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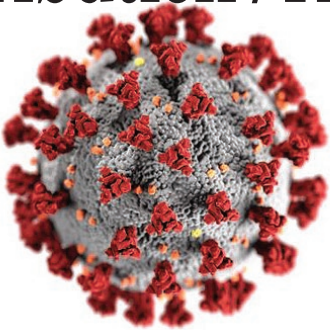
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Mostly cloudy and windy; falling temperatures.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus County COVID-19 update

According to the Florida Department of Health, 34 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update. No new deaths were reported, for a total of 344.

To date in the county, 8,676 people have tested positive (including 61 non-residents).

Seven new hospitalizations were reported, for a total of 596 hospitalized.

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

Key Center show goes virtual

The Key Training Center's 23rd annual Hat's Off Spring Vogue Fashion Show goes virtual Feb. 1-7. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 352-795-5541 ext. 312, or by texting KEYFASHION to 41444. They include a dessert goodie box with party favors, coupons, early admission to the online auctions, and more.

The virtual auction includes an abundance of items and gift baskets to bid on, as well as cakes.

Winning bidders can pick up items and goodie boxes at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center Feb. 7.

For information on to participate, follow the Key Training Center on Facebook @ KeyTrainingCenter; call 352-795-5541, ext. 312; or sign up at www.keytrainingcenter.org.

— From staff reports

ONLINE POLL

What do you think?

A frequent complaint in the Chronicle's Sound Off is the amount of litter on Citrus' local roadways. What should be done to keep our roads clean?

A. Leave it up to community groups willing to adopt roads, perform cleanups.

B. The county should do a better job with county staff doing the pickup.

C. Have county jail inmates do the dirty work.

D. More tickets from the sheriff's office would curb those lousy litterers. We need enforcement.

E. We need a community action plan with all above listed collectively working toward litter abatement.

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

If the state and local aquatic controls would run their operations more efficiently, there would be plenty of money to use on our boat ramps.

Steve Naas
Longtime Citrus County resident.

FEE FRUSTRATION



The Fort Island Trail boat ramp is one of the county's busiest facilities of its kind giving boaters direct access to the Gulf of Mexico or King's Bay. County Commissioners will decide a proposal Feb. 9 to charge launch fees at county-maintained boat ramps.

Area boaters assert fees aren't justifiable

MATTHEW BECK
Staff writer

The proposition of charging boaters accessing area lakes and rivers has provided mixed emotions for area boaters. Boat ramps and related facilities such as bathrooms, parking lots, playground equipment and other infrastructure all require money to build and maintain. Presently, a proposition is afoot by Citrus County Commissioners to charge county residents \$25 annually or \$10 for each use at designated, public boat ramps. Non-residents using the same ramps will potentially be required to fork out \$50 annually or the same \$10 daily usage fee. Commissioners will discuss the fees at its regular meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness. Steve Naas, who has called Citrus County home for four decades, is one who opposes a usage fee. The retired Floral City resident voiced his disapproval Thursday saying boaters like him are responsible for providing a

large amount of tax revenue for the county and an additional fee is unnecessary. In 2018, Naas used the Hernando boat ramp more than 200 times "It's a state-owned lake and the county built us nice parks to access it," he said. "With that access brings boaters from all over, not just locally, and that provides commerce to the whole area. Boaters spend money on gas, food, supplies and hotels to name a few. "I believe if you start charging to use the facilities there will be less usage. Less usage would mean less tax revenue from area businesses." The commerce this county is making money from by people coming to these ramps is significant, Naas said. "We're already making money," he explained. "There are industries making a living off of boaters. What more does this county want? If the businesses make less, the county gets less. The county will lose money if they do this by creating a smaller tax base." Compare this fee to making County Road 581 a toll road, Naas explained hypothetically of the toll.

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Kinnard: User fees 'fairest way' to pay for boat ramps

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

On Feb. 9, county commissioners will vote on whether to impose fees at county boat ramps. If it seems like déjà vu, you're right. Imposing these fees has come up before and each time the idea was rejected.

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COVID symptom: lawsuits

Chamber petitions state for business protections

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Fearing COVID-19-related lawsuits against businesses, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is asking state lawmakers to support a bill that would give businesses legal protections if they take adequate steps to protect customers. Committees in both the House of Representatives and the Senate are considering similar bills that would afford businesses liability protections from COVID-19-related lawsuits if courts determine they "substantially" complied with government-issued health standards. The bills are meant to protect responsible businesses from someone suing based on an accusation that they were infected by the coronavirus at the business. "The COVID-19 pandemic has created



Josh Wooten
Chamber of Commerce CEO, president.

stores and shops are properly sanitized, they use and require customers and employees to use PPE and socially distance themselves, and have retrofitted their facilities with protective infrastructure and spacing to provide the safest environment possible, the nature of

a situation that has made running a business extremely difficult during these times," wrote local chamber president and CEO Josh Wooten and John Murphy, chamber government affairs committee chairman. "Although employers may take extraordinary measures to follow government guidelines to ensure that their offices, they use and require customers and employees to use PPE and socially distance themselves, and have retrofitted their facilities with protective infrastructure and spacing to provide the safest environment possible, the nature of

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Wait for it

Long-term care needs COVID-19 vaccines



Associated Press
A vial of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

TOM MURPHY
AP Health Writer

Frustration is building over the pace of COVID-19 vaccinations at long-term care sites, where some homes still await first shots while fending off a virus that can devastate their residents. The major drugstore chains tasked with giving shots in these places are far along in vaccinating nursing home residents and staff. But some other types of group residences won't receive first doses until mid-February or later, despite being among the top priorities for shots.

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Beautification project at Brannen Bank



Inverness City Council, Mayor, staff and Matt Brannen of Brannen Bank celebrated the completion of the repaving and beatification of the downtown Pine Avenue lot recently in front of Brannen Bank. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Monday, Jan. 25. From left, are: City Manager Eric Williams, City Clerk Susan Jackson, Mayor Bob Plaisted, Kevin Hepfer, Matt Brannen, councilmembers Linda Bega, Jacquie Hepfer, Ken Hinkle, Cabot McBride and Dave Ryan, community member and city staff Sheila Densmore and Scott McCulloch.

Special to the Chronicle

County BRIEFS

Libraries can help answer vaccine questions

The Citrus County Department of Health encourages citizens who would like additional information on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution in Citrus County to phone any of the local library branches. Staff is on hand to answer questions and provide the required paperwork necessary to receive the vaccine.

Citizens can also download paperwork at the Department of Health, such as the COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent and the Moderna Fact Sheet, which has information on what to expect during and after the injection will also be given before receiving the vaccine. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5ue5ax4> (<http://citrus.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/COVID19InfoCitrusCounty/index.html>).

Phone numbers for COVID-19 vaccination distribution information are as follows:

- Central Ridge Library: 352-746-6622
- Coastal Region Library: 352-795-3716
- Floral City Library: 352-726-3671
- Homosassa Library: 352-628-5626
- Lakes Region Library: 352-726-2357

Citizens are asked to be patient as the COVID-19 vaccination program continues in the months to come. Additional locations, dates and times will be announced later.

Area Mon Valley Florida reunion coming up

BELLEAIR BLUFFS — The 41st annual Mon Valley Florida Reunion for area snowbirds and residents is coming up Saturday, Feb. 27. The reunion will begin at noon at Cody's Roadhouse, 2890 W. Bay Drive, Belleair Bluffs.

Face masks are required for all who attend, when not eating or drinking. Note that this is a different Cody's than the previous location.

The reunion is one of several events that bring together former Valley and Southwestern Pennsylvania residents living in Florida.

Follow the Mon Valley Florida Reunion page on Facebook.

After renovation, Florida lighthouse to reopen

ST. GEORGE ISLAND — After a much-needed renovation, a historic lighthouse in Florida is ready to reopen.

The Cape St. George Lighthouse was in need of numerous repairs, including extensive painting and replacement of all windows in the lantern room.

The 72-foot lighthouse on St. George Island is set to formally set to re-open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday.

There have been lighthouses on the island off the Florida Panhandle since 1833 but three were destroyed by hurricanes or erosion. The current light was erected in 2008.

The Panama City New Herald reports that the recent repairs, completed in mid-January, were in part assisted by a \$24,000 grant from the Florida Lighthouse Association.

The total cost of the work was about \$100,000. Officials say the nonprofit St. George Lighthouse Association funded most of the rest.

Beach poles behind Florida hotel block driving

DAYTONA BEACH — Driving on the seaside sand, a long-lived tradition in Daytona Beach, is now threatened along one short stretch where poles are blocking any vehicles.

The Hard Rock Hotel erected the poles along a 410-foot section of beach to prevent driving there. The chair of the Volusia County Council, Jeff Brower, has made beach driving a priority since his election in November.

Driving is permitted on about a third of Volusia County's 47-mile coastline. It's been a part of the region since the early days of the automobile, when a car nicknamed the "Bullet" zipped down the hard-packed sand in 1903 at a then-astounding 69 miles an hour.

Brower told the Daytona Beach News-Journal that the poles are treated with harsh chemicals that could harm beachgoers and that he won't appear at any events at the Hard Rock until they are removed.

"I can't in good conscience support it when my constituents don't support it," Brower said. "I think it would be a tremendous gesture on the part of the Hard Rock to remove those."

Brower now intends to meet next week with the Hard Rock's owner, Abbas Abdull-hussein, and its general manager. A local group called Sons of the Beach had planned a driving rally to coincide with the meeting, but that has been called off.

"I think it's important Jeff has a successful term as chairman and we don't want to get in the way," said Paul Zimmerman, president of Sons of the Beach.

Rod Stewart lawyer: Altercation plea deal in works

WEST PALM BEACH — Rod Stewart and his son have worked out details for a plea deal to settle misdemeanor battery charges stemming from an altercation with a security guard at a posh Florida hotel, a lawyer for the rock icon says.

Defense attorneys said Friday that Stewart and his son, Sean Stewart, would not be

going to trial for the altercation at The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach on New Year's Day 2020, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported. Stewart's lawyers didn't elaborate on the details.

The Stewarts' lawyer, Guy Fronstin of Boca Raton, has been negotiating a plea deal with Assistant State Attorney Zachary O'Neill, according to the SunSentinel.

"It sounds like everything's been worked out," said attorney Alexandra Antonacci, speaking on behalf of Fronstin, the newspaper reported. She said paperwork still has to be completed in the case.

Prosecutors had no immediate announcement in the case, but did say Saturday that plea deal negotiations are ongoing.

Stewart, 76, and a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, is best known for such hits as "Maggie May" and "Tonight's the Night."

The London-born singer was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2016.

Security guard Jessie Dixon told police then that the now 76-year-old Stewart and his family were at the check-in table for a private party that they weren't authorized to

attend.

Dixon said the group became loud and began causing a scene. Dixon told investigators he put his hand on the younger Stewart's chest and told him to back up and make space, the report said.

That's when Sean Stewart, the rock star's 40-year-old son, got "nose to nose" with Dixon.

Sean Stewart then shoved Dixon backwards. Rod Stewart punched Dixon in his "left rib cage area" with a closed fist, a police report said.

The police report said Sean Stewart told investigators he became agitated when they were not able to attend the event "due to Dixon's interaction with him and his family."

Palm Beach officer Stephen Mancino said he viewed security footage at the hotel and determined that the Stewarts were the "primary aggressors."

Two Breakers employees who were working the private event told police they saw Sean Stewart push Dixon and Rod Stewart punch the guard.

Dixon signed an affidavit saying that he wanted to press charges against the Stewarts.

— From wire reports

— From staff reports

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS BRIEFS

- Local organizations are welcome to submit news briefs for publication in the Chronicle.
- Send news releases to community@chronicleonline.com. Submissions are always subject to editing.
- For more information, call Christine Marino at 352-563-6363., ext. 1129.

D-I-Y ONLINE CALENDAR

- Local groups are welcome to add their upcoming events to the Chronicle's online community calendar. Go to www.chronicleonline.com. At the very top of the screen, click on "Submit your news."
- Sign in or create an account. Once signed in, click on "Calendar Events" in the left-hand column, then click on "Create an event." Fill in all fields — those marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.
- Click the "Create Event" button at the end.
- Submissions are subject to approval by staff.

