0.00	55	25	s	New York City	37	24	0.00	40	34	ra				
Asheville	47	21	0.00	51	28	ra	Norfolk	38	28	0.00	56	35	sh				
Atlanta	61	26	0.00	58	35	sh	Oklahoma City	55	37	0.00	60	32	s				
Atlantic City	39	21	0.00	44	34	ra	Omaha	36	28	0.68	42	30	s				
Austin	76	45	0.00	65	39	s	Palm Springs	73	54	0.00	82	55	s				
Baltimore	40	19	0.00	37	32	rs	Philadelphia	37	21	0.00	39	30	rs				
Billings	43	23	0.00	51	31	pc	Phoenix	70	48	0.00	77	47	s				
Birmingham	64	32	0.00	59	34	sh	Pittsburgh	36	8	0.00	40	31	rs				
Boise	44	24	0.00	47	29	mc	Portland, ME	34	18	0.00	36	28	rs				
Boston	34	19	0.00	38	30	ra	Portland, OR	52	45	0.01	52	38	ra				
Buffalo	31	16	Trace	35	32	sn	Providence, RI	36	21	Trace	41	30	ra				
Burlington, VT	31	16	Trace	34	29	sn	Raleigh	46	21	0.00	57	33	sh				
Charleston, SC	55	28	0.00	66	44	sh	Rapid City	40	18	0.00	54	31	s				
Charleston, WV	43	10	0.00	44	32	sh	Reno	51	23	0.00	56	31	s				
Charlotte	49	30	0.00	51	31	ra	Rochester, NY	32	6	0.02	36	32	sn				
Chicago	38	19	0.08	37	32	mc	Sacramento	64	39	0.00	69	45	s				
Cincinnati	43	6	Trace	38	32	cl	Salt Lake City	41	30	0.00	46	30	pc				
Cleveland	36	12	0.00	36	31	rs	San Antonio	73	37	0.00	67	40	s				
Columbia, SC	54	32	0.00	63	37	sh	San Diego	82	46	0.00	76	49	s				
Columbus, OH	37	6	0.00	37	30	cl	San Francisco	64	44	0.00	67	48	s				
Concord, NH	31	2	0.00	33	23	sn	Savannah	63	32	0.00	68	43	sh				
Dallas	74	45	0.00	65	41	s	Seattle	52	42	Trace	53	40	ra				
Denver	40	16	0.17	53	26	s	Spokane	43	33	Trace	52	29	cl				
Des Moines	32	25	0.24	39	30	pc	St. Louis	45	25	0.00	52	35	s				
Detroit	30	9	0.00	36	31	rs	St. Ste Marie	34	19	0.00	35	27	mc				
El Paso	64	51	0.00	62	38	s	Syracuse	34	9	0.02	37	30	sn				
Evansville, IN	49	24	0.00	43	33	mc	Topeka	46	36	0.00	59	31	s				
Harrisburg	37	19	0.00	39	30	sn	Washington	39	25	0.00	37	32	ra				

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

Today in
HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2021. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Feb. 22, 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

On this date:
In 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

In 1984, David Vetter, a 12-year-old Texas boy who'd spent most of his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

Ten years ago: A defiant Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight to his "last drop of blood" and roared at supporters to strike back against Libyan protesters to defend his embattled regime.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama sent lawmakers an official \$1.9 billion request to combat the spread of the Zika virus in Latin America and the U.S.

One year ago: A dozen towns in northern Italy effectively went into lockdown after the deaths of two people infected with the coronavirus. South Korea reported an eight-fold jump in viral infections, with more than 400 cases mostly linked to a church and a hospital.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Dooley is 93. Actor James Hong is 92. Actor John Ashton is 73. Actor Julie Walters is 71. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 71. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 62. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 58. Actor-comedian Rachel Dratch is 55. TV host Clinton Kelly is 52. International Tennis Hall of Famer Michael Chang is 49. Rock musician Scott Phillips is 48. Singer James Blunt is 47. Actor Drew Barrymore is 46. Actor Liza Huber is 46.

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Food PROGRAMS

FOOD PANTRIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ First Baptist Church of Crystal River — 10 a.m. to

1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 700 N. Citrus Ave. Call 352-795-3367.

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

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

■ Our Lady of Fatima — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, 604 U.S. 41 S., open to needy residents of Floral City, Hernando and Inverness. Call 352-726-1707.

■ Saint Margaret's Episcopal Church hosts a food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 114 N. Osceola Ave. in downtown Inverness. For information, call 352-726-3153.

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

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

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call 352-726-3153. Feed My Sheep is closed until further notice.

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

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

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

■ Serving our Savior (SOS) — 8:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando. This is a drive-thru food pantry. Clients are allowed to come every other week. SOS is an equal opportunity provider. Email sos-4food@gmail.com

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

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness — Free bagged groceries available from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays at 960 S. U.S. 41. 352-726-1480. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

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

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

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

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

FREE MEALS

■ Peace Lutheran Church offers a free community meal from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. the third Monday monthly. This is not a fundraiser and there is no charge. Come be our guest(s). We care and you are important to us. All ages are welcome. Peace Lutheran Church ("The Church on the Hill") is at 7201 U.S. 41 South in Dunnellon (at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40). For more information, call the church at 352-489-5881.

■ The Salvation Army offers free hot meals from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the thrift store parking lot at Daystar Life Center, 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, and from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Homosassa Lions Club, 3705 S. Indiana Terrace, Homosassa.

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

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church's Feed My Sheep outreach — 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 352-726-3153.

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

■ Our Father's Table — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the

second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays monthly at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, one mile west of the Plantation Inn on West Fort Island Trail. Call 352-795-2176.

GIVEAWAYS

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

■ Inglesia Comunidad Cristiana Nuevo Comienzo (New Beginnings Church) sponsors a food giveaway at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday morning at Shepherd's Way Community Church, 965 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. This is drive-thru pre-bagged groceries. For more information, call 352-804-2263 (Espanol) or 352-527-9900 (English).

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

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

■ We Care Food Pantry hosts distributions twice a month in Homosassa at the Catholic Charities Outreach Center. We Care also operates three mobile pantries. Once a month the mobile pantry goes to Chasahowitzka Fire Station, First Baptist Church in Old Homosassa and First Baptist Church in Ozello. Hours are 9-11 a.m. For information or to sign up, call 352-503-2079.

COUNCIL

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of annual nitrogen waste leaking into King's Bay's groundwater system from underground septic tanks.

Crystal River's share of the project will be paid for by additional assessments on affected property owners.

There are three areas just outside of city limits the project targets along U.S. 19, south of West Fort Island Trail: the Aero Estates and Crystal Crest subdivisions; residences south of Mayo Drive; and the commercial lots and La Jolla Palms subdivision off of Sue Lane.

Per the proposed agreement, the yearlong construction is scheduled to start in April 2023.

Also on council's agenda for Monday:

■ A vote to award Lecanto contractor Daly & Zilch, Inc. \$556,633 for its design-build services for the Crystal River Splash Park near the city's water tower at the corner of Northeast First Avenue and Northeast Fifth Street.

Thanks to a permit exception and other expense reductions, the city was able to save roughly \$24,000 from the original estimate.

Ground is slated to break on the project in mid-May.



Schematic courtesy of the City of Crystal River

Highlighted are the three work areas of the Crystal River Southern Septic to Sewer Project.

■ A vote on whether to have City Manager Ken Frink address a letter to Citrus County officials requesting they keep a clause of their county ordinance to allow the city to collect transportation impact fees.

County commissioners will ponder the amendments to the county's impact fee ordinance

during their regular meeting on Tuesday.

Through an interlocal agreement, the county allocates Crystal River some of its collection of its impact fees — one-time fees the county charges in permitting new developments to have them pay their share of public infrastructure costs

necessitated by their construction.

Crystal River does not currently get a portion of the county's transportation impact fees.

If county commissioners allow the city to start collecting those fees, city staff will prepare an updated interlocal agreement.

■ A vote to have Jones

Edmunds & Associates Inc. move ahead with an updated sewer master plan to study how future developments will impact the Crystal River's sewer and water-treatment systems.

This \$139,500 plan was paid for by a \$150,000 grant from from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

WATERS

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"We're looking at the impact of septic systems and where it's most cost-effective to provide sewer," said Ken Cheek, director of water resources for Citrus County.

"If it's not feasible to take septs offline, then we would do higher-level treatment to the (existing) septic systems."

Ken Cheek, director of

water resources for Citrus County, who gave a presentation at last week's meeting, said the report is about 90% completed.

The purpose of the meeting was to solicit input from homeowners affected by the septic-to-sewer initiative.

Cheek said the group heard from 10-15 people, mostly homeowners during the virtual meeting.

"Conversion to sewers is not a complete answer to

the environmental issues but it is a good start, especially at the headsprings of a first-magnitude spring," Homosassa resident Don Hiers wrote in an email to the Chronicle.

Cheek said the next steps will be to:

■ Finalize the project segment, project phase, and overall projects costs;

■ Post a second online public questionnaire;

■ Hold a second public meeting;

■ Develop a funding and financing plan based on

the project cost information in the report;

■ Present the final report to county commissioners for approval.

The next virtual meeting of the Citrus County Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Analysis will be in March, at a time and date to be determined.

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CRITICAL ASSISTANCE

Chamber helps distribute CARES Act funding

Many millions of federal dollars are flowing into Citrus County right now via the CARES Act effort. The most critical flow of funds will find its way into the hands of the business owners and entrepreneurs who keep our local economy going.

It is good and important for funds to go to individuals who have suffered from economic hardship as a result of the COVID pandemic. Individuals get to spend those dollars paying bills, mortgages and other essentials.

But the funding that goes to businesses keeps them afloat during this economic body-slam that has damaged so many of our small and mid-sized businesses. In the long run, the economic vitality of our community and nation is tied to the success of small businesses.

There have been many business failures and closings during the past year right here in Citrus County. It is critical that the pace be slowed, or the expected economic recovery will be set back for years.

That is why it is very good news that the county commission decided recently to distribute \$800,000 in CARES Act funds to the chamber of commerce so they can direct that money into the bank accounts of the small businesses that need it the most.

The chamber has created a process to reimburse businesses \$2,000 for each previously employed worker they bring back from furlough. This gets employees back to

work and gives the business the cushion it needs to get things cranking again.

The chamber will use another \$50,000 to market small businesses in the community and remind consumers that shopping with local small entrepreneurs helps keep the local economy moving.

The county has received many millions of dollars in CARES Act funding that now sits in its general fund. While that might benefit taxpayers in the long run, it's the short run we're worried about right now.

Without a thriving small business community our local economy would be toast. The chamber's efforts to help salvage as many small enterprises as possible makes absolute sense.

We're not worried about Walmart, Amazon or county government. The big guys all have revenue streams that are healthy and predictable.

It's the small businesses we are most concerned about. Even those with deep pockets have been financially humbled by a year of shutdowns, masks and social distancing.

The chamber is closest to the small businesses that need the most help. The county's decision to use this existing infrastructure of networking makes the most sense.

The vaccine is on the streets and we hope that in the long term we can beat down this pandemic. In the meantime, the small guys need help. This move will help secure the future.

THE ISSUE:

Using the chamber to help.

OUR OPINION:

County move makes good sense.

Get your regulations straight

(Re the Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, Page A10 editorial): I'm calling about the article in the paper about the vacation rental regulation bill. I figure if you own a second property in the state of Florida and you're renting the property, that is income and you should be reporting it as income on your income tax, no matter what. It's really simple and it doesn't matter whose neighborhood or where you're at. That is your property and you can do with it as you wish. If people have a gripe about it, then they should take it to the landowner or to the county and see if there's regulations. Either get the regulations straight or leave it alone. It's my property; I'll do with it what I want and I'll report my taxes to the government.

She tried to help the dogs

I want to commend the woman who stopped in her truck Saturday morning (Jan. 30) at about 8:30 on Roosevelt Boulevard in Beverly Hills. There were two dogs who were running loose. They stopped traffic and she mentioned that she was a volunteer from one of the local shelters. She tried to get these dogs into her trucks, but couldn't on Roosevelt Boulevard. However, she did say she was going to go and follow them and try to rescue them. I really think the owners of those dogs should secure them a little bit better because they were both not accustomed to being out in the street. They didn't even know to stop playing. They were playing and they were jumping on each other, having fun, yet they could have gotten badly injured. So if you're the owner of those dogs, please try and secure them in your yard a little bit better.

BOCC off track with fees

I took residency of this great county on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 16, 1972. Since that time, we have had both Democratic and Republican county commissioners — some good and some not so good. My opinion is that the current county commissioners have gone off track with the "sock it to the boaters" agenda of Feb. 9. I know our boaters are willing to pay their fair share for the use of county assets, but to impose a fee to one certain segment of the recreational users of county assets is not how we should proceed with our county government.

No way will I wear a mask

(Re the Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, "Hot Corner: Masks"): I'm responding to the Sound Off where someone makes the statement that, "I can't believe, for the life of me, that people are still so uninformed and obtuse" because they do not want to wear a mask and they want to live life to its fullest. Well, guess what? I called in "live life to my fullest" because, if you must know, I am at quality of life (QOL). I have weeks to months to live. So do you think I'm going to wear a mask? No way. I'm going to enjoy my life for what I can get left out of it. My health is so bad that if I caught the virus, it would kill me very quickly. So, no, I will not spread it to nobody.

That's not local news

(Re the Jan. 31, 2021, front-page story, "Man found dead was fugitive," "Illinois resident aboard boat in King's Bay was facing federal charges"): I thought the Citrus County Chronicle was for local Citrus County news. You took a whole page of Sunday's paper — not a page, half a page, but two different pages, though — about some fugitive guy from Illinois found dead. You didn't mention anything about him having any relatives or business in this county. You didn't have to go all in detail about how he was a meth dealer in Illinois and he had this many pounds in his garage and the police came and looked in his house. So what? Big deal. The people in this county are so obsessed about drugs, drugs, drugs. ... But, no, because it's meth, you've got to write about it. He did it all in Illinois. That's like 1,000 miles away. I just think you're wasting way too much newspaper when you could have put more into Sports or more in some other local article than some guy that who the heck cares about? Not us in Citrus County.

Editor's note: This happened in Citrus County, making it local news.

Nobody wore masks in photos

There were some wonderful photos in Sunday's Veterans (section) of the Chronicle showing some really nice donations from Duke to a couple of VFW posts (Page A11, Jan. 31, 2021). Unfortunately, nobody in those photos was wearing a mask and they were pretty close together. It just doesn't seem like they're holding up to what the Department of Health is recommending. Additionally, also in the Chamber Connection (Page D3), members from Lakeside Grill had a nice photo in there and many of them in the front and throughout the crowd were not wearing a mask. ... Also, JV Southern Real Estate had a photo in there and, there again, is a concern...

Always getting in a pickle

I'm responding to Mr. Mulligan's Sunday column (Jan. 31, 2021, Page C1), which I always read and love. Some are funny, some I don't agree with, but, yes, he does a great article. Mr. Mulligan, like I said, I always call you Pickles because you always seem to get yourself in a pickle. That's what's wrong with the world today; we put too much into these iPads and computers. That's why it's good to keep some of the old-fashioned ways of books and

► "Citizenship is a tough occupation which obliges the citizen to make his own informed opinion and stand by it."

Martha Gelhorn, American novelist and journalist

Sound OFF

recordkeeping. I'd rather do it that way than put everything on a computer. Unfortunately, that's the world we live in today. Me, for my backup, I will still keep it on pen and paper. So long, Pickles.

Boating a warm-weather sport

FYI, BOCC: Boating is a warm-weather sport. Here is an inventory of boat trailers on Sunday, Jan. 31 — 8:05 a.m. Fort Island Trail, 10; 8:30 a.m. MacRae's, 11; 8:55 a.m. Hernando Park, 5. Don't expect a lot of gravy on your new launch-fee biscuit November through March.

Think about the water supply

We have houses and subdivisions going up everywhere here in Citrus County. We also currently have water restrictions and, if you travel the roads here, streets that are continuously deteriorating. Has anyone given any thought to our water supply and roads?

Statement made my laugh

About the boat ramps: The statement by Commissioner Kinnard, "We've been told several times, the overwhelming number of folks using ramps are nonresidents," makes me want to laugh until my pants fall off!

Enforce the traffic laws

I would like to respond to today's Feb. 1 editorial in the paper, "Law enforcement needs a proactive plan for patrols." The Citrus County Sheriff's Office, in my opinion, really does not care about people violating the laws on the roadways. I've passed through school zones over and over again, have cars passing me by well in excess of the posted speed limit, OK? There's already been, I believe, four, maybe five traffic deaths in the county already. So you multiply that by 12 months and the total of traffic deaths this year are going to be even worse than last year and in past years. The Citrus County sheriff needs to be more forceful with their traffic enforcement and forget about the warnings. They need to issue summonses for all these people out here constantly exceeding the speed limit, failing to signal, not having their lights on when it is raining. I would like to see how many citations have been issued in the past year for speeders in school zones. I am sure very few, because I do not see enforcement in school zones.

Bad decision to hold festival

... I guess our powers that be in this county ... I'm referring to the stupid decision to have the Strawberry Festival go on. Every day we are told by the scientists that this is not the time to cut back on restrictions, that it's going to get worse before it ever gets better. Now who else can we believe and who is it that we allow to make these decisions? Everyone knows there will be hordes of no-maskers who still think it's all a hoax. I personally heard that statement myself recently. And in a checkout line recently, an old man comes up behind me, practically climbing up my back, and when I reminded him to stay 6 feet away, he said, "Oh, don't pay any attention to that." This is what we have to deal with. Frankly, I have no hope for the sorry human race. ... How do we overcome? "We have met the enemy and he is us" — "Pogo's" words years ago and never more appropriate than now (quote is from cartoonist Walt Kelly's "Pogo" daily comic strip from Earth Day 1971).

Problems getting my call returned

Can't understand why in the Chronicle, men put their ads in for handyman and all kinds of services. I left three messages a week ago with three of them. Two of them never called me back and one said he'd show up at 11 o'clock on Saturday and never showed up. It's really sad that these men place an ad and don't return the services or the call back to you.

Fined for having weeds

I cannot believe that someone got a \$1,000 fine for having weeds in their flower bed ... but it's all right to put a garage up. It's all right to have your house needing paint, your yard needs to be mowed and your yard needs to have grass seed. That's OK, but you can't have weeds in your flower bed. Wake up, people.

Put up some signs

We all know around here how dangerous it is to go on (U.S.) 19. We will do anything to avoid (U.S.) 19 while going to the stores. However, I think the best solution would be to put signs along the roadway that would say "Death Valley," but I can't imagine them doing that.

A low number of vaccinations

I'm responding to Sound Off in reference to your (Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, front-page) article, "Local virus cases near 8,700; over 14K vaccinated." So 14,000 were vaccinated out of 156,000 that live in Citrus County? That's a very, very low number, so I wouldn't get my percentages up.

Give locals free ramp access

About these boat ramps and their launch fees, I think all you need to do is put in two restrooms — one for men and one for ladies — make ample parking, make the boat ramps bigger and charge them a fee. Citrus County residents should be free, but if they aren't, it should be at a discounted price. Any out-of-area person should pay twice the price to use our boat ramps.

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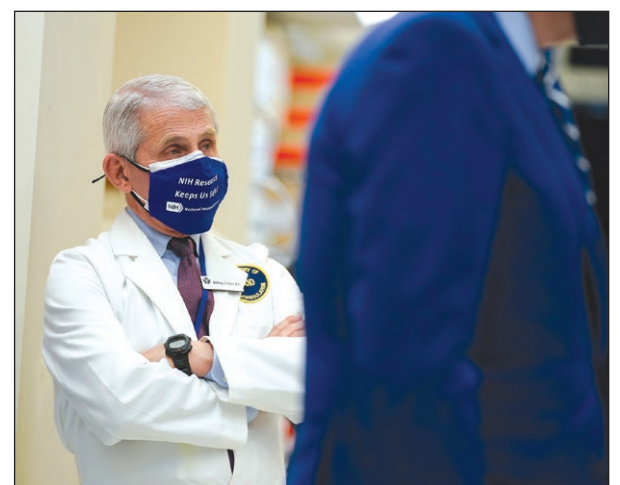
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CORONAVIRUS: THE LATEST AROUND THE WORLD

People and cyclists relax in front of the San Biagio church in Codogno, northern Italy, Sunday, Feb. 21. The first case of locally spread COVID-19 in Europe was found in the small town of Codogno, Italy one year ago on Feb. 21, 2020. The next day the area became a red zone, locked down and cutoff from the rest of Italy with soldiers standing at roadblocks keeping anyone from entering or leaving.

Associated Press



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Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, listens as President Joe Biden visits the Viral Pathogenesis Laboratory at the National Institutes of Health, Thursday, Feb. 11, in Bethesda, Md.

500K

Continued from Page A1

Joyce Willis of Las Vegas is among the countless Americans who lost family members during the pandemic. Her husband, Anthony Willis, died Dec. 28, followed by her mother-in-law in early January.

There were anxious calls from the ICU when her husband was hospitalized. She was unable to see him before he died because she, too, had the virus and could not visit.

"They are gone. Your loved one is gone, but you are still alive," Willis said. "It's like you still have to get up every morning. You have to take care of your kids and make a living. There is no way around it. You just have to move on."

Then came a nightmare scenario of caring for her father-in-law while dealing with grief, arranging funerals, paying bills, helping her children navigate online school and figuring out how to go back to work as an occupational therapist.

Her father-in-law, a Vietnam vet, also contracted the virus. He also suffered from respiratory issues and died on Feb. 8. The family isn't sure if COVID-19 contributed to his death.

"Some days I feel OK and other days I feel like I'm strong and I can do this," she said. "And then other days it just hits me. My whole world is turned upside-down."

The global death toll was approaching 2.5 million, according to Johns Hopkins.

While the count is based on figures supplied by government agencies around the world, the real death toll is believed to be significantly higher, in part because of inadequate testing and cases inaccurately attributed to other causes early on.

Despite efforts to administer coronavirus vaccines, a widely cited model by the University of Washington projects the U.S. death toll will surpass 589,000 by June 1.

"People will be talking about this decades and decades and decades from now," Fauci said on NBC's "Meet The Press."

Calif. death toll tops 49,000*The Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — California's death toll during the coronavirus pandemic has topped 49,000, even as the rates of new infections and hospitalizations continue to plummet across the state.

California reported another 408 deaths Sunday, bringing the total since the outbreak began to 49,105 — the highest in the nation.

Health officials said Sunday that the number of patients in California hospitals with COVID-19 has slipped below 7,000, a drop of more than a third over two weeks.

The 6,760 new confirmed cases reported Sunday are more than 85% below the mid-December peak of about 54,000 in one day. Total cases are approaching 3.45 million.

The positivity rate for people being tested has been falling for weeks, which means fewer people will end up in hospitals.

HERE'S SOME OF WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING:

CODOGNO, Italy — Italians are marking one year since their country was shocked to discover it had the first known locally transmitted COVID-19 case in the West.

With church services Sunday and wreath-laying ceremonies, including in small northern towns which were the first to be hard-hit by the pandemic, citizens paid tribute to the dead. Italy has a confirmed death toll from the virus of 95,500.

While the first wave of infections largely engulfed Lombardy and other northern regions, a second wave, starting in fall 2020, has raced throughout Italy, which so far has

registered some 2.8 million cases.

The first locally transmitted case was discovered in a 38-year-old patient in a hospital in Codogno, Lombardy. That patient survived.

But in the northeastern town of Vo, which registered the nation's first known death on Feb. 21, 2020, officials unveiled a memorial plaque at a tree-planting ceremony.

WASHINGTON — The White House says about a third of the coronavirus vaccine doses delayed by this week's winter weather have been delivered this weekend.

Press secretary Jen Psaki says the administration has been working with shippers and states to close the roughly 6 million dose backlog created this week as power outages closed some vaccination centers and icy weather stranded some vaccine in shipping hubs.

Psaki says the administration is making sure those catch-up doses out to vaccination centers "as soon as they can handle them."

Speaking to ABC's "This Week," Psaki says, "We've been able to get about 2 million of those 6 million doses out," adding, "We expect to rapidly catch up this week."

BELGRADE, Serbia — Serbia has received a first shipment of 150,000 AstraZeneca vaccines, adding to the three other vaccines already in use.

The Balkan nation of 7 million has administered more than 1 million doses so far, which is among the top results in Europe. Most Serb citizens have received Chinese Sinopharm vaccines, followed by Pfizer-BioNTech and Russia's Sputnik V.

President Aleksandar Vucic on Sunday was at the airport to welcome the AstraZeneca shipment from India. He said more than 750,000 people have received the first shot and expressed hope that vaccinations will continue at current pace.

Health authorities, meanwhile, threatened tougher anti-virus measures following a spike in daily new cases and hospitalizations.

Epidemiologists say that's due to nightclubs and cafes flouting virus restrictions and because Serbia's ski resorts worked at full capacity all winter.

LONDON — The British government says it aims to give every adult in the country a first dose of coronavirus vaccine by July 31, a month earlier than its previous target.


The goal is for everyone over 50 or with an underlying health condition to get a shot by April 15, rather than the previous target of May 1.

The makers of the two vaccines Britain is using, Pfizer and AstraZeneca, have both experienced supply problems in Europe. But U.K. Health Secretary Matt Hancock said Sunday that "we now think that we have the supplies" to speed up the vaccination campaign.

More than 17.2 million people have been given the first of two doses of vaccine since the U.K. inoculation campaign began on Dec. 8.

The news comes as Prime Minister Boris Johnson meets with senior ministers Sunday to finalize a "road map" out of that national lockdown that is due to be announced on Monday.

Britain has had more than 120,000 coronavirus deaths.



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In this photo provided by the Broomfield Police Department on Twitter, debris is scattered in the front yard of a house at near 13th and Elmwood, Saturday, Feb. 20, in Broomfield, Colo. A commercial airliner dropped debris in Colorado neighborhoods during an emergency landing Saturday. The Broomfield Police Department said on Twitter that the plane landed safely at Denver International Airport and that no injuries had been reported from the incident.

Parts fall from Colo. sky in airline scare

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — A Boeing 777-200, headed from Denver to Honolulu on Saturday with 231 passengers and 10 crew aboard, suffered a catastrophic failure in its right engine and flames erupted under the wing as the plane began to lose altitude. People in the Denver suburb reacted in horror as huge pieces of the engine casing and chunks of fiberglass rained down on a sports fields and on streets and lawns, just missing one home and crushing a truck. The explosion, visible from the ground, left a trail of black smoke in the sky, and tiny pieces of insulation filled the air like ash. The plane landed safely at Denver International Airport, and no one on board or on the

ground was hurt, authorities said. But both those in the air and on the ground were deeply shaken. The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement that the airplane experienced a right-engine failure shortly after takeoff. Video posted on Twitter showed the engine fully engulfed in flames as the plane flew through the air. Freeze frames from different video taken by a passenger sitting slightly in front of the engine and posted on Twitter appeared to show a broken fan blade in the engine. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating. Authorities have not released any details about what may have caused the failure.

Storm’s aftermath



Associated Press

Jeffrey Fisher, center, a homeless man staying in a Memphis warming center, helps distribute free water as thousands of bottles of water are given away in Memphis, Tenn., on Sunday, Feb. 21. Memphis remained under a boil advisory Sunday after officials said they were concerned that low water pressure and a rash of water main ruptures could lead to contamination.