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Pursuant to Section 125.35, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereby gives notice that it shall offer the following surplus real properties for sale through the online auction website, www.GovDeals.com, beginning on the 15th day of February, 2021 and ending on 1st day of, March, 2021. The Board may convey the parcel to the highest bidder or may reject offers. A successful bidder shall receive a Statutory "County Deed" approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

ALTKEY	ADDRESS	Acres	PARCEL ID	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
2110945	10747 N ACADEMY DR - CITRUS SPRINGS	0.39	18E17S100270 13670 0010	CITRUS SPGS UNIT 27 PB 9 PG 54 LOT 1 BLK 1367
1411777	1486 E CARSON RD - CITRUS SPRINGS	0.37	18E17S100170 12220 0110	CITRUS SPGS UNIT 17 LOT 11 BLK 1222
1447186	2840 W XENOX DR - CITRUS SPRINGS	0.23	18E17S100210 15050 0060	CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT 21 LOT 6 BLK 1505
1055377	7808 W MANOR LN - CRYSTAL RIVER	0.23	17E18S140010 00120 0140	SHERWOOD MOBILE MANOR UNREC SUB LOT 14 UNREC OF LOTS 12 & 13 HOLIDAY ACRES UNIT 1 FURTHER DESC IN OR BK 807 PG 1139
2228032	6615 W LINUS CT - CRYSTAL RIVER	0.54	17E18S360310 000F0 0074	MAYFAIR GARDEN ACRES LOT 4 OF UNREC SOUTH GOLF ACRES BLK F FURTHER DESC IN OR BK 706 PG 618
2229560	6609 W LINUS CT - CRYSTAL RIVER	0.50	17E18S360310 000F0 0075	MAYFAIR GARDEN ACRES LOT 5 UNREC OF LOT 7 BLK F FURTHER DESC IN OR BK 735 PG 709
3446139	6706 W QUAIN CT - CRYSTAL RIVER	1.03	17E18S25 70001 1100	BYPASS PARCEL # 110 DESCR AS LOT: MAYFAIR GARDEN ACRES PB 2 PG 141 LOTS 5 & 6 UNREC OF LOT 5 BLK H MORE FULLY DESCR IN OR BK 725 PG 287
1903076	1656 W NAT TURNER LN - DUNNELLON	0.22	18E16S350030 0930	SOUTH SIDE LOT 93 & E1/2 OF LOT 94 DESC IN OR BK 863 PG 849
1574927	8769 N PISTOL PT - DUNNELLON	0.15	19E17S240060 000J0 0210	FORT APACHE 1ST ADD PB 7 PG 67 LOT 21 BLK J
1597471	3515 E SQUAW VALLEY DR - HERNANDO	0.11	19E18S140050 00250 0150	APACHE SHORES UNIT 5 LOTS 15 & 16 BLK 25 DESC IN OR BK 855 PGS 990 & 992
1614708	2669 N VASSER TER - HERNANDO	0.18	19E18S240010 00140 0010	PARSONS PT ADD TO HERNANDO LOT 1 BLK 14
2488891	6522 N. MEGAN PT - HERNANDO	1.01	20E18S06 43201 0070	OAKWOOD ISLAND UNREC SUB PARCEL 7 DESC IN OR BK 708 PG 2125, OR BK 713 PG 1176, OR BK 716 PG 1386 & OR BK 717 PG 716 & OR BK 1118 PG 1417
2271388	6515 N SHOREWOOD DR - HERNANDO	0.22	19E17S360030 00050 0020	RIVER LAKES MANOR UNIT 3 PB 4 PG 47 LOT 2 BLK 5
1937132	10674 S LE BARON AVE - HOMOSASSA	1.96	17E20S35 1A000 0230	SHADY ACRES UNREC SUBD PARCEL 23 DESC AS: BEG AT PT FOUND BY MEASURING AL N LN OF SD SEC 35 FROM NE COR THEREOF S89DEG 55M W 421.82 FT TO W LN OF LE BARON AVE AS NOTED ON PLAT OF PLEASURE ACRES PB 3 PG 77 TH S 16DEG 00M W 466.34FT TH S ODEG 04M W 346.28 FT
2376597	5298 W STARBURST LN - HOMOSASSA	0.49	18E19S30 22000 0143	HIGH RIDGE ESTS UNREC SUB E1/2 OF W1/2 OF LOT 14 DESC IN OR BK 841 PG 720 & OR BK 1651 PG 578
3211385	W SUNNYSIDE DR - HOMOSASSA	0.05	17E19S27 10000 005E	HOMOSASSA SPGS GDNS UNIT 2 UNREC SUB UNIT 23 FURTHER DESC IN OR BK 686 PG 2169 & OR BK 820 PG 224 & OR BK 1680 PG 1026
3211401	W SUNNYSIDE DR - HOMOSASSA	0.09	17E19S27 10000 005G	HOMOSASSA SPGS GDNS UNIT 2 UNREC SUB UNITS 25 & 26
3200010	W SUNNYSIDE DR - HOMOSASSA	0.05	17E19S27 10000 005A	HOMOSASSA SPGS GDNS UNIT 2 UNREC SUB UNIT 19
1189080	10632 S RIVIERA DR - HOMOSASSA	0.16	17E20S350010 0750	PLEASURE ACRES LOT 75 DESCR IN OR BK 608 PG 586
1160715	5460 S VELOUR LOOP - HOMOSASSA	0.22	17E19S350200 0360	NEW HOMOSASSA VILLAGE PB 4 PG 92 LOT 36

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Around the COUNTY

Grief support begins Feb. 2

Starting Tuesday, Feb. 2, new sessions of two Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast support groups will start meeting for nine weeks at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa Springs

The Grief Study Group is a faith-based study for handling grief, meeting from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through March 30, sponsored by North Citrus Christian Church.

The Grief Toolbox Support Group provides participants with an understanding of the grief experience and a place to talk openly about their grief, meeting from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March 30, sponsored by Brown Funeral Home & Crematory.

All support group sessions observe CDC guidelines; since space may be limited, reserve a seat in advance by calling 352-249-1470.

Woman's Club ready to sell soup

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will host their annual Soup-A-Thon 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the clubhouse, 11756 Cedar St., Dunnellon. This is a take-out only event, so it is encouraged to come early.

All soups are served in 12-ounce containers; \$8 for two containers or \$10 for three containers. Home-made baked goods will also be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship program. For information, call 352-256-8608.

Democratic club meets virtually

The Democratic Women's Club of Citrus County will meet virtually at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

Email dwccitrus@gmail.com for an invitation link. Speaking will be Pam Escarcega, Marion County chapter leader of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition.

For information, call 352-697-1512 or email dwcfcitrus@gmail.com.

Garden club to meet Feb. 15

The Homosassa River Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. in Homosassa. The meeting will include a presentation on the wetlands by Scott Kirby of the Environmental Protection Agency. Social distancing and masks required. Bring a beverage. For information, visit homosassarivergardenclub.wordpress.com or call Carole at 352-586-9506.

Chocolate basket sale this year

In lieu of the Chocolate Bonanza this year, the Women of Sugarmill Woods are offering chocolate baskets. Each basket will be filled with cupcakes, candy, other goodies and your choice of sparkling cider or chocolate wine.

The basket with the chocolate wine will be \$25. The basket with the sparkling cider will be \$15.

To order, drop checks, including phone number, in Box 5, near the exit of Cypress Village on Cypress Blvd. For information, call Roxanne Soden at 630-212-7173 or Blossom DeYoung at 417-598-1512. Order deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 9.

— From staff reports

Seeking to deliver better service

Mental Health First Aid certification training free to local organizations

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

When someone has a mental health crisis, few of us would know what to do for them.

Wilma Norton, vice president of community connections with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, wants to change that.

Norton and the foundation are offering nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, and other community-based groups free training to help and stabilize people suffering a mental health episode until they can get the professional help they need.

The Mental Health First Aid is a national certification through the National Council for Behavioral Health.

Organizations can visit cftampabay.org/mentalhealth to set up an appointment. Norton told the Chronicle that the five-to-six-hour course is currently virtual during the pandemic. There is also a two-hour orientation.

"It's similar to CPR for first aid," Norton said. "The whole idea is to equip you to identify a mental health challenge."

The goal is not to treat the person, but ask questions and help them get the help they need, she said.

While many people know only to call police, the hope is to avoid police involvement when possi-

ble, she said.

In many cases, "it's really a mental health issue and not a police issue," Norton said.

Some of the questions people are trained to ask include whether the person is having other problems, are they thinking of suicide, do they have the means to hurt themselves, and how can they help to make things better.

Typically, when law enforcement is called the only options become taking the person to a hospital setting or jail, she said.

"The goal is to help people before it escalates (to where they are arrested or hospitalized),"



Wilma Norton
Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.

Enhancing, protecting Cooter Pond Boardwalk



Special to the Chronicle

Community members join in with Inverness officials Jan. 21 to celebrate the new decking installed at Cooter Pond Boardwalk. Holding the ribbon, from left, are City Manager Eric Williams; City staff Scott McCulloch; councilmembers Linda Bega and Jacquie Hepfer; Mayor Bob Plaisted; and City Clerk Susan Jackson. This project comprised nearly a half mile of wood decking replaced by a locally invented product called "Wear Deck" composite decking. This will enhance the park's beautify and cut back maintenance.

DeSantis health budget wins praise, mostly

CHRISTINE SEXTON
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposed \$96.6 billion budget unveiled Thursday got high marks from most, but not all, health care providers that treat poor, elderly and disabled Floridians.

The governor did not recommend Medicaid rate cuts for nursing homes or hospitals in his proposed spending plan for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, drawing praise from associations that lobby for those facilities.

But other groups said the proposed budget falls short in funding for the care of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dubbed "Florida Leads," the proposed budget recommends increasing by \$15 million funding for the so-called Medicaid iBudget program, which helps people with disabilities live at home or in their communities. But the proposal does not contain Medicaid rate

increases for providers that work directly with people with disabilities.

"It's a source of great concern and unhappiness among most of our people," said Jim DeBeaugrine, interim director of The ARC of Florida, which includes 40 facilities across the state.

DeSantis proposed spending plan is a blueprint for lawmakers to consider when they convene in March for the 60-day legislative session. The Republican-led Legislature is in charge of crafting the general appropriations act, better known as the budget.

Facing an economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, DeSantis in June vetoed \$1 billion in spending from the current-year budget, with about \$140 million coming in the health care portion of the budget.

DeSantis spared hospitals and nursing homes from rate cuts at

the time, but he vetoed \$58.4 million in rate increases meant for community-based providers who care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He also wiped out \$38.4 million in rate increases for institutional providers that treat disabled people with some of the most maladaptive behaviors.

DeSantis' new proposal recommends \$36 million in rate increases for the institutional care facilities. While that recommendation doesn't mirror the amount he vetoed in June, lobbyists called the difference inconsequential.

But the proposed budget doesn't recommend restoration of the \$58.4 million for community-based providers, a top priority of former Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton.

In June, Sen. Aaron Bean, a Fernandina Beach Republican in charge of writing the Senate's

health-care budget, said the \$58.4 million veto "hurt the most."

The funding is used to reimburse people who work directly with clients who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. On average, direct care workers earn \$9.50 an hour, according to a state analysis.

Florida voters in November approved a constitutional amendment to gradually raise the state's minimum wage, with the first step increasing it to \$10 an hour in September. To meet that mandate, Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities President and CEO Suzanne Sewell said the Legislature needs to increase Medicaid rates by \$83 million.

"I think we are at the point where the state needs to be looking at some additional revenues or new sources or in some way figuring out how to restore what was lost. Because I understand that Florida needs a balanced budget, but we've been through some very tough times," Sewell said.

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED

Key votes for the week ending Jan. 29, reported by Voterama in Congress. (The House was in recess.)

■ **Allowing Trump Impeachment Trial:** Voting 55-45, the Senate on Jan. 26 set aside an objection by Rand Paul, R-Ky., to the constitutionality of the upcoming impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump. **Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, No.**

■ **Confirming Janet Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury:** Voting 84-15, the Senate on Jan. 25 confirmed Janet L. Yellen, 74, as secretary of the Treasury, elevating her as the first woman to lead the department in

its 232-year history. **Marco Rubio, Did not vote; Rick Scott, No.**

■ **Confirming Antony Blinken, Secretary of State:** By a vote of 78-22, the Senate on Jan. 26 confirmed Antony Blinken, 58, as the nation's 71st secretary of state. **Marco Rubio, Yes; Rick Scott, No.**

■ **Ending Filibuster Against Mayorkas:** Voting 55 for and 42 against, the Senate on Jan. 28 defeated a Republican filibuster against the nomination of Alejandro

Mayorkas as secretary of homeland security, clearing the way for a Feb. 1 confirmation vote. **Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, No.**

■ **Key votes ahead:** The Senate will debate President Biden's nominees and a \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief package in the week of Feb. 1, while the House schedule was to be announced.

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ONLINE POLL RESULTS

QUESTION: County commissioners are considering a proposed ordinance that would set boat ramp fees of \$10 per day, a \$25 annual pass for county residents and \$50 annual pass for anyone living outside of the county to launch any type of boat transported by trailer. How do you feel about the proposed fees?