Hospitals down South confront water shortages in respite

JUAN LOZANO,
JONATHAN MATTISE
AND ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hospitals across the South grappled with water shortages Sunday as the region carried on with recovery efforts in the wake of a devastating winter storm, and the weather offered a balmy respite — temperatures as high as the mid-60s. At the height of the storm, hospitals were left scrambling to care for patients amid record cold, snow and ice that battered parts of the country more accustomed to going through winter with light jackets and short sleeves. The icy blast ruptured water mains, knocked out power to millions of utility customers and contributed to at least 76 deaths — half of which occurred in Texas. At least seven people died in Tennessee and four in Portland, Oregon. A rural hospital in Anahuac, Texas, about 50 miles east of Houston, lost both water and power. William Kiefer, CEO of Chambers Health, which runs the hospital along with two clinics and a

wellness center, said the facilities resorted to backup generators and water from a 275-gallon storage tank. They refilled it three times using water from a swimming pool in the wellness center. On Monday, when temperatures were in the teens, a woman about to give birth walked into the hospital after she could not make it through the ice and snow to her hospital in suburban Houston. Emergency room staff delivered the baby safely, Kiefer said. “It would have taken her another two hours to get to (the suburban Houston hospital) if our facility wasn’t there,” he said. “We can probably assume she would have had the baby in her car and the snow. Not a good situation.” Water was restored Thursday, and operations had returned to normal on Sunday, he said. The health system plans to look into installing more sophisticated backup systems, he said. Houston Methodist Hospital spokeswoman Gale Smith said water had been restored at two of the system’s community hospitals. The system is dealing with an influx of dialysis patients after their

local centers closed, she added. After temperatures plunged as much as 40 degrees below normal last week, the forecast for the Houston area called for a high of 65 degrees on Sunday. The city lifted its boil-water advisory on Sunday afternoon. Still, hundreds of cars lined up at NRG Stadium to receive food and water from the Houston Food Bank. The bank also delivered supplies to vulnerable citizens, including seniors and the disabled. Memphis, Tennessee, saw 10 inches of snow last week. Memphis, Light, Gas & Water issued a boil-water advisory on Thursday out of concern that low water pressure caused by problems at aging pumping stations and water main ruptures could lead to contamination. The advisory was still in place Sunday; utility officials said they did not know when they might lift it. About 260,000 homes and businesses were under the advisory. Hospitals and nursing homes have been forced to switch to bottled water. The Tennessee National Guard was supplying St. Francis Hospital with water.



Associated Press

A man watches from a balcony as a truck pulls a Victorian home through San Francisco on Sunday, Feb. 21. The house, built in 1882, was moved to a new location about six blocks away to make room for a condominium development. According to the consultant overseeing the project, the move cost approximately \$200,000 and involved removing street lights, parking meters and utility lines.

139-year-old house rolls to new address

SAN FRANCISCO — After 139 years at 807 Franklin St. in San Francisco, a two-story Victorian house has a new address. The green home with large windows and a brown front door was loaded onto giant dollies and moved Sunday to a location six blocks away. Onlookers lined the sidewalks to snap photos as the structure rolled — at a top speed of 1 mph — to 635 Fulton St. The house’s journey has been in the planning stages for years, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. Veteran house mover Phil

Joy told the newspaper he had to secure permits from more than 15 city agencies. Joy said this move is tricky in part because the first part of the journey involves going downhill. “That’s always difficult for a house,” he said. Along the route, parking meters were ripped up, tree limbs were trimmed and traffic signs were relocated. The owner of the six-bedroom house, San Francisco broker Tim Brown, will pay about \$400,000 in fees and moving costs, the Chronicle said. — From wire reports

UN nuclear chief: Iran to grant ‘less access’ to program

AMIR VAHDAT,
JON GAMBRELL
AND DAVID RISING
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will begin to offer United Nations inspectors “less access” to its nuclear program as part of its pressure campaign on the West, though investigators will still be able to monitor Tehran’s work, the U.N. atomic watchdog’s chief said Sunday. Rafael Grossi’s

comments came after an emergency trip to Iran in which he said the International Atomic Energy Agency reached a “technical understanding” with Tehran to continue to allow monitoring of its nuclear program for up to three months. But his remarks to journalists underlined a narrowing window for the U.S. and others to reach terms with Iran, which is already enriching and stockpiling uranium at

levels far beyond those allowed by its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. “The hope of the IAEA has been to stabilize a situation which was very unstable,” Grossi said at the airport after his arrival back in Vienna, where the agency is based. “I think this technical understanding does it so that other political consultations at other levels can take place and most importantly we can avoid a situation in which we

would have been, in practical terms, flying blind.” Grossi, the IAEA’s director general, offered few specifics of the agreement he had reached with Iranian leaders. He said the number of inspectors on the ground would remain the same but that “what changes is the type of activity” the agency was able to carry out, without elaborating further. He stressed monitoring would continue “in a satisfactory manner.”

Libyan minister survives attack on motorcade

SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

CAIRO — The interior minister of Libya’s U.N.-backed government survived an ambush by gunmen on his motorcade on Sunday, a brazen attack highlighting the towering challenges that remain for the newly appointed government that is trying to unite the country before elections late this year. Armed men opened fire at Fathi Bashagha’s motorcade on a highway in Tripoli, wounding at least one of his guards, said Amin al-Hashmi, a spokesman for the Tripoli-based Health Ministry. He said the minister survived the attack and his guards chased

the assailants, killing one and detaining two others. The Interior Ministry said in a statement that Bashagha was returning to his residence in the Jazour neighborhood when armed men in an armored vehicle opened fire on his convoy. The statement called the attack an “attempted assassination” of the minister. Earlier Sunday, Bashagha met with Mustafa Sanalla, head of Libya’s National Oil Corporation to discuss the security of oil facilities and how to strengthen the corporation’s independence to “ensure a fair distribution of wealth among all Libyans.” He posted a photo for both of them on his Twitter account, calling their

meeting “fruitful.” The U.S. Ambassador in Libya Richard Norland also condemned the attack and called for an investigation to hold those responsible accountable. “Minister Bashaga’s focus on ending the influence of rogue militias has our full support,” Norland said. The U.N. special envoy to Libya Jan Kubis also urged a “full, rapid, and transparent investigation” into the incident, saying it had aimed at “derailing the political process and other efforts in support of Libya and its people.” He said the attack has also showed “how important it is to keep all the arms only in the hands of the legitimate authorities.”

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Career points for Luka Garza, who became the all-time leading scorer in Iowa history while totalling 23 points on Sunday.

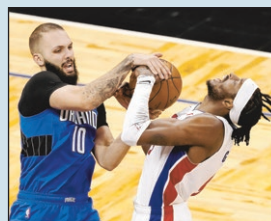


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Djokovic does it again



Associated Press

Serbia's Novak Djokovic kisses the Norman Brookes Challenge Cup after defeating Russia's Daniil Medvedev in the men's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championship on Sunday in Melbourne, Australia.

Triumph over Medvedev in men's final results in 9th Australian Open, 18th Slam title

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Maybe, just maybe, the thinking went, Novak Djokovic would be just a tad more susceptible to trouble this time around at the Australian Open.

After all, he tore an abdominal muscle in the third round and wasn't sure he could continue to compete. Entering Sunday, Djokovic ceded five sets in the tournament, the most he ever dropped en route to a major final. And to top it all off, he was facing Daniil Medvedev, owner of a 20-match winning streak.

Yeah, right. We're talking about Djokovic at Melbourne Park, where his dominance is most certainly intact

— nine finals, nine championships. Plus, he's still gaining on Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal in the Grand Slam standings, now up to 18 overall, two shy of the men's record those rivals share.

Djokovic used improved serving, along with his usual relentless returning and baseline excellence to grab 11 of 13 games in one stretch and beat Medvedev 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 for a third consecutive Australian Open trophy.

"Definitely, emotionally, the most challenging Grand Slams that I ever had, with everything that was happening — injury, off-the-court stuff, quarantines," Djokovic said. "A roller-coaster ride."

When the match ended after less

than two hours, Djokovic went to the sideline, lifted his white shirt and peeled pieces of beige athletic tape from his stomach.

"I was quite worried," Djokovic said about the injury. "I did not (think) realistically that I could actually play. I didn't know until two hours before the fourth-round match."

Dealing with what he called "bearable" pain, Djokovic improved to a combined 18-0 in semifinals and finals on Melbourne's hard courts.

"Probably, it's not your last one," Medvedev said. "I have no words to say."

Djokovic, a 33-year-old from Serbia, has won six of the past 10 majors and will stay at No. 1 in the rankings at

least through March 8. That will give him 311 weeks there, breaking another mark held by Federer.

His goals now are squarely on Grand Slams, even more than before.

Put Djokovic's nine triumphs in Australia alongside five at Wimbledon, three at the U.S. Open and one at the French Open. The math looks good for him: He is about a year younger than Nadal and 6 1/2 younger than Federer.

"I do enjoy the success every single time even more," Djokovic said, "because I know that the longer the time passes, the more difficult it's going to become."

The No. 4-seeded Medvedev was
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Bell snags first Cup Series victory

Another surprise Gibbs victory

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DAYTONA BEACH — Give him good cars and Christopher Bell will win races. But in his second race? With a new team? That seemed unlikely.

Bell defied the odds Sunday and earned his first career Cup Series victory — in just his second race since Joe Gibbs Racing pulled him back into its inner circle — to close out an unpredictable week of racing at Daytona International Speedway.

Michael McDowell was the surprise Daytona 500 winner and then Bell earned an earlier-than-expected first trip to victory lane. It's just the third time in NASCAR history the first two races of the season were won by first-time winners. It was previously done in 1949 and 1950 — NASCAR's first two seasons.

More important, Bell and McDowell have snagged coveted berths in the 16-driver playoff field, a troubling trend for mid-pack teams that need all 26 regular-season races to point their way into the championship picture. Race winners earn automatic berths and the remaining spots are decided by the points standings.

"The dynamic has changed dramatically," Brad Keselowski said. "We're very early in the season and it's now turned into a points race for those last few spots. If you don't win, you're in a lot of trouble because it's not looking like you're going to be able to get in the playoffs."

Bell chased down Joey Logano on the winding Daytona road course to grab his first victory. Logano had a commanding lead but Bell, on fresher tires than Logano, reeled him in and passed him with just over one lap remaining.

"This is one of the highlights of my life," Bell said. "I've prepared my whole life for this

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Christopher Bell gets the checkered flag as he drives to the finish line during the NASCAR Cup Series road-course race at Daytona International Speedway, on Sunday in Daytona Beach.

Michigan holds off Ohio St.

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Hunter Dickinson had 22 points and nine rebounds and Eli Brooks scored 17 as No. 3 Michigan held off a late flurry to beat No. 4 Ohio State 92-87 on Sunday.

In a matchup of teams aiming for No. 1 seeds in the NCAA Tournament, the Wolverines led by nine with 23 seconds left. But a pair of 3-pointers from Duane Washington Jr. around a layup by CJ Walker got the Buckeyes within three points with 3 seconds to go.

Brooks sealed the win with a couple of foul shots.

Chaundee Brown Jr. came off the bench to score 15 points and Isaiah Livers added 12 for the Wolverines (16-1, 11-1 Big Ten). Michigan won its fifth straight around a three-week break due to COVID-19 issues.

Washington had a career-high 30 points and went 5 for 10 on 3s for Ohio State (18-5, 12-5). E.J. Liddell had 23 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 6 Houston 90, Cincinnati 52

HOUSTON — Quentin Grimes had 20 points and eight rebounds, and Houston used a big first half to roll past Cincinnati.

Tamon Mark scored 12 points, DeJon Jarreau added 11 points and five rebounds, and Fabian White Jr. had 10 points and nine rebounds for Houston (18-3, 12-3 American Athletic Conference). The Cougars shot 47% and hit 19 of 21 from the free throw line.

Jeremiah Davenport scored 11 points and Tari Eason added 10 points for the Bearcats (7-8, 5-5), who saw their four-game winning streak snapped.

No. 11 Iowa 74, Penn State 68

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Luka Garza scored 23 points to become Iowa's all-time leading scorer, and the Hawkeyes beat Penn State.

Garza has 2,126 points for Iowa, breaking the record of 2,116 points set by Roy Marble from 1985-89. Garza also had 11 rebounds for his 10th double-double of the season. CJ Fredrick added 18 points for the Hawkeyes.

It was the fourth consecutive win for Iowa (17-6, 11-5 Big Ten).

Izaiah Brockington and Myreon Jones each had 11 points to lead Penn State (7-12, 4-11).

No. 21 Wisconsin 68, Northwestern 51

EVANSTON, Ill. — Micah Potter scored 19 points, D'Mitrik Trice had 13 and Wisconsin shut down lowly Northwestern.

Jonathan Davis and Brad Davison added 12 points apiece, helping Wisconsin (16-8, 10-7 Big Ten) bounce back from consecutive losses to No. 3 Michigan and No. 11 Iowa. The balanced Badgers improved to 10-1 when they have at least four players score in double figures.

With a matchup against No. 5 Illinois looming on Saturday, Wisconsin used its deep roster and stingy defense to avoid a three-game slide. Led by Potter, the Badgers had a 31-16 advantage in bench points. They also forced 14 turnovers.

Northwestern (6-14, 3-13) lost its 13th straight game. Boo Buie scored 19 points for the Wildcats.

South Florida 83, Temple 76

PHILADELPHIA — Xavier Castaneda had 18 points as South Florida got past Temple 83-76.

Vucevic scores 37 in Magic win

Pelicans overcome 24-point deficit, beat Celtics in OT

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Nikola Vucevic had 37 points and 11 rebounds, Evan Fournier added a season-high 29 points and the Orlando Magic beat the Detroit Pistons 105-96 on Sunday night.

The Magic have won three in a row, their longest winning streak since opening the season 4-0. The Magic and Pistons play again in Orlando on Tuesday night.

“What I’m seeing is that we’re starting the game well and we finished it well, so there are a lot of positives,” said Fournier, who suffered a mild ankle sprain late in the game. “We had one or two stretches where we weren’t as good on defense and not executing, but we kept fighting and got the (win).”

Vucevic had his seventh 30-point game of the season, two days after recording the third triple-double of his career. Fournier had a season high for the second straight game.

Vucevic took advantage of Detroit’s lack of size on the inside when center Mason Plumlee left the game for an extended period early in the fourth quarter. Vucevic scored 15 points in the fourth quarter.

“I’ve been feeling good and obviously I’ve been playing at a high level since the beginning of the year,” Vucevic said. “Once you get in a good rhythm, the game comes easier to you, you don’t think so much about stuff and my experience from this being my 10th year helps.”

Fournier, who scored 28 points in Orlando’s victory over Golden State on Friday night, had 16 first-half points. He made 12 of 13 free throws in the game to key Orlando’s 26-of-29 shooting from the line.

“He drove the ball hard and he got to the free throw line, and for our team that’s not an area of strength and it’s something that we badly need,” Magic coach Steve Clifford said. “He’s playing at a high level. Evan is a mentally and physically tough guy. He’s not 100 percent physically, but he wants to be out there and he’s



Orlando Magic guard Evan Fournier (10) battles Detroit Pistons forward Jerami Grant (9) for the ball in the first half during a game on Sunday, in Orlando.

playing very well.”

Jerami Grant bounced back from his poorest shooting game of the season in Memphis on Friday by scoring 24 points for the Pistons. They dropped to 1-17 on the season when trailing after three quarters.

Last in the Eastern Conference, the Pistons have lost three straight and eight of 11. Josh Jackson added 17 points and 10 rebounds, but he missed all six of his 3-point shots. Detroit was just 11 of 40 from beyond the arc and shot only 37.4 percent.

“We didn’t do a good job of knocking down shots, but we had some great looks,” Detroit coach Dwane Casey said.

Pelicans 120, Celtics 115

NEW ORLEANS — Brandon Ingram hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 33.3 seconds left in overtime and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Boston Celtics 120-115 after rallying from 24 points down in the third quarter.

Ingram finished with 33 points. Zion Williamson scored 24 of his 28 points after halftime and had 10 rebounds, four assists and a block for the Pelicans, and Josh Hart had 17 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks and a steal.

Jayson Tatum had 32 points and nine rebounds for Boston, and Jaylen Brown scored 25 points for the Celtics. They appeared to be cruising to their third victory in four games when Tristan Thompson’s free throws made it 79-55 midway through the third quarter.

New Orleans pulled even at 98 on Ingram’s 3 with 4:10 left. The lead changed hands twice in the last 11 seconds of regulation, with Tatum hitting a jumper to make it 106-105 and Williamson making a layup as he was fouled to put the Pelicans up 108-106 with 6.9 seconds to go. Tatum then hit a driving floater in the final second to force overtime.

Knicks 103, Timberwolves 99

NEW YORK — Julius Randle had 25 points and 14 rebounds, helping New York recover after blowing a 21-point lead and beat Minnesota, giving Tom Thibodeau a win over the team he last coached.

Randle made the go-ahead free throw with 32 seconds left and the Knicks held on in a game that seemed fully in their control when they lead 86-65 late in the third quarter.

But Karl-Anthony Towns had a big fourth, finishing with 27 points

and 15 rebounds.

Hawks 123, Nuggets 115

ATLANTA — Trae Young had 35 points and 15 assists, Clint Capela added 22 points and 10 rebounds and Atlanta beat Denver.

The Hawks had lost five of six and eight of 10. The Nuggets have lost six of seven on the road.

Jamal Murray, coming off a career-high 50 points Friday at Cleveland, led Denver with 30. Nikola Jokic, Will Barton and Monte Morris each scored 15 points.

Raptors 110, 76ers 103

TAMPA — Pascal Siakam and Fred VanVleet each had 23 points and Toronto beat Philadelphia for its fourth straight victory.

Chris Boucher scored 11 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter for Toronto, hitting three 3-pointers as the Raptors opened the period on a 15-8 surge to take the lead for good.

Thunder 117, Cavaliers 101

CLEVELAND — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 31 points and nine assists and Oklahoma City handed Cleveland its 10th consecutive loss.

Shockers solidifying shaky tourney spot

UNC starts heating up

DAVE SKRETTA
AP basketball writer

WICHITA, Kan. — Wichita State headed north to South Dakota to open its season with an interim coach a week on the job, a roster almost completely turned over from last season and almost no expectations when a wave of positive COVID-19 tests forced the Shockers to turn right around and head home.

Turns out it merely delayed the start of a season nobody will soon forget.

Isaac Brown’s revamped bunch is not only cruising along at 13-4 and 9-2 in the American Athletic Conference, the Shockers jumped into first place Thursday night with a 68-63 win over sixth-ranked Houston. It was their eighth victory this season by five points or fewer, and their highest-ranked victim at home since beating No. 2 Louisville in 1967.

Suddenly, a program that began the season in turmoil is on the right side of the NCAA Tournament bubble.

“I’m just proud of these guys,” Brown said. “You know, with everything when I first got this job, we told these kids, ‘Just trust us,’ and we’re going to give them 110% every day, and all those guys trust the process.”

“They just basically stepped up and have just been doing a tremendous job.”

Tyson Etienne and Al-torique Gilbert scored 16 points apiece in the win over the Cougars, their latest effort in making fans forget all about the seven



Wichita State forward Isaiah Poor Bear-Chandler (44) reaches for a rebound in front of Tulsa forward Rey Idowu (25) in the second half of a game Dec. 15 in Tulsa, Okla.

players that bolted from the program from the end of last season to the beginning of this one.

Just like the rest of the Shockers have made folks forget — at least at some level — about Gregg Marshall, the winningest coach in program history, who agreed to buyout just weeks before the start of the season. It was Marshall who led Wichita State to the Final Four and helped the school gain acceptance from the AAC, but left when former players accused him of physical and verbal abuse going back several years.

Brown, his longtime assistant, has brought a sense of calm and confidence as the interim coach, while former SEC coach Billy Kennedy — brought on to help before the season — has provided another valuable voice in the locker room.

“To be honest with you, I’ve been overcome with, you know, emotions,” said

Etienne, “and I try to keep my emotions in check so it’s kind of hard to even put into words. I’m just so grateful to be a part of this moment, so grateful to be a part of this team.”

“I was saying it from the beginning of the game (against Houston): ‘Let’s make history.’ At halftime I was saying, ‘Let’s make history,’ and the guys followed and we did just that. It’s an amazing feeling to do that.”

ON THE RISE

North Carolina (14-7, 8-5 ACC). So much for the Tar Heels joining fellow bluebloods such as Duke on the bubble. They just ripped Louisville by 45 at home — granted, the Cardinals were coming off a COVID-19 pause — for arguably their best win of the season, and they have won three of their past four with the loss a competitive one to ninth-ranked Virginia.

Oklahoma State (14-6, 7-6 Big 12). The Cowboys remain eligible for the postseason while they appeal penalties handed down by the NCAA, and three wins in their last four with an upset of then-No. 6 Texas have helped their cause. Also helping is the fact that Cade Cunningham, one of the front-runners for the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, would be must-see TV for an NCAA Tournament that is going to be all about the ratings given attendance restrictions due to the pandemic.

Seton Hall (13-9, 10-6 Big East). Kevin Willard’s team had won four straight before a competitive loss to Georgetown slowed its momentum. Still, the Pirates are only 1 1/2 games back of Villanova for first place in the conference, and they should be favored against Butler, UConn and St. John’s as they finish the regular season.

Oregon (14-4, 9-3 Pac-12). At one point the Ducks had six of seven games postponed by COVID-19, and that streak ended with an ugly loss to Washington State. But they followed with five straight wins, including one over fellow bubble-dweller Colorado, heading into an important game against No. 17 Southern California on Monday night.

FADING HOPES

Xavier (11-4, 4-4 Big East). The Musketeers had just one win between Jan. 10 and Sunday night. Granted, they only played three games thanks to COVID-19 pauses. But losses in those other two games to UConn and St. John’s hardly helped their cause, even though James Bouknight didn’t play against the Huskies.

Minnesota (13-10, 6-10 Big Ten). Remember when the Golden Gophers capped a 9-1 start to the season with consecutive spankings of No. 4 Iowa and No. 17 Michigan State? Seems like a long time ago. Richard Pitino’s bunch has lost six of its last eight and is coming off a 94-63 blowout at the hands of No. 5 Illinois.

Stanford (14-9, 10-7 Pac-12). The Cardinal have split their past eight games, but the four wins have come against teams in the lower half of the league in California, Utah and Washington. That makes their game against Oregon on Thursday night crucial for helping out a shaky resume.

Mississippi (12-9, 7-7 SEC). The Rebels had won four straight to climb onto the bubble, but a 66-56 loss to Mississippi State has them entering a final stretch against No. 20 Missouri, Vanderbilt and Kentucky needing at least a couple wins.

TENNIS

Australian Open

At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: AUD32,790,000
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
(seedings in parentheses)
**Men's Singles
Championship**
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.
**Men's Doubles
Championship**
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Filip Polasek (9), Slovakia, def. Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (5), Britain, 6-3, 6-4.

NASCAR

O'Reilly Auto Parts
253 At DAYTONA

Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, United States.
Lap length: 2.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (12) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 70 laps, 47 points.
2. (11) Joey Logano, Ford, 70, 52.
3. (4) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 70, 52.
4. (17) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 70, 49.
5. (15) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 70, 38.
6. (5) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 70, 33.
7. (34) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 70, 0.
8. (2) Michael McDowell, Ford, 70, 29.
9. (6) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 70, 28.
10. (36) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 70, 27.
11. (30) Chris Buescher, Ford, 70, 27.
12. (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 70, 35.
13. (13) Cole Custer, Ford, 70, 27.
14. (37) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 70, 23.
15. (27) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 70, 22.
16. (35) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 70, 21.
17. (26) Aric Almirola, Ford, 70, 20.
18. (16) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 70, 19.
19. (38) Ty Dillon, Toyota, 70, 0.
20. (33) Ryan Newman, Ford, 70, 17.
21. (1) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 70, 31.
22. (31) Anthony Alfredo, Ford, 70, 15.
23. (39) James Davison, Chevrolet, 70, 14.
24. (20) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 70, 0.
25. (21) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 70, 0.
26. (10) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 70, 11.
27. (25) Garrett Smithley, Ford, 70, 0.
28. (28) Scott Heckert, Ford, 70, 9.
29. (40) Timmy Hill, Ford, 70, 0.
30. (8) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 70, 12.
31. (7) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 70, 6.
32. (18) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 70, 5.
33. (22) William Byron, Chevrolet, 69, 8.
34. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 69, 6.
35. (14) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 69, 3.
36. (23) Josh Bilicki, Ford, brakes, 68, 1.
37. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 65, 1.
38. (24) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, accident, 58, 1.
39. (9) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, accident, 26, 1.
40. (29) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, engine, 3, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 84.456 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 59 minutes, 32 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 2.119 seconds.
Caution Flags: 8 for 12 laps.
Lead Changes: 12 among 7 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C.Elliott 0-12; C.Bell 13; C.Elliott 14-28; A.Allmendinger 29-30; D.Hamlin 31-35; D.Suarez 36-37; Ku.Busch 38; C.Bell 39-40; C.Elliott 41-57; J.Logano 58-61; Ku.Busch 62; J.Logano 63-68; C.Bell 69-70
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): C.Elliott, 3 times for 44 laps; J.Logano, 2 times for 10 laps; C.Bell, 3 times for 5 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 5 laps; Ku.Busch, 2 times for 2 laps; A.Allmendinger, 1 time for 2 laps; D.Suarez, 1 time for 2 laps.
Wins: C.Bell, 1; M.McDowell, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. D.Hamlin, 104; 2. J.Logano, 92; 3. K.Harvick, 83; 4. C.Bell, 82; 5. C.Elliott, 79; 6. M.McDowell, 75; 7. R.Preece, 74; 8. Ku.Busch, 65; 9. A.Dillon, 64; 10. B.Keselowski, 64; 11. C.Custer, 54; 12. K.Larson, 53; 13. B.Wallace, 52; 14. M.Truxx, 47; 15. C.Lajoie, 38; 16. R.Stenhouse, 38.
NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Boston	16	11	3	2	24	51	36		
Washington	17	9	5	3	21	58	60		
Philadelphia	15	8	4	3	19	51	51		
Pittsburgh	16	9	6	1	19	51	53		
N.Y. Islanders	17	8	6	3	19	41	41		
N.Y. Rangers	16	6	7	3	15	40	42		
New Jersey	13	6	5	2	14	36	37		
Buffalo	14	5	7	2	12	35	43		
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Carolina	16	12	3	1	25	62	43		
Florida	16	11	3	2	24	56	47		
Chicago	19	9	6	4	22	55	56		
Tampa Bay	15	10	4	1	21	54	36		
Columbus	19	8	7	4	20	55	64		
Dallas	12	5	3	4	14	40	57		
Nashville	17	7	10	0	14	40	54		
Detroit	20	5	12	3	13	39	64		
West Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
St. Louis	18	10	6	2	22	59	56		
Vegas	15	10	4	1	21	45	34		
Colorado	14	9	4	1	19	44	29		
Los Angeles	16	7	6	3	17	51	48		
Arizona	17	7	7	3	17	44	49		
Minnesota	14	8	6	0	16	38	36		
San Jose	16	7	7	2	16	45	58		
Anaheim	18	6	9	3	15	34	50		

North Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Toronto	19	14	3	2	30	72	51		
Edmonton	20	12	8	0	24	72	62		
Montreal	17	9	5	3	21	57	47		
Winnipeg	17	10	6	1	21	57	46		
Calgary	18	8	9	1	17	47	54		
Vancouver	21	8	12	1	17	62	74		
Ottawa	20	5	14	1	11	47	80		

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

Saturday's Games									
Buffalo 3, New Jersey 2									
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 1									
Detroit 2, Florida 1									
Los Angeles 4, Arizona 2									
Carolina 4, Tampa Bay 0									
San Jose 5, St. Louis 4									
Minnesota 5, Anaheim 1									
Edmonton 7, Calgary 1									
Colorado 3, Vegas 2									
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Islanders 2									
Nashville 4, Columbus 2									
Toronto 5, Montreal 3									
Chicago at Carolina, ppd									
Tampa Bay at Dallas, ppd									
Sunday's Games									
Washington 4, New Jersey 3									
Boston 7, Philadelphia 3									
Ottawa 3, Montreal 2, OT									
Winnipeg at Vancouver, late									
Today's Games									
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.									
Calgary at Toronto, 7 p.m.									
Dallas at Florida, 7 p.m.									
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.									
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.									
Anaheim at Arizona, 9 p.m.									