■ **A.** There should be no free lunch for boaters. (103 votes)
■ **B.** It's about time boaters pay their fair share. (153 votes)
■ **C.** The price is right. (361 votes)

■ **D.** County residents should be exempt. (491 votes)
■ **E.** Ramps should be free to everyone. (327 votes)

Total votes: 1,435. Find this week's online poll question./Page A1

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Take the initiative when it comes to money matters, and you will enjoy less stress and greater control over your life. Update contracts, documents and investments to suit your long-term plans.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Focus on what you can do, not on what you can't. Don't let the changes others make disrupt your plans. Arguing is a waste of time.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Call in favors, and you'll receive the help you need. Make the first move and adapt when necessary. Don't lose sight of your goal.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Send out your resume, apply for a job or pursue a promotion. You'll make a good impression.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Keep moving forward, let your intuition guide you and be charming instead of forceful. Take the time to help others.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Embrace the future with optimism. Personal growth, knowledge and peace of mind will highlight your day. Romance is favored.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Concentrate on what you want to achieve. Gather information and consider the cost before you begin, and you'll find a way to streamline your plans.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — The way you handle partnerships will determine how well you do. Opportunity is within reach, but beware interference and poor judgment.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Information will come your way. Consider your options and take action. A responsible attitude will lead to an opportunity that will help boost your earning potential.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Consider the changes you want to make, and set a realistic budget. If you overspend, you will add undue stress to your life.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be secretive. Put everything in place, look for potential problems and find solutions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Do what comes naturally. Use your skills to get ahead professionally, financially and personally. Romance is featured.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Stay on top of your responsibilities. Get things done on time, and refuse to let emotional matters spin out of control.

ENTERTAINMENT



This image released by the Sundance Institute shows a scene from the Edgar Wright film "The Sparks Brothers," an official selection of the Premieres section at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival.

Edgar Wright explores 'glam rock anomaly' Sparks at Sundance

SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL — Ever heard of the band Sparks? If you haven't, you're not alone. If you have, it's not unlikely that they're one of your favorite bands.

The pop rock duo formed by brothers **Ron and Russell Mael** has in their five-decade run gained a cult following of some seriously creative people, from **Beck** and **Weird Al** to **Mike Myers** and **Amy Sherman-Palladino**. And they are the subject of "The Sparks Brothers," a new documentary from filmmaker **Edgar Wright** that explores the question of how a band can be "successful, underrated, hugely influential and overlooked all at the same time." The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival Saturday night.

Wright has been a fan since he first saw them on Top of the Pops in 1979 at age five and said they "kept coming back into

his life" in the pre-Internet age of music fandom. Over the years it grew into a bit of an obsession.

"At some point when you're a fan of a band like Sparks you become a sort of evangelist for them," Wright said.

He kept toying with the idea of a documentary, thinking that perhaps an overview was the thing that was holding them back from wider fame.

Then, in 2017 at a Sparks gig, director **Phil Lord** just told him to do it. That night he asked them if they would be open to the idea.

People had approached the Maels in the past about doing a documentary and they'd always had the same answer: No.

"We'd always been hesitant about the idea of having a documentary for Sparks," said Russell Mael. "We tend to feel that what we do via our music and the image you have of the band,

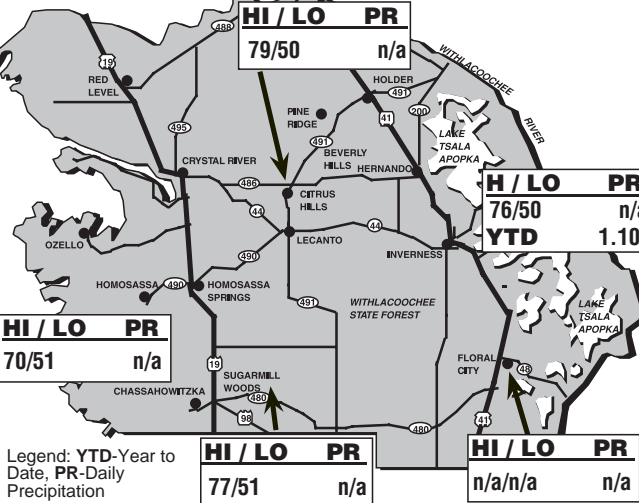
the album cover artwork and seeing the band, the videos on television, that that speaks better than any document could speak about us."

Part of the allure of the band is the mystery surrounding them. They worried that a documentary would lessen that. A running misconception is that they're British. And their Wikipedia page is terrifically confusing. **Jason Schwartzman** in the documentary even says (mostly in jest) that he's not sure that he'll ever watch it because he doesn't want to learn too much about them. But the Maels were already fans of Wright's films, which include "Hot Fuzz" and "Shaun of the Dead."

"It just seemed like it was meant to be," said Ron Mael. They knew that they were on the same wavelength and had similar sensibilities.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 55° Low: 37°
Mostly cloudy, windy, falling temperatures

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 52° Low: 33°
Mostly cloudy AM, mostly sunny PM, windy, chilly

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 61° Low: 33°
Sunny, cool

ALMANAC

Data from
Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday78/50
Record*87/23
Normal72/43
Mean temp.58
Departure from mean7

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday0.00"
Total for the month0.68"
Total for the year0.68"
Normal for the year3.09"

UV INDEX:

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

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

29.95

DEW POINT

Yesterday at 3 p.m.59°

HUMIDITY

Yesterday at 3 p.m.54%

POLLEN COUNT**

Today's active pollen:
juniper, maple, oak

Today's count: 6.6/12

Tuesday's count: 8.4

Wednesday's count: 9.9

AIR QUALITY

Yesterday observedGood
PollutantOzone

SOLUNAR TABLES				Provided by ezsfhn.com	
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR
02/01	MONDAY	7:17	3:44	6:08	4:08
02/02	TUESDAY	7:16	4:33	6:09	4:57

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 6:08 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:16 am
MOONRISE TODAY 10:20 pm
MOONSET TODAY 10:04 am

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

0 - 1	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 or-	
4 - 5	Wednesday	Common Areas	Friday

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

TIDES

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

MONDAY

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	8:42 a.m.	0.6 ft 9:03 p.m.
Crystal River**	6:47 a.m.	0.3 ft 1:50 a.m.
Withlacoochee*	3:47 a.m.	0.1 ft 4:19 p.m.
Homosassa***	7:24 a.m.	0.1 ft 1:42 p.m.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	62	37	mc	Miami	75	50	sh
Fort Lauderdale	74	48	sh	Ocala	59	35	mc
Fort Myers	67	49	pc	Orlando	62	38	mc
Gainesville	55	34	cl	Pensacola	51	35	pc
Homestead	75	48	sh	Sarasota	65	48	mc
Jacksonville	58	35	cl	Tallahassee	48	35	mc
Key West	73	59	sh	Tampa	62	45	mc
Lakeland	62	42	mc	Vero Beach	69	38	mc
Melbourne	68	38	mc	W. Palm Bch.	71	48	sh

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northwest winds 20 to 25 knots. Seas building to 6 to 8 feet. Bay and inland waters rough. Tonight: Northwest winds 20 to 25 knots. Seas 6 to 10 feet. Bay and inland waters rough.

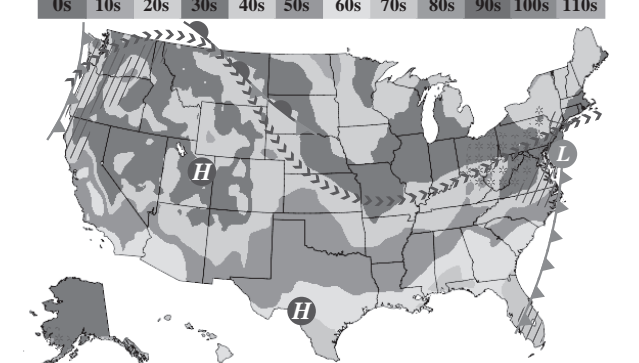
Gulf water temperature 64°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SUN	SAT	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.08	28.07	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.45	37.46	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.61	38.63	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.81	39.83	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Monday

	SUN				MON					SUN				MON																							
City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst	City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst																	
Albany	18	-7	0.00	26	22	sn	New Orleans	72	57	0.03	53	38	sn	Albuquerque	52	21	0.00	56	32	mc																	
Asheville	38	30	0.41	35	25	ra	New York City	26	20	0.01	30	26	sn	Birmingham	70	50	0.36	41	28	cl																	
Atlanta	46	41	0.39	41	29	cl	Norfolk	51	32	0.74	42	32	ra	Boise	52	34	0.00	55	39	mc																	
Atlantic City	34	22	0.31	42	33	ra	Oklahoma City	48	32	0.00	54	37	s	Boston	23	7	0.00	34	30	sn																	
Austin	69	50	0.00	65	37	s	Omaha	31	28	Trace	32	18	mc	Buffalo	27	12	0.00	28	20	sn																	
Baltimore	32	28	0.43	34	30	rs	Palm Springs	72	45	0.00	71	53	mc	Charlotte, NC	70	43	0.57	51	36	sh																	
Billings	50	23	0.00	53	32	s	Philadelphia	31	25	0.14	33	30	sn	Charleston, WV	45	32	0.36	38	26	ra																	
Birmingham	70	50	0.36	41	28	cl	Phoenix	72	43	0.00	74	54	mc	Charlotte	40	35	0.73	44	32	ra																	
Boise	52	34	0.00	55	39	mc	Pittsburgh	34	27	0.21	35	23	sn	Chicago	34	28	0.19	32	21	mc																	
Boston	23	7	0.00	34	30	sn	Portland, ME	27	2	0.00	31	27	sn	Cincinnati	41	33	0.99	32	21	ss																	
Buffalo	27	12	0.00	28	20	sn	Portland, OR	52	44	0.23	51	41	ra	Cleveland	36	28	0.03	33	26	ss																	
Burlington, VT	16	-8	0.00	24	18	pc	Providence, RI	25	6	0.00	33	29	sn	Columbia, SC	50	43	0.69	45	33	sh																	
Charlotte, SC	70	43	0.57	51	36	sh	Raleigh	38	33	1.07	39	32	sh	Columbus, OH	36	28	0.62	33	22	ss																	
Charlotte, WV	45	32	0.36	38	26	ra	Rapid City	23	17	0.00	52	27	s	Concord, NH	25	-3	0.00	30	25	sn																	
Charlotte	40	35	0.73	44	32	ra	Reno	47	26	0.00	52	33	s	Dallas	58	41	0.00	58	38	s																	
Chicago	34	28	0.19	32	21	mc	Rochester, NY	25	6	0.00	27	21	sn	Denver	51	20	0.00	60	32	mc																	
Cincinnati	41	33	0.99	32	21	ss	Sacramento	65	46	Trace	64	49	pc	Des Moines	32	28	0.06	28	16	mc																	
Cleveland	36	28	0.03	33	26	ss	Salt Lake City	47	27	0.00	49	32	mc	Detroit	31	26	Trace	28	22	sn																	
Columbia, SC	50	43	0.69	45	33	sh	San Antonio	74	39	0.00	66	40	s	El Paso	63	37	0.00	64	43	pc																	
Columbus, OH	36	28	0.62	33	22	ss	San Diego	68	45	0.00	66	52	cl	Evansville, IN	49	34	0.55	36	25	mc																	
Concord, NH	25	-3	0.00	30	25	sn	San Francisco	61	50	0.00	62	51	ra	Harrisburg	30	25	0.12	33	29	sn																	
Dallas	58	41	0.00	58	38	s	Savannah	72	46	0.26	51	34	cl	Hartford	21	1	0.00	30	26	sn																	
Denver	51	20	0.00	60	32	mc	Seattle	48	43	0.07	51	43	ra	Houston	70	55	0.00	61	41	s																	
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El Paso	63	37	0.00	64	43	pc	St. Ste Marie	25	10	0.00	25	11	pc	Las Vegas	60	36	0.00	60	43	mc																	
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Harrisburg	30	25	0.12	33	29	sn	Topeka	39	32	Trace	41	25	mc	Los Angeles	71	48	0.00	69	51	mc																	
Hartford	21	1	0.00	30	26	sn	Washington	34	30	0.38	34	31	rs	Louisville	49	36	0.45	34	25	sn																	
Houston	70	55	0.00	61	41	s	YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW																														
Indianapolis	36	30	0.64	30	21	sn	HIGH 85, Rio Grande City, Texas																														
Kansas City	36	33	Trace	42	25	mc	LOW -22, Saranac Lake, N.Y.																														
Las Vegas	60	36	0.00	60	43	mc	WORLD CITIES																														
Little Rock	57	42	0.00	50	29	s		SUN					Lisbon				60/57/mc																				
Los Angeles	71	48	0.00	69	51	mc	CITY	H/L/SKY					London				43/38/mc																				
Louisville	49	36	0.45	34	25	sn	Acapulco	99/69/s					Madrid				57/46/s																				
Memphis	61	39	0.01	43	29	mc	Amsterdam	36/33/ra					Mexico City				68/55/pc																				
Milwaukee	34	30	0.72	31	18	mc	Athens	62/58/s					Montreal				17/-/fs																				
Minneapolis	34	28	0.02	29	15	mc	Beijing	36/29/s					Moscow				23/19/cl																				
Mobile	77	61	0.26	53	34	pc	Berlin	32/23/mc					Paris				51/49/ra																				
Montgomery	73	57	0.14	45	31	cl	Bermuda	66/58/s					Rome				92/79/ra																				
Nashville	58	39	0.26	39	27	ss	Cairo	80/58/s					Rio				58/48/ra																				
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Today in
HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2021. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members: commander Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; payload commander Michael Anderson; mission specialists Kalpana Chawla, David Brown and Laurel Clark; and payload specialist Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli in space.