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 5 - 2	PICK 5 (early) 9 - 4 - 2 - 4 - 3
PICK 2 (late) 1 - 4	PICK 5 (late) 6 - 6 - 0 - 4 - 5
PICK 3 (early) 1 - 7 - 4	FANTASY 5 8 - 10 - 11 - 18 - 32
PICK 3 (late) 8 - 8 - 9	CASH 4 LIFE 6 - 9 - 44 - 51 - 54
PICK 4 (early) 8 - 3 - 6 - 6	CASH BALL 2
PICK 4 (late) 7 - 3 - 3 - 3	

Saturday's winning numbers and payouts:

Powerball: 4 – 8 – 22 – 32 – 58	5-of-6 5x 5 winners \$15,000
Powerball: 4	5-of-6 10x 2 winners \$30,000
5-of-5 PB No winner	Fantasy 5: 1 – 8 – 10 – 30 – 35
No Florida winner	5-of-5 1 winner \$229,221.75
5-of-5 No winner	4-of-5 283 \$130.50
No Florida winner	3-of-5 9,635 \$10.50
Lotto: 3 – 4 – 11 – 16 – 19 – 33	Cash 4 Life: 6 – 36 – 49 – 51 – 54
6-of-6 No winner	Cash Ball: 3
5-of-6 2x 10 winners\$6,000	5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-6 3x 13 winners\$9,000	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-6 4x 4 winners \$12,000	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS									
NBA									
3 p.m. (ESPNU) G League Long Island Nets vs G League Ignite									
9 p.m. (SUN) Miami Heat at Oklahoma City Thunder									
10 p.m. (NBA) Washington Wizards at Los Angeles Lakers									
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL									
5:30 p.m. (NBA) Grambling State at Jackson State (Taped)									
7 p.m. (ESPN) Syracuse at Duke									
7 p.m. (ESPN2) Oregon State at Utah									
7 p.m. (ESPNU) Wofford at Samford									
9 p.m. (ESPN) Texas Tech at Oklahoma State									
9 p.m. (FS1) Oregon at USC									
11 p.m. (ESPNU) Cincinnati at Houston (Taped)									
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL									
3 p.m. (NBA) Jackson State at Grambling State									
7 p.m. (FS1) Creighton at Marquette									
8 p.m. (ACCN) Notre Dame at Pittsburgh									
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Arizona at Stanford									
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS									
5:30 p.m. (ESPNU) UCLA at Utah (Taped)									
NHL									
12 p.m. (NHL) Vegas Golden Knights vs Colorado Avalanche (Taped)									
2 p.m. (NHL) Philadelphia Flyers vs Boston Bruins (Taped))									
7 p.m. (FSNFL) Dallas Stars at Florida Panthers									
8 p.m. (NHL) Los Angeles Kings at St. Louis Blues									
SOCCER									
2:55 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Brighton & Hove Albion vs Crystal Palace									

WINTER SPORTS									
1 p.m. (NBCSPT) IBU World Biathlon Championships: Women's 12.5km Mass Start (Taped)									
COLLEGE WRESTLING									
6 p.m. (BIG10) Maryland at Penn State									
8 p.m. (BIG10) Indiana at Purdue									

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

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS									
BASEBALL									
7 p.m. Seven Rivers at Montverde									
SOFTBALL									
6 p.m. Seven Rivers at Weeki Wachee									

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	20	11	.645
Brooklyn	20	12	.625
Toronto	16	15	.516
Boston	15	15	.500
New York	15	16	.484
Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Charlotte	14	15	.483
Miami	13	17	.433
Atlanta	13	17	.433
Orlando	13	18	.419
Washington	10	17	.370
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Milwaukee	17	13	.567
Indiana	15	14	.517
Chicago	13	16	.448
Cleveland	10	21	.323
Detroit	8	22	.267
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
San Antonio	16	11	.593
Memphis	13	13	.500
Dallas	13	15	.464
New Orleans	13	17	.433
Houston	11	17	.393
Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Utah	24	6	.800
Portland	18	11	.621
Denver	16	14	.533
Oklahoma City	12	18	.400
Minnesota	7	24	.226
Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
L.A. Lakers	22	9	.710
L.A. Clippers	22	10	.688
Phoenix	19	10	.655
Golden State	16	15	.516
Sacramento	12	17	.414
Saturday's Games			
Charlotte 102, Golden State 100			
Miami 96, L.A. Lakers 94			
Phoenix 128, Memphis 97			
Chicago 122, Sacramento 114			
Washington 118, Portland 111			
San Antonio at New York, ppd			
Indiana at Houston, ppd			
Sunday's Games			
New Orleans 120, Boston 115, OT			
Oklahoma City 117, Cleveland 101			
Orlando 105, Detroit 96			
New York 103, Minnesota 99			
Toronto 110, Philadelphia 103			
Atlanta 123, Denver 115			
Brooklyn 112, L.A. Clippers 108			

Homa gets 2nd chance, wins in hometown

Genesis Invite comes down to playoff holes

DOUG FERGUSON
AP golf writer

LOS ANGELES — The dream of winning at Riviera felt too good to be true for Max Homa, and it nearly was.

Needing a birdie on the 18th hole Sunday to win the Genesis Invitational, he hit sand wedge to a back pin that settled 3 feet away, setting up the storybook finish for a guy who grew up 30 miles away and has been watching this tournament his whole life.

And then he missed.

His ball next to the base of a tree left of the 10th green on the first playoff hole, Homa hooded a gap wedge with enough top spin to scoot up the Kikuyu grass and onto the edge of the green, setting up par. Tony Finau missed a 7-footer, and Homa was happy just to get to the next hole.

Homa won on the second extra hole when Finau failed to save par from a bunker, missing a 10-foot putt.

The message from tournament host Tiger Woods at he trophy presentation: Way to hang in there.

Did he ever.

“I don’t know if I could ever do anything cooler in golf than this,” said Homa, who closed with a 5-under 66 and played his final 26 holes at Riviera without a bogey. “Tiger Woods is handing us a trophy — that’s a pretty crazy thought. We grew up idolizing him, idolizing Riviera Country Club, idolizing the golf tournament. To get it done, it’s almost shocking.

“It feels like it just can’t be topped for me.”

It was more heartache for Finau, who now has 10 runner-up finishes worldwide since winning the Puerto Rico Open five years ago. He closed with a 7-under 64, the best score of the final round. He had a 7-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole for the win and left it on the low side. He watched someone celebrate again. And he kept his chin up.

“It’s bittersweet to be in this position again,” Finau said. “But I never get tired of playing good golf, and that’s what I tell myself every week.”

Homa, who joined Finau at 12-under 272, won for the

second time on the PGA Tour. He cracked the top 50 in the world for the first time at No. 38. The victory sends him back to the Masters, along with the next three World Golf Championships.

All that felt secondary. He was at Riviera, just like he was as a kid eating soft pretzels and watching the best. Only this time, he was holding the trophy.

“I think young me would have had a hard time dreaming this one,” Homa said.

He had a hard time with his emotions, holding back tears right after he won until he paused and said, “Wow. I didn’t think it would be like this.”

“The city of champions — Dodgers, Lakers, me now,” Homa said. “It’s a weird feeling.”

For so long, the tournament belonged to Sam Burns. He was on the verge of becoming the first player to go wire-to-wire at Riviera since Hal Sutton won the 1983 PGA Championship. But it fell apart with three bogeys in a four-hole stretch on the back nine, and he closed with a 69 to finish one shot out of the playoff.

“Just didn’t play well enough,” Burns said. “I didn’t drive it well enough to really score the last seven holes.”

That set up the Hollywood finish for Homa, right up until it felt like a horror movie when he missed the short birdie putt.

“You’re not supposed to miss a 3-footer in front of Tiger Woods,” he said. “I just was a little nervous, honestly. This tournament means a lot to me.”

A call from his wife settled him down. She leaves him random messages — some he said don’t make a lot of sense, but he likes them, anyway — and this one hit the spot. One of the bullet points was to forgive quickly any mistakes. There weren’t many, except the one at the end.

“I called her after I signed my card and I said, ‘I think I choked a little bit.’ And I laughed,” Homa said. “She said, ‘No, you played great, don’t worry about it and don’t forget to forgive quickly.’”

After a nervous moment on the 10th, redemption arrived.

Dustin Johnson, the No. 1 player in golf, started the final round two shots behind and in the final group. He missed an easy birdie chance on the opening hole and it never got much better. Johnson failed to make a run and fell back with careless bogeys along the back nine. He shot 72 and tied for eighth.



Max Homa tees off on the first hole during the final round of the Genesis Invitational at Riviera Country Club, on Sunday in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles.

Genesis Invitational			
Sunday			
At Riviera Country Club			
Pacific Palisades, Calif.			
Purse: \$9.3 million			
Yardage: 7,040; Par: 71			
Final Round			
Individual FedEx Cup Points in parentheses			
Max Homa wins playoff on second hole			
Max Homa (550), \$1,674,000	66-70-70-66—272	-12	
Tony Finau (315), \$1,013,700	71-67-70-64—272	-12	
Sam Burns (200), \$641,700	64-66-74-69—273	-11	
Cameron Smith (140), \$455,700	69-68-71-67—275	-9	
Matthew Fitzpatrick (105), \$344,100	66-71-69-71—277	-7	
Viktor Hovland (105), \$344,100	71-69-70-67—277	-7	
Jon Rahm (105), \$344,100	70-69-72-66—277	-7	
Wyndham Clark (81), \$262,725	67-69-73-69—278	-6	
Dustin Johnson (81), \$262,725	68-67-71-72—278	-6	
Matt Jones (81), \$262,725	67-72-69-70—278	-6	
Francesco Molinari (81), \$262,725	68-73-70-67—278	-6	
Talor Gooch (65), \$197,625	68-71-69-71—279	-5	
Alex Noren (65), \$197,625	67-70-71-71—279	-5	
Patrick Rodgers (65), \$197,625	71-69-70-69—279	-5	
Patrick Cantlay (55), \$151,125	67-70-71-72—280	-4	
James Hahn (55), \$151,125	74-66-71-69—280	-4	
Xander Schauffele (55), \$151,125	71-69-71-69—280	-4	
Jordan Spieth (55), \$151,125	68-68-73-71—280	-4	
Will Zalatoris, \$151,125	69-69-75-67—280	-4	
Rickie Fowler (45), \$101,835	70-71-73-67—281	-3	
Branden Grace (45), \$101,835	71-69-70-71—281	-3	
Matthew NeSmith (45), \$101,835	70-70-72-68—281	-3	
C.T. Pan (45), \$101,835	71-70-72-68—281	-3	
Scottie Scheffler (45), \$101,835	67-74-74-66—281	-3	
Nick Taylor (45), \$101,835	72-69-71-69—281	-3	
Jim Furyk (34), \$67,890	69-70-74-69—282	-2	
Lanto Griffin (34), \$67,890	69-71-74-68—282	-2	
Adam Hadwin (34), \$67,890	71-71-70-70—282	-2	
Scott Harrington (34), \$67,890	71-66-75-70—282	-2	
Andrew Landry (34), \$67,890	69-69-72-72—282	-2	
Cameron Tringale (34), \$67,890	69-71-73-69—282	-2	
Bo Hoag (25), \$51,925	73-68-73-69—283	-1	
Mackenzie Hughes (25), \$51,925	69-71-74-69—283	-1	
Jason Kokrak (25), \$51,92	67-68-74-74—283	-1	
Marc Leishman (25), \$51,925	69-73-73-68—283	-1	
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Wesley Bryan (12), \$28,179	69-70-78-68—285	+1	
Cameron Davis (12), \$28,179	71-69-77-68—285	+1	
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Danny Lee (7), \$22,153	72-70-72-72—286	+2	
Tyler McCumber (7), \$22,153	67-68-77-74—286	+2	
Kevin Streelman (7), \$22,153	72-66-75-73—286	+2	
J.B. Holmes (6), \$21,297	70-69-75-73—287	+3	
Nate Lashley (6), \$21,297	73-68-75-71—287	+3	
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Keegan Bradley (6), \$20,832	68-74-75-71—288	+4	
Brian Gay (6), \$20,832	72-69-77-70—288	+4	
Charl Schwartzel (5), \$20,460	75-67-73-74—289	+5	
Harold Varner III (5), \$20,460	70-72-77-70—289	+5	
Scott Piercy (5), \$20,088	73-67-75-75—290	+6	
Matthew Wolff (5), \$20,088	71-70-77-72—290	+6	
Kyoung-Hoon Lee (4), \$19,809	70-72-79-72—293	+9	
Sung Kang (4), \$19,823	71-68-83-72—294	+10	

Pastrnak’s 3 goals lead Bruins past Flyers at Lake Tahoe

Oshie scores twice, Capitals beat Devils

Associated Press

STATELINE, Nev. — David Pastrnak had three goals and the Boston Bruins took control by scoring three times in a span of 1:39 during the second period to beat the Philadelphia Flyers 7-3 on Sunday in an outdoor game on the shore of Lake Tahoe.

After a delay-filled opening game of the weekend between Colorado and Vegas because of bright sun that made for poor ice conditions, the game Sunday went off with fewer hitches. The Bruins’ high level of play matched the picturesque setting with the lake and snow-covered mountains in the background.

Pastrnak scored in the opening minute of the first two periods and then again late in the third to give him his second hat trick in three games against the Flyers this season. Charlie Coyle, Trent Frederic and Nick Ritchie scored in succession late in the second to give Boston five wins in five games this year against Philadelphia.

Charlie McAvoy also scored and Tuukka Rask made 16 saves for Boston.

Joel Farabee, Sean Couturier and James van Riemsdyk scored for the short-handed Flyers, who have six players on the COVID-19 list. Carter Hart allowed six goals



Boston Bruins right wing David Pastrnak, center, celebrates with teammates Brad Marchand, left, and Patrice Bergeron after scoring against the Philadelphia Flyers in the first period of a game on Sunday, in Stateline, Nev.

on 23 shots in the first two periods and has now given up 20 goals in four losses to Boston this season.

With the bright sun out again Sunday, the NHL had moved the game time to 4:30 p.m. PST to avoid the problems that led to a delay of more than eight hours on Saturday between the first and second periods.

The start of this game was delayed about 20 more minutes because there was some glare on the ice from the sun, but the ice was in good shape and the scenic setting that brought the NHL to the shores of Lake Tahoe to host games on a makeshift rink on a golf course was in full bloom. The sun began setting late in the

first period over the Sierra Nevada for a breathtaking scene.

There were plenty of goals as well, starting with Pastrnak’s 34 seconds into the game.

The Flyers responded with two goals and took the lead when Couturier came out of the penalty box and took advantage of McAvoy’s broken stick.

McAvoy atoned when his slap shot tied the game less than a minute later.

The game then got out of hand in the second starting with Pastrnak’s goal 46 seconds into the period.

Capitals 4, Devils 3

WASHINGTON — T.J. Oshie scored twice to end a lengthy drought, Alex

Ovechkin had a late power-play goal and the Washington Capitals came back from down two to beat the New Jersey Devils 4-3.

Ovechkin scored with 4:04 left, and that turned out to be a necessary insurance goal when Nikita Gusev beat Craig Anderson with 11.9 seconds left. But it was too late for another comeback, and Washington avoided back-to-back losses.

“The last 10 minutes in the first period, we kind of change the momentum and we start playing the right way,” Ovechkin said. “I think we start putting puck deep, we forecheck, we play physical and the goals come.”

Anderson made 22 saves for his first NHL victory since

March 7. Anderson and New Jersey’s Aaron Dell each hadn’t started an NHL game in more than 11 months.

“It’s a mental battle,” Anderson said. “Physically, nothing’s changed from a year ago from the last time I played. It’s just mentally getting in there and getting into a rhythm.”

After the Devils jumped out to a 2-0 lead, Oshie stared the comeback by scoring on a deflection on the power play in the second period. That ended a nine-game goal drought and Dell’s shutout bid on Washington’s 23rd shot of the game.

“It had been a while,” Oshie said. “It felt nice to see one hit the back of the net.”

John Carlson tied it midway through the third period, and Oshie beat Dell again on the power play with 8:07 left to put the Capitals ahead.

Ovechkin made Washington 3 of 4 on the power play, just his second goal on the man advantage this season.

“I think Osh was hot, and everybody play around him,” Ovechkin said. “I just find open net and it was an empty-netter.”

Washington started slow allowing the first seven shots and falling behind but won for the first time in six afternoon games this season (1-3-2).

Dell stopped 37 of the 41 shots he faced in his first NHL action since March 2020, but it wasn’t enough to keep the Devils from losing a second game in a row. New Jersey got goals from Andreas Johansson and 2019 No. 1 pick Jack Hughes before blowing the lead.

Coach Lindy Ruff said the power play is “something that

we’ve got to fix. We’ve obviously got some structure issues. We’ve got some confidence issues with it right now. I think some of the players are second-guessing themselves. We’ve just got to free that up as a staff and get everybody back on the same page.”

Senators 3, Canadiens 2, OT

OTTAWA, Ontario — Brady Tkachuk scored at 3:30 of overtime to give the Ottawa Senators a 3-2 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Drake Batherson and Josh Norris also scored, and Matt Murray made 30 saves. The Senators are last in the NHL at 5-14-1.

Corey Perry and Nick Suzuki scored for Montreal, with Perry tying it at 2 with 5:35 left in the third period.

Jake Allen made 36 saves for the Canadiens, coming off a 5-3 home loss to NHL-leading Toronto on Saturday night.

Suzuki opened the scoring 1:17 into the game, wiring a shot off the post and in the net past Murray.

Batherson tied it midway through the first. As the forward drove to the net, he toe-dragged the puck before falling to the ice. As he fell, the puck lightly floated over Allen’s shoulder.

Ottawa regained the lead early in the third. Defenseman Nikita Zaitsev fired a shot that deflected off Norris’ stick. The puck then hit Allen’s stick before flying over the netminder.

Perry forced overtime, blowing past defenseman Erik Gudbranson along the wing, driving to the net and putting the puck under Murray’s left skate.

MLB spring training still a hot ticket in Arizona

DAVID BRANDT
AP sports writer

PHOENIX — Even during a pandemic, the appetite to sit in the sun and watch Major League Baseball spring training appears robust.

The Arizona Diamondbacks sold out their entire spring allotment of tickets in less than 24 hours after they went on sale to the public. Approximately 2,200 tickets were sold for all 14 of the team's home games, with fans spread throughout the park in pods of two, four or six seats and masks are required except when eating or drinking.

That's 20% of the stadium's normal 11,000-person capacity.

"The fact that it sold out as fast as it did — that fires me up," Arizona manager Torey Lovullo said. "We've been looking forward to this day as much as them."

The Colorado Rockies — who share the Salt River Fields facility with the D-backs — have also sold out of tickets to their home games. The two teams open their spring training schedule against each other next Sunday. Spring training facilities across Arizona and Florida have been making their own decisions about how many fans — if any — are allowed to attend games.

Arizona pitchers Zac Gallen and Stefan Crichton said that having fans in the park would be a welcome change. All 30 teams played without fans during the pandemic-shortened, 60-game schedule in 2020. Limited fans were allowed during the postseason.

"Hopefully we can keep taking steps toward getting the stadiums full," Crichton said.

New COVID-19 cases have gone down in Arizona over the past few weeks, just like they have throughout most of the country. Lovullo said his team

would continue to strictly follow the league's protocols but seeing fans is another reminder that baseball might be a little more "normal" in 2021.

"We missed our fans," Lovullo said. "Not just Diamondbacks fans but I think baseball fans throughout the entire United States. We've lost a little bit of a connection. We've done what we could in our special way in Arizona to remain connected to our core group of fans, but the fact that they're out there, they sold out, it doesn't surprise me at all."

"Fans have been patiently waiting for these days."

DESMOND OPTS OUT AGAIN

Colorado Rockies veteran outfielder Ian Desmond is opting out for a second straight season.

Desmond announced Sunday on his Instagram account that his "desire to be with my family is greater than my desire to go back and play baseball under these circumstances. I'm going to train and watch how things unfold." He added "for now" in his statement to opt out, leaving the door open for a possible return.

The 35-year-old Desmond is in the final year of a five-year, \$70 million deal he signed in December 2016. He is scheduled to make \$8 million this season. Colorado has a \$15 million option for 2022 with a \$2 million buyout.

STRASBURG FEELING BETTER

Washington right-hander Stephen Strasburg is ready to return after a nerve issue in his wrist ended his 2020 season after five innings.

The Nationals ace said the problem went away immediately after a 15-minute carpal tunnel surgery.



Fans at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick watch a spring training baseball game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Los Angeles Dodgers on March 18, 2016, in Scottsdale, Ariz. The Diamondbacks sold out their entire spring allotment of tickets in less than 24 hours after they went on sale to the public. Approximately 2,200 tickets were sold for all 14 of the team's home games, with fans spread throughout the park in pods of two, four or six seats and masks are required except when eating or drinking.

He said on Sunday that before the surgery, the injury would get aggravated every time he threw a baseball and "basically would go from numbness in my thumb to numbness in my whole hand."

The 2019 World Series MVP began preparing for this season much earlier than usual, doing a light catch on Nov. 1 instead of mid-December, and throwing bullpens early in January instead of late in the month.

"Endurance-wise, stamina-wise, I feel like I'm a lot further along than I have (been) in years past," he said. "I wanted to give myself some extra time to work through some mechanical things and be ready to go on Day One."

SANCHEZ SIGNS WITH GIANTS

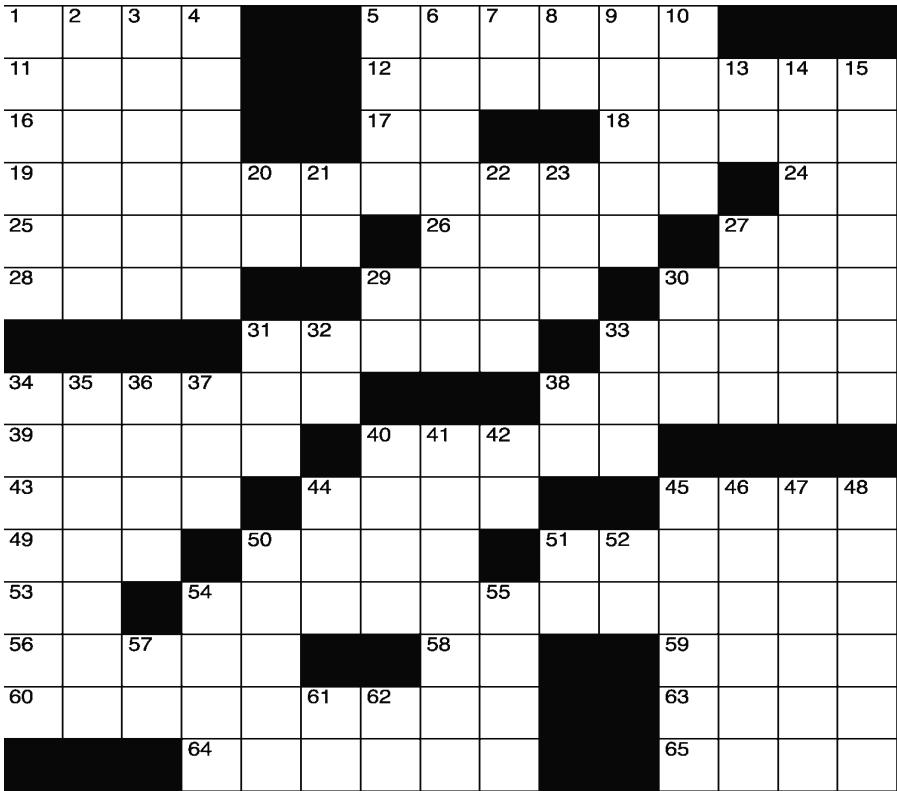
Right-hander Aaron Sanchez finalized a \$4 million, one-year contract with the San Francisco Giants on Sunday, giving the club another experienced starter to join Johnny Cueto in the rotation.

The Giants said Sanchez could earn up to \$2.5 million more in performance bonuses based on starts: \$250,000 each for 16 and 18 starts and \$500,000 each for 20, 22, 24 and 26 games started. He has been plagued by injuries in recent years.

The 28-year-old Sanchez hasn't pitched since 2019, sitting out last year's shortened season while recovering from surgery on his pitching shoulder. He went 5-14 with a 5.89 ERA over 27 starts and 131 1/3 innings playing for Toronto and Houston.

Puzzles Galore!