On this date:
In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)
In 1865, abolitionist John S. Rock became the first Black lawyer admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.
In 1942, during World War II, the Voice of America broadcast its first program to Europe, relaying it through the facilities of the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.
In 2018, a judge ordered a Wisconsin girl, Morgan Geyser, to be committed to a mental hospital for 40 years for stabbing a classmate when she was 12 years old to curry favor with the fictional horror character Slender Man.

One year ago: As China's death toll from the new coronavirus rose to 259, Beijing criticized Washington's order barring entry to most foreigners who had visited China in the past two weeks.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Don Everly is 84. Actor Garrett Morris is 84. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 82. TV personality-singer Joy Philbin is 80. Political commentator Fred Barnes is 78. Princess Stephanie of Monaco is 56. Actor Sherilyn Fenn is 56. Lisa Marie Presley is 53. Rock singer-musician Shore is 53. Rock singer-musician VanWyngarden is 38. TV personality Lauren Conrad is 35. Rock singer Harry Styles (One Direction) is 27.

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- To register for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office's Alert Citrus weather program, visit www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the links to register.
- Create a profile, list how you want to be contacted in case of a weather emergency (text, mobile phone, home phone, email), then include the address(es) you want alerts for. You can choose what types of emergencies you want to hear about, and set a quiet period for no contact.
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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 citrusunited-basket.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 sos4food@gmail.com

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

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness — Free bagged groceries available from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays at 960 S. U.S. 41.

352-726-1480. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

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

■ Food and non-food items are available from 10 a.m. to noon every fourth Saturday at North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs. Remaining in their cars, people can enter at the 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 Elkcarn Boulevard. There is no charge for these ministries and all are welcome. North Oak Baptist Church is located at 9324 N. Elkcarn 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.

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. 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.

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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 (Español) or 352-527-9900 (English).

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

■ Christ Christian Bible Ministry distributes food at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at 619 NE Second St., Crystal River. 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, contact the office at 352-503-2079.

FAIREST

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But County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, the driving force behind this latest effort, believes this time around the user fees have a better chance of passage because two other commissioners — Scott Carnahan and Ron Kitchen Jr. — have expressed support. Commissioner Ruthie Davis Schlabbach said she also supports the fees.



Jeff Kinnard county commissioner.

If the ramps are to maintain their integrity, there must be a way to pay for them, he said.

"User fees, such as the proposed launch fee, are a way to fund the maintenance and expansion of quality launching facilities," Kinnard said. "They insulate all county taxpayers, most of whom will never use these facilities, from higher taxes in the future to fund the necessary launch area maintenance and expansion projects."

Kinnard said user fees are the fairest way to pay for ramps. Another option would be an increase in ad

valorem taxes "which we don't want," he said.

"Nobody likes additional fees but we all like to have nice facilities to launch our boats from," Kinnard said.

County Administrator Randy Oliver said if approved, the fees would likely take effect in late November or December.

The public hearing is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the county courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

Here are some questions likely to come up at the Feb. 9 public hearing:

■ How would the county collect the fees?

This is still to be agreed on but Kinnard said it would likely be modeled after the system currently being used in Hernando County.

There will be kiosks at the ramps and visitors would slide their credit card in a machine and get a ticket. Folks could also purchase an annual pass at the courthouse, he said.

■ What is the master plan? In other words, will something be spelled out formally showing where the fee proceeds would go?

The revenue from these fees would go to the maintenance and improvements of the ramps. They could also be used to improve parking lots and restrooms, Kinnard said.

The Fort Island Trail

Park ramp is in particular need of repairs, he said.

■ How many boat ramps are there and which would charge fees?

There are 15 ramps countywide but the more heavily used ones would have the fees.

Kinnard said those would likely include those at Fort Island Gulf Beach, Fort Island Trail Park and the Homosassa ramp at MacRae's.

■ What are the proposed charges?

Fees would be \$10 per launch. At Commissioner Jeff Kinnard's suggestion, an annual pass would be \$25 for county residents and \$50 for anyone living outside the county.

■ How much money are the fees expected to bring in?

The county estimates \$300,000 to \$400,000 annually.

■ Do we know how many in-county and out-of-county users this would affect?

Kinnard said that data is unavailable.

"(However) we've been told several times the overwhelming number of folks using ramps are non-residents," Kinnard said.

FEES

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"Just to make money off of it because lots of people drive on it doesn't make sense," he said. "If they made a toll road, only the people living on that road would use it. Other people would find another way around it."

Citrus Spring resident Ed Dial spent part of Thursday fishing with his son on the Crystal River. As he paused while preparing his boat for launch at the Fort Island Trail Park boat ramp, Dial said he was not in favor of a ramp fee.

"I think they get enough money through our taxes," he said of the local government. However, if the fee is mandated he said he would like to see, "bigger and cleaner restrooms at the park."

Crystal River resident Danny Oliver made his way to the water at the Hernando boat ramp after launching his flats boat into the lake on a warm, windy Wednesday afternoon. While undecided

if the proposed fee is a good idea, he said if monies are collected are for larger parking spaces for large trucks and trailers, like he operates, is a good start.

Part-time Citrus County resident Jim Rogers, a retiree from Montana, stood ankle deep in the tannic waters of Lake Hernando and thought about the proposed fee.

"They're doing that kind of stuff all over now," he said. "With today's economy and everything, people laid off and all that, it would make it harder for us people to do this as much as we like because of an increase in cost," the snowbird said.

Finally reaching a decision on the fee, Rogers said: "I would say leave it alone."

Nass, though, knows the real solution to improve facilities without an additional fee lays with government officials.

"If the state and local aquatic controls would run their operations more efficiently, there would be plenty of money to use on our boat ramps," he said.

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DEADLY ROADS

Law enforcement needs a proactive plan for patrols

The figure is staggering: 2020 was one of the deadliest for Citrus County, with 38 total traffic deaths of which 34 motorists died in crashes; numbers not seen in 16 years on county roadways.

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) attributes the rise in fatalities to the pandemic. Due to fewer commuting motorists on the roads, motorists started driving with lower caution and higher speeds that resulted in increased distracted, aggressive and speedy driving.

More motorists are on the roadways, with more distractions and less patience. This isn't a problem in just Citrus County, but nationwide. We realize it's an issue and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office says it's going to be more aggressive in writing tickets as opposed to giving warnings.

However, a recurring theme in Sound Off calls is speeders and the lack of law enforcement officers on the road to stop them. Just having more cops visible on roadways could be a deterrent. It's clear that the people of Citrus would like to see more enforcement.

Fighting drug abuse is

certainly a priority, but many more residents are concerned about the lack of enforcement on the roads. With 38 deaths recorded last year, it is obviously a top public safety concern.

Traffic enforcement is more important than arresting and re-arresting the same drug offenders over and over again. With more traffic coming into our area daily, it would only be beneficial to ramp up speed enforcement. A flashing Drive Safe Citrus sign obviously doesn't do the trick; tickets do.

There needs to be more targeting of drivers moving along at dangerous speeds, especially along the main thoroughfares across the county. We see the drivers every day on our commutes, with hardly a presence of law enforcement activity to be found in action.

We realize we'll never put a complete end to aggressive driving and traffic fatalities, but we can all play a part in reducing both. It's dangerous out there. It's time for law enforcement officers to make it uncomfortable to be this aggressive on the roadways. Motorists, it's time to slow down and pay attention.

THE ISSUE:

Fewer traffic crashes, more fatalities in 2020.

OUR OPINION:

Increase law enforcement presence on roads.

Hot Corner: CARES FUNDS

I'm responding to Sound Off (about the Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, front-page story), "CR Council puts CARES funds toward Riverwalk." Really? You have got to be kidding me. Don't you think that money could be better utilized by at least repairing some roadways? I think the roadways should come before some Riverwalk for the tourists.

Let the tourists pay for the Riverwalk. Charge them a higher fee on their hotel fees.

But, no, that CARES Act money should go toward the people of Citrus County, not to build for tourists. It's for the residents of Citrus County and Citrus County only. So if you're not going to help the residents of Citrus County, then put it on the roads and fix the roads. Do not put our taxpayers' money toward the Riverwalk. No, no, no.

I'm against the city council wanting to use CARES money for the Riverwalk. I thought the CARES money was to help the people who are suffering because of the (coronavirus). There's people sleeping on the wet rock out on the trail that

need housing and there's people in the food line every week. What makes these people think they can use it to make a cement walk around the river?

That isn't going to help the people. You need a new council.

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 27. I see in the Chronicle that the city of Crystal River is giving almost \$600,000 to the Riverwalk project. I thought that CARES Act money was supposed to go for struggling businesses in our county.

The CARES Act: I think they could spend their money more wisely than on a Riverwalk.

A NOTE ABOUT SOUND OFF

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Fanning flames of acrimony

I tuned in to Fox News to see what they had to say about the incitement of violence in the Capitol perpetrated by the president of the United States. As usual, they are candy coating the entire situation, blaming it on Antifa infiltration or election fraud or President-elect Biden not using language to bring the country together.

What? Fox commentators have encouraged rage and distrust long before Trump stepped foot in the White House. This TV station is the most watched station among Republicans, more than any other station, and it has stoked hatred since its inception. Fox News is one of the main reasons this nation is as divided as it is. They never seek compromise, nor do they correct themselves when they make mistakes in judgement. Fox has been fanning the flames of acrimony in this country for years. Look to Fox for the seeds of insurrection.

Pamela Ricker
Dunnellon

Time for a new political party

What's left?

Still hoping for that miracle of hard evidence on what the Dems did with the election so the American people can wake up from their conditioned trance of existence. Outside of that, there isn't much left at all.

Except maybe, just maybe we have some friends in the moderate Democrats, those Democrats with common sense and a core of patriotism. They have been against the left but hesitant to speak out. Now my hope is, because of the slim margins in the House and Senate, that some of these moderate Dems will vote with the Republicans to put down the radical left.

Of course, if you really want to dream how about this one. Those moderate Democrats join up with the true conservative Republicans, leave the left and the RINOs behind and create the Patriot Party, a true, put America first party. I believe the time is right for a party like that and it is necessary. We deserve a party that represents us and fights for what is important to us, a party that truly stands for American values and is willing to fight to protect them. Maybe we should tell our Congresspeople to do that? Never giving up or losing hope.

Frank D. Lovell
Inverness

Are you happy now?

It is time to ask yourself this question: Are you, at long last, happy now?

Are you Republican senators and House members who continued to question the elections and electors from across the country about the votes for Joe Biden for president happy now?

Are you happy that you questioned those Republican governors, election supervisors and election officials about their honesty and their skill and their devotion to the Republican democracy that they serve?

Are you happy that you questioned without evidence the facts, the votes these loyal Republicans submitted to Congress — often the same officials who certified the votes that put Donald Trump in the White House four years ago?

Are you happy that you did not question even one state that Trump won? While all those Trump wins were pure, and only Democratic wins were somehow, without any evidence, wrong?

Are you happy that you rejected the decisions of the Republican majority Supreme Court and various other courts?

Are you happy that Trump openly called forth the mob to overturn the election results? Are you happy with the

"In Europe, police seem to be more concerned about preventing accidents and less consumed with the passion to write speeding tickets."

David L. Hough, motorcyclist and writer, 1937-

LETTERS



to the Editor

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results, the deaths, the millions of dollars of destruction and the fear caused to those who count on the peaceful and legal processes to keep the United States free of dictators and invaders?

Are you happy that there were people in that mob calling for a vicious assault on the vice president, calling for him to be hung, maybe with the hangman's noose they erected just near the steps into one of the buildings they attacked?

Are you happy with the levels of destruction inside the buildings and the offices?

Are you happy that some of those attackers actually urinated in some offices and hallways?

Are you happy that Trump told the mob he would go with them to the Capitol and then ran away to the safety of the White House?