CROSSWORD



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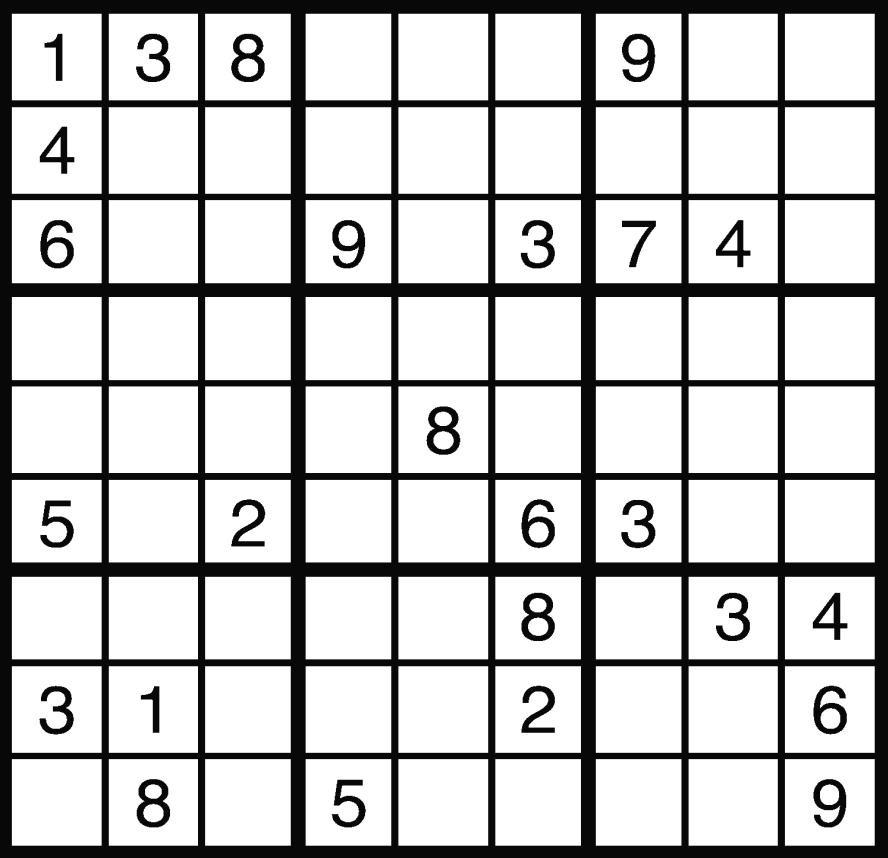
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 - 11. Stake
 - 12. Retrain
 - 16. Close by
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 - 18. One who publicly announces
 - 19. American ballplayer
 - 24. Junior's father
 - 25. Go up or climb
 - 26. Concern
 - 27. When you hope to get there
 - 28. Iacocca and Oswald are two
 - 29. Plant of the lily family
 - 30. Male college organization
 - 31. National capital
 - 33. Raccoonlike animal
 - 34. Symbols of fertility
 - 38. Astronomy unit
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Shoe
 - 2. Disquiet
 - 3. Posture
- 39. Series of ridges in anatomy
 - 40. Hebrew leader
 - 43. A portent of good or evil
 - 44. Supreme goddess
 - 45. Gelatinous substance
 - 49. Engage in a contest
 - 50. Famed ballplayer Ruth
 - 51. Pledge
 - 53. _ _ denotes past
 - 54. Revival
 - 56. Spanish surname
 - 58. Gold
 - 59. Elsa's sister
 - 60. Workplace
 - 63. Large quantity of something
 - 64. Engraved
 - 65. Discount
- 4. Large nests
 - 5. Soviet "Second Symphony" composer
 - 6. Joins two pipes of different diameter
 - 7. Exist
 - 8. Overdose
 - 9. Pleat of fabric
 - 10. Predict the future
 - 13. Burgeoning technology
 - 14. Having made a valid will
 - 15. Having no fixed course
 - 20. _ route
 - 21. Lethal dose
 - 22. Indian musical pattern of notes
 - 23. Athlete
 - 27. Geological times
 - 29. Atomic #21
 - 30. In support of
 - 31. Brew
 - 32. Certificate of insurance
 - 33. Taxi
 - 34. Type of saying
- 35. For cigars
 - 36. Phil __, former CIA
 - 37. Local area network
 - 38. Gym class
 - 40. Philippine Island
 - 41. Not great or bad
 - 42. Eastern part of NY state
 - 44. Gov't lawyers
 - 45. Constructions
 - 46. Former British gold coin
 - 47. Unkeyed
 - 48. Rechristen
 - 50. Threaten persistently
 - 51. Southeast
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 - 57. Thus
 - 61. Relief organization (abbr.)
 - 62. Exclamation of surprise

SUDOKU

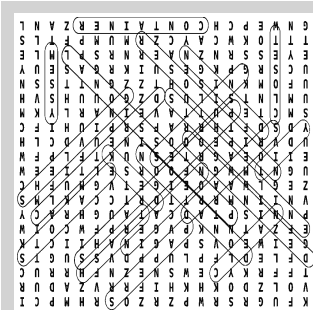
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

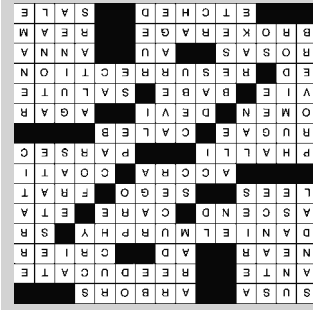
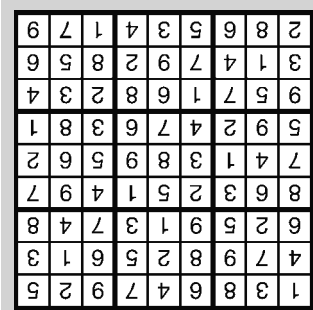


Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Answers to "Puzzles Galore"



WORD SEARCH (BE ORGANIZED)

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CLOSET

CLUTTERED

CONTAINER

DESIGN

DESK

DONATION

DRAWERS

MESSY

NEATEN

ORGANIZED
- PAPERS

PHOTOGRAPHS

PROFESSIONAL

RESOLUTION

SHELIVING

SORTING

STORAGE

STREAMLINE

TIDY

TRASH

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10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Neighborhood 'Bob-Abishola		All Rise "Safe to Fall" (N) 'PG'		Bull (N) (In Stereo) '14'	10 Tampa Bay	Late-Colbert	
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Ac. Hollywood	TMZ (N) 'PG'	9-1-1 "Jinx" (N) '14'	(DVS)	9-1-1: Lone Star (N) '14'	(DVS)	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)	FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo)		
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			News	ABC	ET	Inside Ed.	The Bachelor (N) '14'	(DVS)			The Good Doctor (N)	News	J. Kimmel	
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Jewish Roots	Great Awakening with	Love a Child 'G'		R & L Roberts	Andrew Wom	Firewall with	Christ in Prophecy	Keith Moore 'G'	The Great Awake
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash 'G'	Citrus Today	Sully's Biz Brew		Heartland Poker Tour		Vegas Unveiled: A Virtual Vegas	Citrus Court	Citrus Today	
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Inside Edition	The List (N) 'PG'	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo) '14'	(DVS)			The Good Doctor "Decrypt" (N) '14'	ABC Action News	Jimmy Kimmel	
62 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'
63 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			S.Channel	The 700 Club	Lovels		Child	Kenneth Cox	Franklin		S.Channel	Healing	Faith	Prince
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	All American "Teenage Love" (N) 'PG'		Black Lightning (N) (In Stereo) '14'		CW44 News (N)	CW44 News (N)	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls '14'
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe		Te doy la vida 'PG'		Amor eterno (N) 'PG'		Como tú no hay dos	Noticias	Noticiero	
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	9-1-1 "Jinx" (N) '14'		9-1-1: Lone Star '14'		FOX 51 News	Dateline 'PG'		
66 (WXPX) ION		17				NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	The First 48 "End of the Road" '14'		The First 48 "House of Cards" '14'		The First 48 "The Grudge" '14'		The First 48 "A Murder in Mobile" '14'		The First 48 "Cruel Intentions" '14'		The First 48 Presents Critical	
(ACCN)		99				Upon Fur	To Be Announced			Women's College Basketball				All Ac	Women's College Basketball		
(AMC)	55	64	55			*** "Now You See Me" (2013, Comedy-Drama) Jesse Eisenberg. 'PG-13'				*** "Southpaw" (2015, Drama) Jake Gyllenhaal. A retired boxer helps a down-and-out fighter seek redemption. 'R'				*** "Escape Plan" (2013) 'R'			
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	The Last Alaskans (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Last Alaskans "Bear Intruder" 'PG'		Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge "Alaskan Blaze" (N) (In Stereo) '14'				Homestead Rescue: Surviving the Wild "Operation: Clifftop" (In Stereo) 'PG'			
(BET)	96	71	96			*** "A Madea Christmas" (2013, Comedy) Tyler out her own brand of Christmas spirit. 'PG-13'				Perry. Madea dishes		*** "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?" (2010) Tyler Perry. Four couples struggle with the challenges of married life.					
(BIGTEN)	742	809				College Wrestling Maryland at Penn State. (N) (Live)				College Wrestling Indiana at Purdue. (N) (Live)		B1G Wrestling	The Journey	B1G Basketball in 60			
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Below Deck '14'		Below Deck '14'		Below Deck (N) '14'		Below Deck (N) '14'		Temptation Island		Watch What	
(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Daily Show	The Office '14'
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Reba 'PG'	Reba 'PG'
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room		Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)		College Basketball Syracuse at Duke. (N)		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	Daily Wager (N)		College Basketball Oregon State at Utah.		Women's College Basketball				Basket		NFL Live	
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)		Fox Business		Kennedy (N)		The Evening Edit		Fox Business		Kennedy	
(FLIX)		118	170			*** "Hollywood" (1998) Clive Owen. (In Stereo) 'NR'		*** "Croupier" (1998) Clive Owen. (In Stereo) 'NR'		*** "The Constant Gardener" (2005, Drama) Ralph Fiennes. (In Stereo) 'R'				*** "Rules of Engagement" (2000) Tommy Lee Jones. (In Stereo) 'R'			
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report		FOX News Primetime		Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night	
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Spring Baking		Spring Baking		Spring Baking		Spring Baking Championship 'G'		Chopped 'G'			
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence. 'PG'				*** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight. (In Stereo) 'PG'						The 700 Club (In Stereo)	
(FS1)	732	112	732			NASCAR Race Hub		Women's College Basketball				College Basketball Stanford at USC. (N)		Boxing (N Taped)			
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Epic	Panthers	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Florida Panthers. (N) (Live)		Panthers		Panthers		Snow		World Poker	
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** "Now You See Me 2" (2016) Jesse Eisenberg. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'				*** "The Equalizer 2" (2018, Action) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal, Ashton Sanders. (In Stereo) 'R'				*** "The Equalizer 2" (2018) Denzel Washington. 'R'			
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Golf Central 'G'		Golf	Golf	U.S. Open Epics (N)		PGA Tour Golf The Genesis Invitational, Final Round.					
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"A New Year's Resolution" (2021) 'NR'		"A Summer Romance" (2019, Romance) Erin Krakow, Ryan Paevy. 'NR'		*** "Bottled With Love" (2019, Romance) Bethany Joy Lenz, Kate Isaac. 'NR'				Golden Girls		Golden Girls	
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	Last Week To.	Axios '14'	*** "Argo" (2012, Historical Drama) Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin. (In Stereo) 'R'		Beartown (In Stereo) 'MA'		The Investigation "1280 Metres" '14'		*** "Unfaithful" (2002) Richard Gere.			
(HBO2)	303	202	303			*** "The Descendants" (2011) George Clooney. (In Stereo) 'R'				*** "City Slickers" (1991, Comedy) Billy Crystal. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'				*** "Somewhere" (2010) Stephen Dorff. 'R'		Axios '14'	
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	100 Day Dream Home 'G'		100 Day Dream Home 'G'		100 Day Dream Home (N) 'G'		Ty Breaker (N)		Rehab Addict Rescue		House Hunters	Hunters Int'l
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	American Pickers "A Bronx Tale" 'PG'		American Pickers "Hidden Harley" 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG' (DVS)		American Pickers Killer main street pick in Tennessee. (N) 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'	
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles "Cold as Ice" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14'		Rizzoli & Isles "Built for Speed" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14'		Rizzoli & Isles "Partners in Crime" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14'	
(LMN)	119	50	119			*** "The Cheerleader Escort" (2019, Suspense) Cynthia Preston. 'NR'				*** "Sorority Secrets" (2020, Suspense) Brytnee Ratledge, Elisabetta Fantone. 'NR'		*** "Her Deadly Sugar Daddy" (2020, Suspense) Lorynn York, Brent Bailey. 'NR'					
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			The Beat With		The ReidOut (N)		All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour	
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Micha Richard	Race and Sports Across America	Poker After Dark: Golden Nights		Poker After Dark: Golden Nights		Poker After Dark: Golden Nights		Poker After Dark: Golden Nights		Poker After	
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Life Below Zero 'PG'		Life Below Zero 'PG'		Life Below Zero 'PG'		Life Below Zero "Checkmate" 'PG'		Life Below Zero "The Chase" 'PG'		Life Below Zero 'PG'	
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	The Loud House 'Y7'		Loud	Casagran	Loud		Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends		Friends	Friends
(OWN)	125	24	103			Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Deadline: Crime		Dateline on OWN	
(OXY)	123	44	123			NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) 'PG'		NCIS (In Stereo) 'PG'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'	
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Movie (In Stereo)				*** "Coming to America" (1988) Eddie Murphy. An African prince and his royal sidekick come to Queens.				Movie	
(SEC)	745	72				The Paul Finebaum Show		TrueSouth (N)	SEC Inside (N)	SEC Inside Beyond the (N)		Once Upon a Comeback (N)		College Basketball Arkansas at Texas A&M.			
(SHOW)	340	241	340			*** "Trespass Against Us" (2016) Michael Fassbender. 'R'		The Circus Ins		Supervillain- Tekashi 6ix9ine		*** "Hitsville: The Making of Motown" (2019) Berry Gordy. (In Stereo) 'NR'		*** "Whitney: Can I Be Me" (2017) 'NR'			
(SUN)	36	31	36			Swing Clinic	Inside	Inside the HEAT	HEAT Pregame	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Oklahoma City Thunder. From Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City. (N)		HEAT Postgame		Inside the HEAT		Inside the HEAT	
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith. Rogue agents hunt a lawyer who has an incriminating tape. 'R'				Will Smith. Rogue agents		*** "Limitless" (2011, Suspense) Bradley Cooper. 'PG-13'		Bradley		Futurama 'PG'	Futurama 'PG'
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	American	American	Conan (N)	Seinfeld	
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "Father of the Bride" (1951) Spencer Tracy.		*** "Father's Little Dividend" (1951) Spencer Tracy.		*** "Rain Man" (1988) Dustin Hoffman. The Oscar-winning study of an autistic man and his brother.				*** "East of Eden" (1955, Drama) James Dean. 'PG'			
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Street Outlaws "New King Crowned" '14'		Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N) '14'		Street Outlaws "Grinding on the Daily" Racers bring their vehicles to compete. (N) (In Stereo) '14'				Street Outlaws (In Stereo) '14'		Street Outlaws (In Stereo) '14'	
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	1000-Lb. Sisters '14'		10									

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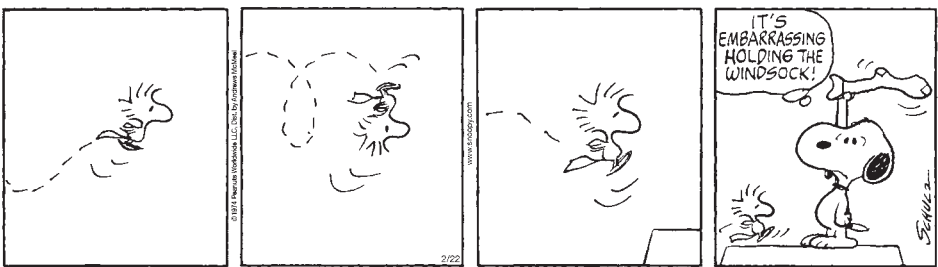
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Look at today's North-South hands. What do you think of their two-spade contract? After you know that West has led the heart king?