Or are you sad that the mob did not get the House and Senate members and the vice president and string them all up?

Thus, are you sad that you did not destroy the democracy and did not bring in a dictatorship like those the president has so often coddled and praised and supported?

Are you happy now?

Robert P. Curran
Beverly Hills

So much for loading the court

The greatest part of being an American in the past four years? The checks and balances we learned when we were wee tykes. Worked! Legislative, in spite of Mitch McConnell's obstructionist "grim reaper" statements, and the Judicial, in spite of McConnell's refusal to give President Obama's nominee to the court, Merrick Garland, even the benefit of a hearing, in spite of Trump appointing "good people on my side."

It's all part of this beautiful experiment called America! The Founders designed it all so that no king could ever declare total rule on the people and the land. Trump tried it. This four years will go down as just a hiccup in our history. The great stories that will be told will be how Trump was checked, denied and ruled out from trying to corrupt our system of government.

Joe Bello
Homosassa

Dose of reality

The only way that you can believe this election was stolen is to believe that every one of those conservative Republican judges whom Trump appointed, including the three on the Supreme Court, have suddenly become screaming liberals or socialists. If evidence of fraud existed, Trump's attorneys would have found it. If they had found it, they would have presented it to the court. If they presented it to the court, the court would have ruled in their favor.

Lindsey Graham, a senator from South Carolina and one of Trump's most loyal apologists, in what may be the quickest reversal of allegiance in political history, said, "They told me they had evidence of a 100,000 illegal votes. I said, 'show me 100.' They couldn't do it. I said, 'show me 10.' They couldn't do it. I wanted

President Trump to win. I did everything in my power to help him win, but enough is enough. This was a free and fair election."

You can call it brainwashing, you can call it mind control, you can call it mass hypnotism, you can call it whatever you want, but it is a rare gift that few people have. It is what enabled David Korsh to convince his followers that it was God's will that he marry all the little girls and father all of the children. It is what caused them to not try to escape the fire. It is what enabled Jim Jones to convince his followers, all 200 of them, to voluntarily swallow arsenic-laced Kool-Aid, believing that this was their ticket to heaven. If you drank the president's Kool-Aid, do not despair. We have the cure. It's called reality.

William Collins
Inverness

Where do we go from here?

The letter on Jan. 7 by Thomas Mitchell is exactly what the right is complaining about.

I am very glad the Chronicle published Anna DeRose's letter. To suggest a newspaper place it in the circular file is disgusting.

We do not know (what) the future of the country will be, but to prevent the voicing of thoughts you disagree with will certainly bring us down a very destructive path.

Yes, Biden won, but not only Republicans think there may have been some questionable tactics in play.

The next question will be what happens now? Will the left overplay their hand? How long will Joe Biden last? Will he retire soon? Get pushed out? Time will tell.

I do understand people's frustration with President Trump, but can you imagine the pressure he has been under with the negative press and the allegations of the Russia conspiracy, the impeachment procedure, and the press will not mention Biden and the China and the Ukraine.

I am amazed Trump didn't have a total meltdown long ago.

Jim Rasmussen

Trump silenced by social media

The following is a letter I sent to Gov. Ron DeSantis, Rep. Ralph Massullo and state Sen. Wilton Simpson.

It has become alarmingly apparent that many large social media outlets are in the process of silencing President Trump and other conservatives. They are also shutting down alternate media outlets such as Parler. Their monopolistic actions are leaving all conservatives without a viable way to communicate with President Trump as well as with each other. These actions are taking place without intervention by the Biden elect presidency. This is causing great fear among much of Florida's citizens and the off-fending social media giants must understand that this is not a way to bring unity to our state and country. Quite frankly these are the actions of a totalitarian government rather than a democracy.

I am urging you to support legislation that would prohibit Florida state government from investing any state-controlled monies in companies that are effectively silencing president Trump and conservatives. These companies would include Facebook, Twitter, Amazon, and any other company that hinders the ability of law-abiding Florida citizens from communicating in a free and open forum without fear of retaliation or censure.

American's Bill of Rights gives everyone the freedom of speech. We are looking to you to help protect that right.

Steven Garrison
Homosassa

Playing favorites? Some boards, donors get vaccines

Associated Press

While millions of Americans wait for the COVID-19 vaccine, hospital board members, their trustees and donors around the country have gotten early access to the scarce drug or offers for vaccinations, raising complaints about favoritism tainting decisions about who gets inoculated and when.

In Rhode Island, Attorney General Peter Neronha opened an inquiry after reports that two hospital systems offered their board members vaccinations. A Seattle-area hospital system was rebuked by Washington Gov. Jay Inslee after it offered COVID-19 vaccination appointments to major donors. And in Kansas, members of a hospital board received vaccinations during the first phase of the state's rollout, which was intended for people at greater risk for infection.

Hospitals in Florida, New Jersey and Virginia also have faced questions about distributing vaccines, including to donors, trustees and relatives of executives.

The disclosures could threaten public confidence in a national rollout already marked by vaccine shortages, appointment logjams and inconsistent standards state to state for determining who's eligible.

"We want people vaccinated based on priority, not privilege," Inslee



Associated Press

People wait in line for the COVID-19 vaccine in Paterson, N.J., Thursday, Jan. 21. Some hospitals around the U.S. are facing complaints about favoritism and line-jumping after their board members and donors received COVID-19 vaccinations or offers for the prized inoculations.

spokesman Mike Faulk said. "Everyone deserves a fair opportunity to get vaccinated."

At the direction of the federal government, states have set up tiered distribution pipelines aimed first at protecting essential workers and those most at risk, including older Americans. In California, for example, medical workers, first responders, nursing home residents and people 65 and older are at the front of the line for the coveted shots.

In some cases, it's not clear if rules were violated when people outside priority groups received vaccinations. Guidelines vary by state, and hospitals can have leeway making decisions. In California, providers have more latitude to make sure they do not squander hard-to-get vaccine in cases where it might be at risk of going to waste.

In Rhode Island, Attorney General Peter Neronha began an inquiry into two hospital systems after The Providence Journal

reported this month that some board members of hospital systems Lifespan and Care New England had been offered vaccinations.

In an interview Friday with The Associated Press, Neronha said the report, if true, raised questions about whether the vaccine was being distributed appropriately.

"We all know the stakes are incredibly high. People are frustrated, they're scared," Neronha said. "Given the lack of supply here, every dose is

critical."

Care New England spokeswoman Raina Smith said in an emailed statement that administrators would cooperate with the probe. Lifespan spokeswoman Kathleen Hart emailed a statement saying the hospital system had followed guidance from

Rhode Island health officials and had recently received clearance to vaccinate employers and volunteers considered at lower risk, "including board members, who fall into the volunteer category."

The Seattle Times has reported that Overlake Medical Center & Clinics emailed about 110 donors who gave more than \$10,000 to the hospital system, telling them that vaccine slots were available.

The email gave the donors an access code to register for appointments "by invite" only.

At the same time, the public Overlake registration site was fully booked through March. The medical center's chief operating officer said the invitation was a quick-fix solution after the hospital's scheduling system failed. Overlake shut down online access to the invite-only clinic after getting a call from Inslee's staff, and CEO J. Michael Marsh issued an apology.

Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan called on the state to reassess its vaccine policy to make sure the most vulnerable, especially people of color, are prioritized. Hospital donors should be banned, she said.

LAWSUITS

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COVID-19 cannot guarantee 100% protection," they wrote. Wyman Duggan, House Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee chairman earlier this month.



John Murphy

government affairs committee chairman.

House Bill 7 is a good step in providing reassurance to businesses that if they take the steps to comply with government-issued standards and guidelines, and are not grossly negligent in their approach to COVID-19 protections, they should be able to operate without fear of frivolous COVID-19 lawsuits," Wooten and Murphy wrote.

"It is important that we keep the doors of our businesses open if we are ever to allow our economy to recover," they wrote. "We need to give our businesses the assurance that if they do the right thing, their exposure to civil

liability in the wake of this pandemic will be limited."

Other local chambers are also petitioning their lawmakers to protect their community businesses.

The Florida Chamber of Commerce on Thursday reported to state media of its recent poll and business protection.

"The latest Florida Chamber statewide poll shows likely Florida voters overwhelmingly support COVID-19 liability protections for businesses if the business made efforts to follow governmental public health guidelines, with 74% favoring protections," the Florida Chamber said.

In addition to chambers of commerce, other organizations such as restaurant associations and other business groups have been asking for liability protections since the pandemic began.

At least 14 states have enacted liability protections for many businesses from COVID-19 lawsuits, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Many other states are considering similar legislation in 2021.

House Bill 7 was originally filed by Rep. Lawrence McClure, R-Dover.

Both the house and senate bills are making their way through committees.

WAIT

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CVS and Walgreens have started a massive vaccination push in nearly all states, and they say they are proceeding on schedule. But resident advocates and experts are anxious about delays in delivering vaccines that have been available for more than a month.

"Every week that you wait and you're not vaccinating is a big deal here," said David Grabowski, a health policy professor at Harvard Medical School. "My sense is that this process is still going too slow."

Government officials placed long-term care residents and staff among their top vaccination priorities after they authorized the emergency use of shots from Pfizer and Moderna late last year. That includes both nursing homes, where residents get 24-hour-a-day medical care; assisted living facilities, where people generally need less help; and other types of group homes. Vaccinations then

proceeded quickly in some states like West Virginia, which didn't rely on the drugstore chains, and Connecticut.

But — as with other aspects of the rollout — the results have been choppy overall. In many places, home operators and residents' relatives have watched with frustration as states opened vaccine eligibility to other populations before the work in long-term care homes was finished.

A federal government study last fall found that an average of one death occurred among every five assisted living facility residents with COVID-19 in states that offered data. That compares with one death among every 40 people with the virus in the general population.

The government tasked CVS and Walgreens with administering the shots to long-term care locations in nearly every state. Each vaccine requires two shots a few weeks apart, and CVS and Walgreens say they have wrapped up first-dose clinics in nursing homes.

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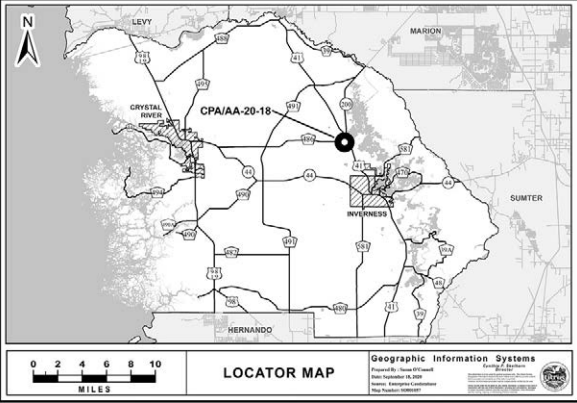
AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND THE CITRUS COUNTY LAND USE ATLAS MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 24.1 ACRES FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK/CAMPGROUND DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CPA/AA-20-18 – Joe Cubas for Citrus Sunrise Properties

Sections 26, Township 18 South, Range 19 East, more specifically, Parcel 42000; also known as Alternate Key Number 3229882, which address is 3350 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Inverness, Florida. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a **Public Hearing on February 23, 2021 at 5:01 PM in Room 100, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida.**

All citizens entering the courthouse for the meeting will be screened. If you are sick, please stay home.



A copy of the proposed ordinance(s) and supporting materials are available for public inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning and Development, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461. For more information about this application, please contact the Land Development Division at (352) 527-5239.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

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

Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Citrus County, Florida

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NOTICE OF INTENT
TO CONSIDER AN
ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE CITRUS
COUNTY CODE

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

OA-21-01 – Department of Growth Management – Amending the Citrus County Impact Fee Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER 54 OF THE CITRUS COUNTY CODE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CITRUS COUNTY IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE, FOR TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOLS, PARKS, LIBRARY, FIRE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS), LAW, AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SHORT TITLE, AUTHORITY, APPLICABILITY, AND ADOPTION OF TECHNICAL REPORT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR FEE TO BE IMPOSED; PROVIDING FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR BENEFIT DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR CREDITS; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION, SEVERABILITY, AND PENALTY; CONFLICTS OF LAW; CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; MODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held by the **Board of County Commissioners on February 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100, Inverness, Florida.**

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance amendment.

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Nation BRIEFS



Associated Press
This Jan. 31 image provided by bluShift Aerospace shows The Knack Factory in Limestone, Maine, where an unmanned rocket lifts off in a test run. It was the first commercial rocket launch in Maine history.

Maine company successfully launches prototype rocket

BRUNSWICK, Maine — A Maine company that's developing a rocket to propel small satellites into space passed its first major test on Sunday.
Brunswick-based bluShift Aerospace launched a 20-foot prototype rocket, hitting an altitude of a little more than 4,000 feet in a first run designed to test the rocket's propulsion and control systems.

It carried a science project by Falmouth High School students that will measure flight metrics such as barometric pressure, a special alloy that's being tested by a New Hampshire company — and a Dutch dessert called stroopwafel.

The company, which launched from the northern Maine town of Limestone, the site of the former Loring Air Force Base, is one of dozens racing to find affordable ways to launch so-called nano satellites. Some of them, called Cube-Sats, can be as small as 10 centimeters by 10 centimeters.

The company has spent \$800,000 on research and development, with some of the money coming from NASA.

Videos show officers pepper-spraying child

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Police in Rochester released two body-camera videos Sunday of officers restraining a distraught 9-year-old girl who was handcuffed and sprayed with what police called a chemical "irritant."

The Democrat and Chronicle reported that prior to the release of the videos, Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren expressed her concern for the "child that was harmed during this incident that happened on Friday."

A total of nine officers and supervisors responded to the report of "family trouble" on Friday. The girl can be heard in the body-camera videos from officers at the scene screaming frantically for her father as the officers try to restrain her.

At a news conference Sunday, Deputy Police Chief Andre Anderson described the girl as suicidal.

Officers tried to force the girl into a patrol car but she pulled away and kicked at them. In a statement Saturday, the police department said this action "required" an officer to take the girl down to the ground. Then, the department said, "for the minor's safety and at the request of the custodial parent on scene," the child was handcuffed and put in the back of a police car as they waited for an ambulance to arrive.

Police said the girl disobeyed commands to put her feet in the car. An officer was then "required" to spray an "irritant" in the handcuffed girl's face, they said.

— From wire reports

Russians take to streets



Associated Press
Police officers detain a young demonstrator during a protest near the Matrosskaya Tishina prison where Alexei Navalny is being held, in Moscow, Russia, on Sunday, Jan. 31. Chanting slogans against President Vladimir Putin, thousands of people took to the streets Sunday across Russia's vast expanse to demand the release of jailed opposition leader Alexei Navalny, keeping up the nationwide protests that have rattled the Kremlin.

Thousands arrested at pro-Navalny protests across the country

JIM HEINTZ AND
VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Chanting slogans against President Vladimir Putin, tens of thousands took to the streets Sunday across Russia to demand the release of jailed opposition leader Alexei Navalny, keeping up nationwide protests that have rattled the Kremlin. More than 5,100 people were detained by police, according to a monitoring group, and some were beaten.

The massive protests came despite efforts by Russian authorities to stem the tide of demonstrations after tens of thousands rallied across the country last weekend in the largest, most widespread show of discontent that Russia had seen in years. Despite threats of jail terms, warnings to social media groups and tight police cordons, the protests again engulfed cities across Russia's 11 time zones on Sunday.

Navalny's team quickly called another protest in Moscow for Tuesday, when he is set to face a court hearing

that could send him to prison for years.

The 44-year-old Navalny, an anti-corruption investigator who is Putin's best-known critic, was arrested on Jan. 17 upon returning from Germany, where he spent five months recovering from nerve-agent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin. Russian authorities have rejected the accusations. He was arrested for allegedly violating his parole conditions by not reporting for meetings with law enforcement when he was recuperating in Germany.

Major storm heads to Northeast

Associated Press

After days of frigid temperatures, the Northeast braced for a whopper of a storm that could dump well over a foot of snow in many areas, create blizzard-like conditions and cause travel problems for the next few days.

The storm system blanketed parts of the Midwest in the most snow some places had seen in several years. Chicago got almost 7 inches of snow by Sunday morning, leading to the cancellation of a couple hundred flights at the city's two airports. In Wisconsin, snow depths in some counties near Lake Michigan had reached



Associated Press
People throw snowballs during a snowball fight, organized by the Washington, D.C., Snowball Fight Association, on the National Mall, Sunday, Jan. 31.

more than 15 inches, and the snow was still falling.

"That's more snow than we've seen in a decade,"

Chris Stumpf, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sullivan, Wisconsin, told the

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Three to 5 inches of snow arrived in central Ohio by early Sunday, making for some slippery roads. Washington, D.C., and parts of Virginia had also received some snow, with up to 3 inches in some areas. By the afternoon, the snow was expected to reach Pennsylvania.

Heavy snow falling at an inch to 3 inches an hour was forecast for Monday in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, the National Weather Service said. Much of the region could see blizzard-like conditions, with a foot to 18 inches of snow.

Negotiations the answer, say Republicans

GOP lawmakers urge Biden to meet with them on virus relief

AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ten Republican senators on Sunday proposed spending about one-third of what President Joe Biden is seeking in coronavirus aid and urged him to negotiate rather than try to ram through his \$1.9 trillion package solely on Democratic votes.

In challenging Biden to fulfill his pledge of unity, the group said in a letter that their counterproposal will include \$160 billion for vaccines, testing, treatment and personal protective equipment and will call for more targeted relief than Biden's plan to issue \$1,400 stimulus checks for most Americans.

Winning the support of 10 Republicans would be significant for Biden in the 50-50 Senate where Vice President Kamala Harris is the tie-breaker. If all Democrats were to back an eventual compromise bill, the legislation would reach the 60-vote threshold necessary to overcome potential blocking efforts and pass under regular Senate procedures.

"In the spirit of bipartisanship

and unity, we have developed a COVID-19 relief framework that builds on prior COVID assistance laws, all of which passed with bipartisan support," the Republican senators wrote. "Our proposal reflects many of your stated priorities, and with your support, we believe that this plan could be approved quickly by Congress with bipartisan support."

The plea for Biden to give bipartisan negotiations more time comes as the president has shown signs of impatience as the more liberal wing of his party considers passing the relief package through a process known as budget reconciliation. That would allow the bill to advance with only the backing of his Democratic majority.

The Republicans did not provide many details of their proposal. One of the signatories, Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, said that it would cost about \$600 billion.

"If you can't find bipartisan compromise on COVID-19, I don't know where you can find it," said Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, who also signed the letter.

The other GOP senators are Susan

Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, Todd Young of Indiana, Jerry Moran of Kansas, Mike Rounds of South Dakota, and Thom Tillis of North Carolina.

Brian Deese, the top White House economic adviser who is leading the administration's outreach to Congress, said administration officials were reviewing the letter. He did not immediately commit to a Biden meeting with the lawmakers.

But Cedric Richmond, a senior Biden adviser, said the president "is very willing to meet with anyone to advance the agenda." When asked about the senators' plan, Richmond said, "this is about seriousness of purpose."

Deese indicated the White House could be open to negotiating on further limiting who would receive stimulus checks. Portman suggested the checks should go to individuals who make no more than \$50,000 per year and families capped at \$100,000 per year.

Under the Biden plan, families with incomes up to \$300,000 could receive some stimulus money.

World BRIEFS



Associated Press
In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, medical staff treat a man who was injured after Kurdish security forces opened fire at pro-government demonstrators during a protest the siege on their neighborhood, at a hospital in Hassakeh, Syria, Sunday, Jan. 31.

13 killed in car bombs, shooting in northern Syria

BEIRUT — One Syrian was killed on Sunday and four injured after Kurdish security forces opened fire at pro-government demonstrators in a northeastern city, state media said.

The state news agency SANA said the Kurdish forces opened fire at demonstrators protesting the siege on their neighborhood in Hassakeh city.

The area is known as the security square and is controlled by government forces.

Separately, two car bombs went off two hours apart in the northwestern town of Azaz and another village some 30 miles away. The explosions in the areas controlled by Syrian opposition fighters allied with Turkey killed six civilians, including one child in Azaz, and six fighters at a checkpoint in a village near the town of al-Bab, first responders known as Syrian Civil Defense and opposition media reported.

Turkey and allied Syrian fighters control large parts of northern Syria, and are at odds with government forces and Kurdish-led forces, who are considered terrorists by Ankara.

The opposition-controlled areas are scene of recurrent attacks that are rarely claimed by any one side.

The Syrian Civil Defense said it responded to 11 explosions in northwestern Syria since the start of January, before Sunday, where at least 11 people were killed.

A video of the rally in the northeastern city of Hassakeh showed dozens of men gathering in a street on a rainy day as fire rang out over their heads.

Somalia's al-Shabab rebels attack hotel

MOGADISHU — A hotel in Somalia's capital has been hit by an explosion and an attack by jihadist rebels, police have confirmed.

A vehicle loaded with explosives crashed into the entrance gate of the Afrik hotel, near Mogadishu's strategic K-4 junction, on Sunday afternoon, police spokesman Sadiq Adan Ali said.

A number of armed gunmen then quickly invaded the hotel, opening fire on staff and patrons inside, he said.

Government forces responded to the attack and gunfire could be heard coming from the hotel. Police rescued many people from the hotel, including its owner and an army general.

At least seven wounded civilians could be seen although police did not immediately give casualty figures.

— From wire reports

THE NUMBER: 20

Double-doubles for Nikola Jokic, the second-longest streak to start a season since the NBA-ABA merger in 1976-77.



Nikola Jokic

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Super rematch Hill burned Bucs repeatedly in 1st meeting

MARK LONG

AP pro football writer

Tyreek Hill sprinted past cornerback Carlton Davis again, caught the ball in stride and then cut so sharply that safety Mike Edwards ended up flailing at him with one arm near the sideline. Hill casually jogged a few more yards before pausing at the goal line and doing a backflip into the end zone.

Showtime!

It was the second and most impressive of three scores for Hill, who was the star of Kansas City's 27-24 victory at Tampa Bay in Week 12. Hill finished with 13 receptions for 269 yards — both career highs — and proved to be a mismatch for Davis and the Buccaneers.

Tampa Bay gets another shot at Hill and the Chiefs in the Super Bowl next Sunday, the first rematch in the NFL finale in nearly a decade.

Same teams, same venue, much higher stakes.

The Chiefs are counting on the same outcome. The Bucs, who have won seven straight since that late November loss, are looking to become the eighth team in 14 tries to beat an opponent in the Super Bowl that it lost to in the regular season.

Both sides expect to lean on — and learn from — that previous meeting.

"We'll help a little bit more than we did in that ballgame," Bucs coach Bruce Arians said.

Tampa's biggest and most obvious mistake was trying to single-cover Hill, one of the fastest players in the league. Davis was burned repeatedly, including on consecutive TD passes from Patrick Mahomes to Hill (75 and 44 yards) in the first quarter. Davis gave up their third scoring connection, too, but had much tighter coverage on what was a perfect throw and catch.

Hill had seven receptions for 203 yards and two TDs in the first quarter alone, but just six catches for 66 yards and a score the rest of the way. The difference?

"I just got tired. I got tired of running," Hill joked this week.

"No, let me stop," he continued. "Todd Bowles is a great defensive coordinator. He's been doing it for a long time. I'm sure he's seen guys like me throughout his career. Just being able to dial up (coverages) and things like that to slow me down.

"Also ... bringing the safety over the top a bit to double me and (Travis) Kelce. That kind of slowed us down a lot, plus their front seven is tremendous. Once they get clicking on defense, they're a great defense. They fly around the field; they're great. I feel like I just got lucky and was able to get open."

The Chiefs scored on three of their first four possessions and led 17-0 before the Bucs crossed midfield. The margin could have been even greater had Tampa's defense not forced a field goal after Kansas City ran two plays from the 1-yard line.

Davis knocked down Kelce's pass to Mahomes, a nifty trick play that started when Mahomes flipped to Hill, who pitched to Kelce, who expected to find Mahomes open in the end zone. It was Davis' best play of the afternoon.

Kansas City settled for the chip-shot field goal on the opening possession. Mahomes and Co. had a chance

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Building the Bucs

Brady, productive drafts fueled Tampa Bay's run to the Super Bowl

FRED GOODALL

AP sports writer

TAMPA — Construction of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers began long before Tom Brady decided the once-downtrodden team had most of what he needed to have an opportunity to build on his legacy of championships.

The 43-year-old quarterback is back in the Super Bowl for a record 10th time, surrounded by an All-Star cast of playmakers he helped assemble and a young defense that has played its best ball of the season during a playoff run to the NFL title game.

General manager Jason Licht laid the foundation with a series of drafts that landed receivers Mike Evans and Chris Godwin, offensive linemen Donovan Smith and Ali Marpet, running back Ronald Jones and tight end O.J. Howard.

The GM who worked for the New England Patriots when Brady entered the league as a sixth-round draft pick also lured coach Bruce Arians out of retirement in hopes of fixing a shaky quarterback situation and provide a new vision on the field.

The 68-year-old Arians, who had worked with Licht while he was coach of the Arizona Cardinals, couldn't salvage former No. 1 overall pick Jameis Winston but dared to dream of signing Brady if the six-time Super Bowl champion decided to leave New England as a free agent.

"You can't hit a home run unless you swing for one. You can't do anything special in life sitting on a fence," Arians said.