In the auction, North did not like

North	02-22-21
♠ 5 3	
♥ 6 5 4	
♦ K 8 6 4	
♣ A J 10 6	
West	East
♠ 7 2	♠ A 9 6
♥ K Q	♥ J 10 9 3 2
♦ A 10	♦ J 9 5 3 2
♣ Q 9 8 7 5 4 3	♣ —
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South	West</

Peanuts



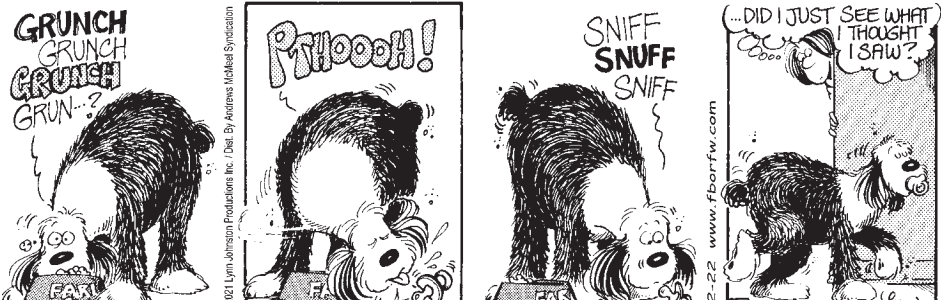
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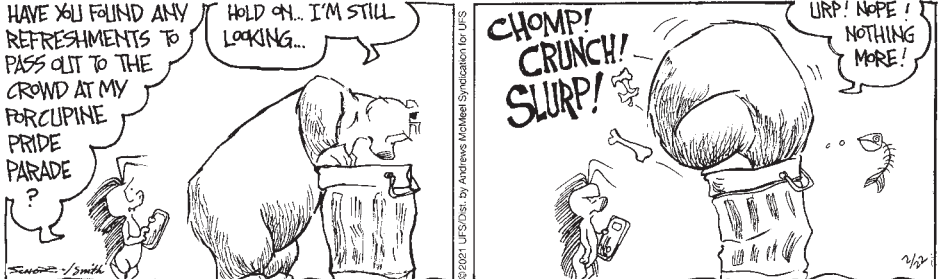
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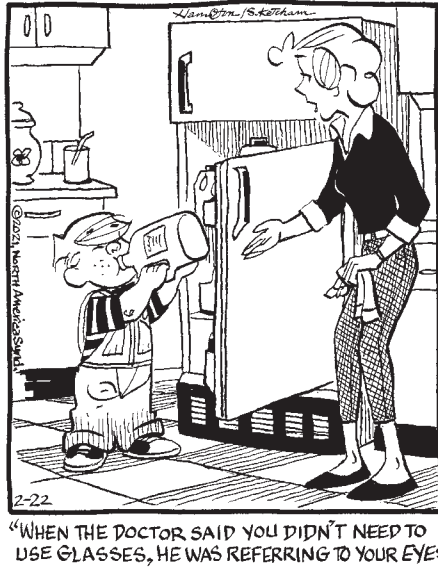
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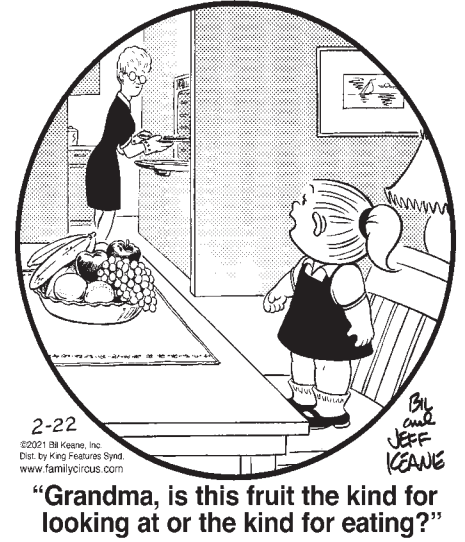
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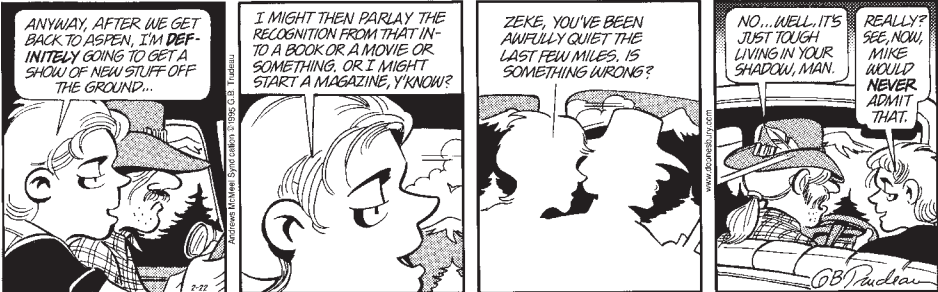
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The Family Circus



Doonesbury Flashbacks



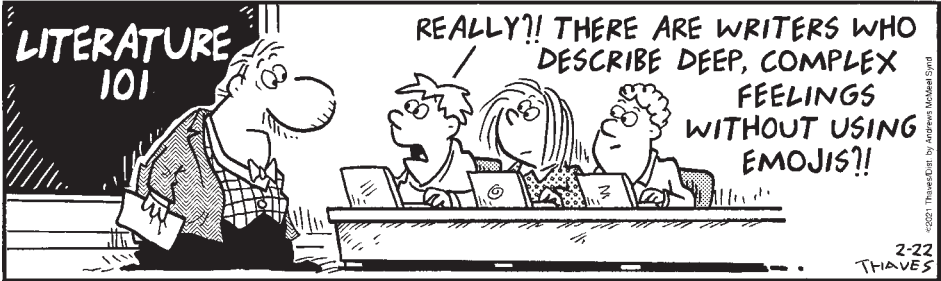
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Today's MOVIES

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"Air Force One" (R) Feb. 28, 3 p.m.

"Mildred Pierce" (PG) March 1, 1 p.m.

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

"Spaceballs" (PG) March 5, 7 p.m.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: B equals F

"VSPY NADDSNN EN JHG HJ GOS

NGPWS, MAG ... PN P OACPJ MSEJW,

PJK OHL XHA WSG PYHJW LEGO XHAV

BSYYHL CPJ." — NPCCX KPFEN TV.

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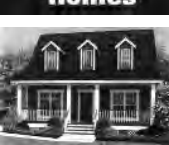
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			9		2			
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				9	8		6	
		5				1		

Solution to Saturday's puzzle 2/22/21

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

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

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KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- FINALLY

(FINALLY: FINE-uh-lee; At the end of a period of time.)

Average mark 12 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 17 or more words in FINALLY?
The list will be published tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S WORD -- LAMBENT

lamb	amble	meal	bate	elan
lame	amen	mean	beam	name
lament	ament	meant	bean	neat
lane	ante	meat	beat	table
late	male	melt	belt	tale
laten	malt	mental	bent	tame
lean	mane	metal	beta	teal
lent	mantel	bale	blame	team
abet	mantle	balm	blat	
able	mate	bane	bleat	

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

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ACROSS

- Actress — Longoria
- Scored well
- Permit
- Telegram
- Microwave
- Mouths, in biology
- Snarls
- Certain sib
- Team list
- Garlic juicer
- Sleet-covered
- Ballpoint point
- Thick board
- Snooper
- Like some juries
- Lunar phenomenon
- Remick or Trevino
- Bic filler
- Embraces
- Processes cotton

DOWN

- Still life subject
- Trattoria quaff
- Sculpture and dance
- Piqued
- -de-sac

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	I	D		N	A	I	L		K	A	T	E
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- Make do with
- Loathe
- Earring site
- Slips up
- New Mexico city
- Out to lunch
- Blouse part

- Box score stat
- Agrees silently
- Chi preceder
- Air-breather's organ
- "Lonely Boy" singer
- Poet's adverb
- Essayist's pen name
- Tear apart
- Ivory source
- Lisper's problem
- Renowned magician
- Swiss lake
- Soap ingredient
- Prom ride
- Gold unit
- Actress — Squibb
- Strong metal
- Wide st.
- Small pieces
- Riding the waves
- Dispatch
- Sun. follower
- Qt. parts

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- Outbuilding where loaves are kept (1)
- Wide-ranging volcanic explosion (1)
- Elegantly tapered scallion kin (1)
- Sticky candy bear belly (2)
- Zodiac ram's Staten Island boats (2)
- Loathing pairing up to propagate (2)
- Beastie's extreme nervousness (2)

1. BREAD SHED 2. VAST BLAST 3. SLEEK LEAK 4. GUMMY TUMMY

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1987 RAM 2500 Only 67K orig. mi., A/C, Manual Trans., Single cab, Long bed \$8500 719-568-4882

DODGE
2002 Ram Diesel - 2500 Cums/ BLK / 181K mi / 1 owner/ Tow pkg/ Ext. cab / Great Cond. - a/c \$11,500 352-601-0383

FORD
2010 F150 -single cab, auto trans, 5.0 eng., Ex. Cond., Good Tires, 91K mi, \$10K 352-444-2446

FORD
2019 RANGER XLT 4 x 4, Super Crew, 4 Cyl Turbo, Blue, 22K Mi. \$32,968 Nick Nicholas Ford 352-726-1231

FORD
F150 4WD - 2015 Supercab - Bright Red, Excellent Condition, 1 owner - 60K mostly hwy miles driven by an old guy-4WD barely used. Will email pics. \$24,000 352-621-3004

FORD
F350 Diesel King Ranch Crew Cab 4 x 4 108K mi/ Rear Ent./ Retractable Tonneau Cover-1 owner-ALL svc rec's/ Mint Condition! \$20,900 352-497-6945

Trucks

LINCOLN
'02 Blackwood - Good Cond.-ONLY 3K made FULLY LOADED \$8500 352-489-4129

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TOYOTO
Tacoma 2010 4X4 Black, V-6 200K mi. Excel. Cond., \$12,500

Sport/Utility Vehicles

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2018 EDGE Titanium Pkg., Gray, 56K Mi, \$24,968 Nick Nicholas Ford 352-726-1231

FORD
2018 Expedition XLT White, 40K LOW Mi. \$39,971 Nick Nicholas Ford 352-726-1231

FORD
2019 ESCAPE SE White, 10K LOW Mi. Safe & Smart Pkg. \$20,968 Nick Nicholas Ford 352-726-1231

GMC
2007 YUKON SLT 135K mi, 4DR, 3rd row seat removable, Good Condition. \$7K (352) 527-1775

KIA
2019 SPORTAGE EX Silver, 16K LOW Mi. \$21,968 Nick Nicholas Ford 352-726-1231

Sport/Utility Vehicles

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2017 MKC Red, 34K LOW Mi. \$23,968 Nick Nicholas Ford 352-726-1231

LINCOLN
2019 MKC Blue, 10K LOW Mi. \$30,968 Nick Nicholas Ford 352-726-1231

LINCOLN
2019 NAUTILUS Silver, 12K LOW Mi. \$43,968 Nick Nicholas Ford 352-726-1231

Vans

2012 VW Minivan
103K mi, Good Condition - Good Transportation \$5000 352-228-4664

FORD
2006 E150 CARGO VAN - many new parts - tow package - Awesome on Fuel \$6000 352-247-0788

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Motorcycles

Can-Am Spyder
2016, White, 4,705 mi, Garage-Kept, Excellent Condition! \$17,500 352-794-0352

EW-66 SCOOTER
Brand NEW! EW-66 -2 Seater- See on Internet. \$2500 352-465-6335

HARLEY 2016
Switchback, 2,935 mi., HD extended warranty 2023, \$11,500 352-765-4679

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'08 FLHX Street Glide, Very Clean, Low Miles, \$8900 OBO 352-277-9175

HONDA
1989 Goldwing SE 1500 CC, Blue/green. Only 11,401 mi., bought brand new. Perfect cond. Hardly driven. \$6000 obo Tony: 352-527-8950 Pictures avail. online!

HONDA
2005 Gold Wing, 85k mi, 1800 CC, silver, perfect cond \$8000 (352) 897-4108

HONDA
2014 TRX 400X \$4,500 obo cash only (352) 613-8173

HONDA GOLDWING TRIKE
"30th Anniv. Edition" 1832 CCI Champion Kit, AM-FM Weather Radio, Cruise, Reverse - Many Access. & Lights \$18K obo 352-513-5014

TRIKE V8 - 2004 MUST SEE! Factory Made, Ex Cond./Low Mi Auto trans w/reverse 1 of a Kind- Pics online- Reasonable \$19,900 352-341-3803

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2101-0222 MCRN PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the provision of Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, notice is given to the intent of the Citrus County Property Appraiser, to approve an additional position to be included in the Senior Management Services Class (SMSC) in the Florida Retirement System. The following regularly established position is to be designated: Director of Administrative Services. The effective date of inclusion of the above position will be March 1, 2021.

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