"The question back then was if there was a quarterback that was a free agent, who would you want? Of course it was Tom Brady, not thinking he would become a free agent," Arians added. "But once he did, it was a pursuit we wanted to make. That's how you live life. Do you sit and live in a closet and try to be safe? Or do you go have some fun?"

Sounded pretty good to Brady, who signed a fully guaranteed two-year, \$50 million that also included lucrative incentives for helping the Bucs end a 12-season playoff drought and reach the Super Bowl for the first time in 18 years.

Part of the attraction was a talented core of playmakers already in place led by Evans, the only receiver in the NFL to begin his career with seven consecutive seasons with at least 1,000 yards receiving. The quarterback also liked what Arians wanted to do on defense.

Despite landing the league's career passing leader, the Bucs coach felt it was necessary to construct a championship-caliber defense.

The Bucs placed the franchise tag on linebacker Shaquil Barrett, a 2019 free agent signing who led the league in sacks in his first season with the Bucs. They also re-signed defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh and linebacker Jason Pierre-Paul while remaining committed to developing a young secondary that has experienced some growing pains.

"I looked at just the whole situation. There were a lot of reasons to come here. Obviously a great coaching staff and a lot of really great players, just wanting to come and compete," Brady

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12) runs with a elastic band around his legs during a workout Thursday, in Tampa. The Buccaneers play the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LV on Feb. 7.

Constructing a champion

Chiefs building dynasty around their core group

DAVE SKRETTA

AP sports writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It was never much of a surprise that the Kansas City Chiefs eventually would sign Patrick Mahomes to the largest contract in NFL history. Especially so after the brilliant young quarterback had just led the franchise to its first title in 50 years.

What did surprise some people? That Mahomes left some money on the table.

You see, the Chiefs found themselves in salary cap purgatory after beating the San

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Associated Press

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes celebrates at the end of the AFC championship game against the Buffalo Bills, Jan. 24 in Kansas City, Mo. The Chiefs won 38-24.

Raptors snap losing streak, beat Magic

Wizards hand Nets tough loss

Associated Press

TAMPA — Pascal Siakam has been getting to the rim and it's paying off for the Toronto Raptors. Siakam had 30 points and 10 rebound, leading the Raptors to a 115-102 win over the Orlando Magic on Sunday night. Siakam had his second straight 30-point game and the Raptors snapped a three-game losing streak. "I've been feeling a little better, and I've been focusing on doing the things that make my body feel good, and living with the results," said Siakam, who had been nagged by injuries early in the season. "That's been working for me in the last few weeks. I've been healthy. I've been taking the right shots and the shots are going to fall."

Kyle Lowry had 12 points and 14 assists, and Aaron Baynes added eight points and 16 rebounds for the Raptors. Uta Watanabe came off the bench and hit all three of his 3-pointers on the way to 11 points. Rookie Cole Anthony led Orlando with 16 points. Nikola Vucevic added 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Magic, who have lost 11 of 13. Magic forward Aaron Gordon left the game in the third quarter with an ankle injury after scoring 14 points. Orlando shot 40% for the game and the Magic's only lead came at 3-2 after a 3-pointer by Gordon. The Raptors led 58-44 after a first half in which Orlando shot 36% and Vucevic scored only three points. A couple of 3-pointers

by Terence Davis helped Toronto stretch the lead to 16 points in the third quarter. Davis scored 12 points in his second start of the season. Anthony and Vucevic did most of the scoring on a modest run that helped Orlando cut the gap to eight early in the fourth quarter. But Watanabe nailed a 3-pointer and the Raptors pulled away. "I'm getting an opportunity and I'm doing my job to help the team win," said the 26-year-old Watanabe, who has averaged 19 minutes over the last five games. "I've never had an opportunity like this and I can't take it for granted."

Wizards 149, Nets 146

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal and Russell Westbrook hit 3-pointers in a wild 3.8-second sequence in the final seconds to help the Washington Wizards stun Kevin Durant and the Brooklyn Nets 149-146. Westbrook had 41 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, and NBA scoring leader Beal had 37 points. In the fourth quarter, Beal had 22 points and Westbrook had 15. Durant, second in the NBA in scoring, also had 37 points. With Washington down 146-141, Beal hit a 3-pointer with 8.1 seconds left. Garrison Matthews deflected Joe Harris' inbound pass to Westbrook and he made a 3 with 4.3 seconds left for a 147-146 lead. Kyrie Irving found Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot under the basket with 2.9 seconds left, but his layup attempt spun around the rim and failed to drop. Beal added two free throws with 0.7 seconds left as the Wizards broke a four-game losing steak and improved to a still NBA-worst 4-12. Harris scored a career-high



Associated Press

Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam (43) passes the ball over Orlando Magic guard Terrence Ross (31) during the second half of a game Sunday in Tampa.

30 points, and Irving had 26 for Brooklyn. The Nets had won four in a row. James Harden sat out because of a thigh contusion, the first game he has missed since being traded from Houston to Brooklyn on Jan. 13. The Wizards are 1-4 since resuming play after a 13-day layoff that included six postponements due to COVID-19 related issues. **Nuggets 128, Jazz 117** DENVER — Nikola Jokic matched his career high with 47 points and fast-starting Denver ended Utah's winning streak at 11. Jokic was 17 for 26 from the field, hit all four of his 3-point attempts, made 9 of 10 free throws and had 12 rebounds and five assists. He scored 33 points in the first half. Will Barton added 18 points, and Jamal Murray had 16 to help the Nuggets win for the sixth time in seven games. Utah lost for the first time since Jan. 6 at New York. Bojan Bogdanovic led the Jazz with 29 points, and Donovan Mitchell had 13 in 31 minutes after missing two games while in concussion protocol. Denver hit all eight of its 3-point attempts and shot 80% in the first quarter. The Nuggets kept it going in the second, going 13 of 24 from the field and finishing 15 of 17 from long range in the first half to take a 79-54 halftime lead. **Clippers 129, Knicks 115** NEW YORK — Kawhi Leonard scored 28 points and Los Angeles rang up the highest point total of the season against the NBA's leading

defense, beating New York for its 10th victory in 11 games. The Clippers shredded the NBA leaders in fewest points allowed per game to break away after leading by one after two quarters. They surpassed the 102.7 points per game the Knicks had been allowing with their first basket of the final quarter. Reggie Jackson added 18 points and Paul George had 17 to help the Clippers improve to 16-5. Julius Randle had 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks. **76ers 119, Pacers 110** INDIANAPOLIS — Tobias Harris scored 27 points and Furkan Korkmaz added 17, including the go-ahead baskets in the fourth quarter, to help Philadelphia complete a frantic rally against Indiana. The 76ers trailed

by 16 early in the fourth but closed on a 31-6 run for their sixth win in seven games — this time without All-Star center Joel Embiid, who sat out with a sore back. Malcolm Brogdon led Indiana with 25 points, and Domantas Sabonis had 21. The Pacers have lost five of eight. **Timberwolves 109, Cavaliers 104** MINNEAPOLIS — Malik Beasley scored 23 points and rookie Anthony Edwards had 23 in his second straight start in Minnesota's victory over Cleveland. Minnesota snapped a three-game losing streak and won for just the third time in 17 games. Andre Drummond had 25 points and 22 rebounds — his third 20-20 game of the year — for Cleveland.

Surging Panthers hold off reeling Red Wings 3-2

Hurricanes beat Stars in shootout for series sweep

Associated Press

DETROIT — Patric Hornqvist, Aaron Ekblad and Carter Verhaeghe scored and the Florida Panthers held off the Detroit Red Wings for a 3-2 win Sunday night. Anthony Mantha scored with 1:48 remaining to pull the Red Wings within a goal after Detroit pulled Thomas Greiss to add an extra skater. Detroit pulled its goaltender again, but couldn't get another shot past Chris Driedger to extend the game. Hornqvist pulled Florida into a 1-all tie on a power play early in the second. Ekblad took advantage of having an extra skater when with Hornqvist providing a distracting screen his one-timer from the top of the left circle got past Greiss' glove with 4:56 left in the second period. Verhaeghe gave the Panthers a two-goal lead midway through the third, and they ended up needing the cushion when Detroit made a late charge. Driedger finished with 32 saves for the Panthers, whose only loss this season was in a shootout. "I think there's a new vibe around here," coach Joel Quenneville said. "Getting off to a good start enhances that attitude." Greiss stopped 27 shots for the Red Wings, who have dropped six straight. Dylan Larkin scored to put the Red Wings ahead early in the game with a backhander after skating in front of Driedger on a goal set up by a short, slick pass from Givani Smith. Earlier in the day, Smith was recalled from the taxi squad because forward Tyler Bertuzzi is out indefinitely with an upper-body injury. "We had a great start, but we didn't generate enough in the second period and it killed our momentum," Larkin said. Both teams failed to take advantage of two power plays in



Associated Press

Detroit Red Wings center Frans Nielsen (81) defends Florida Panthers center Aleksander Barkov (16) in the first period of a game Sunday in Detroit.

the opening period as Detroit outshot Florida 13-6. The Panthers outshot the Red Wings 17-9 in the second period as they took control. On Saturday night, Florida defeated Detroit 3-2 in overtime when Aleks Heponiemi scored 2:15 into the extra period in his NHL debut. **Hurricanes 4, Stars 3** RALEIGH, N.C. — Vincent Trocheck zipped the puck past Anton Khudobin's glove in the shootout and James Reimer denied Jamie Benn's final shot, helping the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Dallas Stars 4-3. Nino Niederreiter scored at 17:25 of the third period to force overtime and the shootout for Carolina, which squandered a 2-1 lead to start the third period, but hung on to beat Dallas for the second time in as many nights. Jordan Staal and Brock McGinn also scored for the Hurricanes, who returned Thursday from a pause due to COVID-19 concerns that led to four games being postponed. Carolina won all three games in its return despite being shorthanded with multiple key players out.

"You need everyone throughout the lineup," Staal said. "And not the same guys every night. It's just not going to work that way. ... We had some big moments from key guys, and just found a way to grind one out." Reimer finished with 26 saves for the Hurricanes, including five in overtime. That included some big stops after Dougie Hamilton had taken a holding penalty to give the Stars the man advantage. "Luckily in OT, I was able to see a few and the puck was sticky," Reimer said. "That was a nice way to play it out." Benn, Jamie Oleksiak and Andrew Cogliano scored for Dallas. Khudobin finished with 37 saves, getting the start after being pulled in the second period of Saturday's loss after allowing four goals on 16 shots in the 4-1 loss. "We probably make life a little too tough on him," Benn said. "But once again, (he) played a heck of a game. We've got to be better in front of him for sure." **Flyers 4, Islanders 3, OT** PHILADELPHIA — Joel Farabee

had a hat trick, Kevin Hayes scored on a power play 4:23 into overtime and Philadelphia beat New York for a weekend sweep. James van Riemsdyk had three assists to help the Flyers win their fourth straight. They also beat the Islanders in overtime Saturday. Nick Leddy, Josh Bailey and Matthew Barzal scored for the Islanders. They have lost five in a row. After Barzal was whistled for high-sticking in overtime, Philadelphia took advantage. Claude Giroux set up Hayes, who shot high past Ilya Sorokin from close range. **Devils 5, Sabres 3** BUFFALO, N.Y. — Michael McLeod and Miles Wood each scored twice in New Jersey's victory over Buffalo. Wood assisted on McLeod's go-ahead goal midway through the third period. Andreas Johnsson also scored to help the Devils avenge a shootout loss Saturday in the opener of the back-to-back set. Eric Comrie made 30 saves in his first start for the Devils. Rasmus Ristolainen had a goal and assist for the Sabres, and Rasmus Dahlin and Curtis Lazar also scored.

Blackhawks 3, Blue Jackets 1 CHICAGO — Kevin Lankinen made 32 saves and short-handed Chicago beat Columbus. Patrick Kane and Philipp Kurashev each had a goal and an assist for Chicago, and Pius Suter also scored. The Blackhawks improved to 1-1 on a four-game homestand after losing 2-1 to the Blue Jackets on Friday night. Boone Jenner scored for Columbus. **Blues 4, Ducks 1** ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brayden Schenn scored twice, Ville Husso got his first win as an NHL goaltender and the St. Louis Blues defeated the Anaheim Ducks 4-1. Schenn is one of the NHL's hottest players with six goals in his last seven games. He also has four assists during that span, which is tied with Montreal's Nick Suzuki and Calgary's Johnny Gaudreau for the longest points streak this season. Schenn tied it midway through the second period with a highlight-reel goal. The center was in the slot and redirected Justin Faulk's pass while diving. Schenn extended the Blues' lead to 3-1 on a power-play goal 67 seconds into the third. Husso stopped 25 shots in his second start. Husso, who turns 26 on Saturday, had allowed nine goals in his two previous appearances this season, including five in his first start Jan. 24 against the Los Angeles Kings. Sammy Blais and Colton Parayko also scored for St. Louis, which has four wins in the past five games. Robert Thomas had two assists. Jakob Silfverberg scored for Anaheim, which has dropped three straight, and John Gibson made 19 saves. **Wild 4, Avalanche 3, OT** ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jonas Brodin scored 18 seconds into overtime, giving the depleted Minnesota Wild a 4-3 victory over the Colorado Avalanche. Jordan Greenway, who had an earlier goal, set up the winner with a pass from the end line before Brodin slammed the puck past goalie Hunter Miska. Joel Eriksson Ek got his second assist of the game on the sudden finish.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	15	6	.714	—
Brooklyn	13	9	.591	2½
Boston	10	8	.556	3½
New York	9	12	.429	6
Toronto	8	12	.400	6½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	9	.526	—
Charlotte	9	11	.450	1½
Orlando	8	13	.381	3
Miami	7	12	.368	3
Washington	4	12	.250	4½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	—
Indiana	11	9	.550	½
Cleveland	9	11	.450	2½
Chicago	7	11	.389	3½
Detroit	5	15	.250	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	8	6	.571	—
San Antonio	11	9	.550	—
Houston	9	9	.500	1
Dallas	8	12	.400	3
New Orleans	7	11	.389	3
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	15	5	.750	—
Denver	12	8	.600	3
Portland	10	8	.556	4
Oklahoma City	8	10	.444	6
Minnesota	5	14	.263	9½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	16	5	.762	—
L.A. Lakers	15	6	.714	1
Phoenix	10	8	.556	4½
Golden State	11	9	.550	4½
Sacramento	8	11	.421	7

Saturday's Games	
Portland 123, Chicago 122	
Houston 126, New Orleans 112	
Miami 105, Sacramento 104	
Charlotte 126, Milwaukee 114	
L.A. Lakers 96, Boston 95	
Memphis 129, San Antonio 112	
Phoenix 111, Dallas 105	
Golden State 118, Detroit 91	
Sunday's Games	
L.A. Clippers 129, New York 115	
Denver 128, Utah 117	
Toronto 115, Orlando 102	
Philadelphia 119, Indiana 110	
Washington 149, Brooklyn 146	
Minnesota 109, Cleveland 104	
Today's Games	
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	
Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.	
Minnesota at Cleveland, 8 p.m.	
New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.	
Portland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.	
Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m.	
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.	
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Denver, 9 p.m.	
Tuesday's Games	
Toronto at Orlando, 7 p.m.	
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.	
Memphis at Indiana, 8 p.m.	
Portland at Washington, 8 p.m.	
Boston at Golden State, 10 p.m.	
Detroit at Utah, 10 p.m.	

HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division						
	GP	W	L	OTPs	GF	GA
Washington	9	6	0	3	15	35
Philadelphia	10	7	2	1	15	35
Boston	8	5	1	2	12	25
Pittsburgh	9	5	3	1	11	29
New Jersey	9	4	3	2	10	23
Buffalo	10	4	4	2	10	30
N.Y. Islanders	9	3	4	2	8	19
N.Y. Rangers	8	2	4	2	6	22
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OTPs	GF	GA
Florida	6	5	0	1	11	22
Columbus	10	4	3	3	11	24
Carolina	6	5	1	0	10	18
Dallas	6	4	1	1	9	23
Tampa Bay	6	4	1	1	9	19
Chicago	10	3	4	3	9	26
Nashville	8	4	4	0	8	20
Detroit	10	2	6	2	6	20
West Division						
	GP	W	L	OTPs	GF	GA
St. Louis	9	6	2	1	13	32
Colorado	10	6	3	1	13	36
Minnesota	10	6	4	0	12	29
Vegas	7	5	1	1	11	23
Los Angeles	8	3	3	2	8	25
Anaheim	10	3	5	2	8	16
Arizona	8	3	4	1	7	20
San Jose	8	3	5	0	6	22
North Division						
	GP	W	L	OTPs	GF	GA
Toronto	10	7	2	1	15	33
Montreal	8	5	1	2	12	33
Vancouver	11	6	5	0	12	40
Winnipeg	8	5	3	0	10	29
Edmonton	10	4	6	0	8	30
Calgary	7	3	3	1	7	20
Ottawa	8	1	6	1	3	17

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

Saturday's Games	
Buffalo 4, New Jersey 3, SO	
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT	
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 4, OT	
Washington 4, Boston 3, OT	
Carolina 4, Dallas 1	
Edmonton 4, Toronto 3, OT	
Colorado 5, Minnesota 1	
St. Louis 6, Anaheim 1	
Vancouver 4, Winnipeg 1	
Florida 3, Detroit 2, OT	
Tampa Bay 4, Nashville 3	
Calgary 2, Montreal 0	
Sunday's Games	
New Jersey 5, Buffalo 3	
Florida 3, Detroit 2	
Carolina 4, Dallas 3, SO	
Chicago 3, Columbus 1	
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT	
St. Louis 4, Anaheim 1	
Minnesota 4, Colorado 3, OT	

BUCS

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said. “I’ve loved working with my teammates. We’ve all worked really hard to get to this point.”

Licht and Arians were also open to input from the quarterback, who wanted to reunite with tight end Rob Gronkowski.

Veteran running backs LeSean McCoy and Leonard Fournette were added during the summer, and receiver Antonio Brown was a mid-season addition to the offense.

The Bucs remain a team primarily built through the

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 9 - 6	PICK 5 (early) 4 - 0 - 6 - 3 - 3
PICK 2 (late) 8 - 6	PICK 5 (late) 4 - 6 - 2 - 3 - 7
PICK 3 (early) 1 - 8 - 9	FANTASY 5 3 - 11 - 14 - 16 - 21
PICK 3 (late) 0 - 9 - 1	CASH 4 LIFE 5 - 6 - 14 - 35 - 51
PICK 4 (early) 7 - 3 - 5 - 8	CASH BALL 3
PICK 4 (late) 6 - 7 - 9 - 6	

Saturday's winning numbers and payouts:

Powerball: 1 – 2 – 7 – 52 – 61	5-of-6 5x 3 winners \$15,000
Powerball: 4	5-of-6 10x 2 winners \$30,000
5-of-5 PB 1 winner \$30 million	Fantasy 5: 1 – 4 – 6 – 16 – 26
No Florida winner	5-of-5 7 winners \$32,972.08
5-of-5 2 winners \$1 million	4-of-5 422 \$88
No Florida winner	3-of-5 11,226 \$9
Lotto: 1 – 7 – 15 – 27 – 39 – 47	Cash 4 Life: 3 – 31 – 33 – 43 – 44
6-of-6 No winner	Cash Ball: 3
5-of-6 2x 5 winners \$6,000	5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-6 3x 6 winners \$9,000	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-6 4x 6 winners \$12,000	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS	
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
5:30 a.m. (FS1) Connecticut at DePaul (Same-day Tape)	
5 p.m. (ESPN2) Southeast Missouri State at UT-Martin	
7 p.m. (ESPN2) NC State at Louisville	
8 p.m. (BIG10) Ohio State at Northwestern	
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
2 p.m. (ACCN) Georgia Tech at Louisville	
7 p.m. (ESPN) Duke at Miami	
9 p.m. (ESPN) Oklahoma at Texas Tech	
NBA	
7:30 p.m. (SUN) Charlotte Hornets at Miami Heat	
8:30 p.m. (NBA) Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks	
BOATING	
10:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Americas Cup Prada Challenger Series (Same-day Tape)	
NHL	
2 p.m. (NHL) New York Islanders at Philadelphia Flyers (Taped)	
7 p.m. (NBCSPT) Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers	
10:30 p.m. (NHL) Vegas Golden Knights vs San Jose Sharks	
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL	
4 p.m. (BIG10) Ohio State at Michigan State	

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.

Ottawa at Edmonton, late

Today's Games

Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Montreal, 7 p.m.

Calgary at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Vegas at San Jose, ppd

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Montreal, 7 p.m.

Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Calgary at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Carolina at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Ottawa at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs	
Saturday, Jan. 9	
Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24	
Los Angeles Rams 30, Seattle 20	
Tampa Bay 31, Washington 23	
Sunday, Jan. 10	
Baltimore 20, Tennessee 13	
New Orleans 21, Chicago 9	
Cleveland 48 Pittsburgh 37	
Divisional Playoffs	
Saturday, Jan. 16	
Green Bay 32, Los Angeles Rams 18	
Buffalo 17, Baltimore 3	
Sunday, Jan. 17	
Kansas City 22, Cleveland 17	
Tampa Bay 30, New Orleans 20	
Conference Championships	
Sunday, Jan. 24	
AFC	
Kansas City 38, Buffalo 24	
NFC	
Tampa Bay 31, Green Bay 26	
Super Bowl	
Sunday, Feb. 7	
At Tampa, Fla.	
Tampa Bay vs. Kansas City, 6:30 p.m.	

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	
Major League Baseball American League	
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with INF Hanser Alberto on a minor league contract.	
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with SS Andrelton Simmons on a one-year contract.	
FOOTBALL	
National Football League	
DETROIT LIONS — Acquired QB Jared Goff, a 2021 third-round pick, 2022 first-round pick and 2023 first-round pick from Los Angeles	

Rams in exchange for QB Matthew Stafford.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed OL Jonot-
than Harrison to a reserve/futures contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned D Kyle
Capobianco to Tucson (AHL).

BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled C Casey
Mittelstadt from the taxi squad.

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled C
Drew Shore and G Alex Nedeljkovic from taxi
squad.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled RW
Reese Johnson from the taxi squad.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Designated C
Chase Pearson for assignment to taxi squad.

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Designated RW
Arthur Kaliyev and D Austin Strand for assign-
ment to taxi squad. Assigned LWs Bokondji and
Samuel Fagemo to Ontario (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Designated
RW Corey Perry for assignment on the taxi
squad.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled Fs Jes-
per Boqvist and Mikhail Maltsev from the taxi
squad. Designated RW Nicholas Merkley for
assignment on the taxi squad.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Waived D Tony
DeAngelo.

OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled D Artem
Zub from the taxi squad.

East Coast Hockey League

ALLEN AMERICANS — Activated D Ben
Carroll from reserve. Placed F Josh Lammon
on reserve.

GREENVILLE SWAMP RABBITS — Acti-
vated F Luc Brown from reserve. Placed F
Brendan Connolly on reserve.

INDY FUEL — Activated D Keoni Texeira
from commissioner's exempt list. Activated F
Dylan Malmquist from reserve. Placed F Nick
Hutchinson and D Mike Lee on reserve.

JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN — Activated F
Craig Martin from commissioner's exempt list.
Placed F Christopher Brown on reserve.

KANSAS CITY MAVERICKS — Signed D
Theo Calvas and added to active roster. Placed
F Boston Leier on reserve. Placed D Justin
Woods and F Phil Marinaccio on injured reserve.

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Acquired D
Devante Stephens from Syracuse. Activated F
Tad Kozun from reserve. Placed D Luke McNis-
lin on reserve.

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Activated F Yuri Terao
from injured reserve. Placed D Ryker Killins
and F Trey Bradley on reserve. Loaned G Kevin
Carr to Colorado (AHL).

WHEELING NAILERS — Activated F Tyler
Drevitch and F Vladislav Mikhalchuk from
reserve. Placed D Matt Foley, F Lawton Court-
nell and D Adam Smith on reserve.

WICHITA THUNDER — Activated D Riley
Weselowski and F Chantz Petruic from reserve.
Placed D Patrik Parkkonen and F John Albert
on reserve.

draft, though.

Eight starters and a pair of key reserves were selected in the past three drafts, including 2019 No. 5 overall pick Devin White and offensive tackle Tristan Wirfs and safety Antoine Winfield, Jr., the club's first two selections in 2020.

White, Wirfs and Winfield all became starters from Day One. White had 15 tackles and recovered a fumble in Tampa Bay's NFC championship victory over Green Bay, second-year Sean Murphy-Bunting has three interceptions this postseason, and second-year receiver Scotty Miller came off the bench to contribute in each of the Bucs' three playoff road wins.

“Naturally, I think you envision every year in the off-season you want to make some moves that hopefully get your team into the Super Bowl. I think when you sign a guy like Tom, it makes it a little more realistic,” Licht said.

“Just talking to him the days after we signed him, you could just hear and feel the confidence that he had. It made it a little bit more real,” the GM added. “Now, you never take anything for granted. We had some highs and lows in the season where things at times looked a little grim. We needed to pull together, but we never lost our confidence.”

SPORTS BRIEFS

Former LSU TE Arik Gilbert chooses Florida to transfer

GAINESVILLE — Florida landed one of the country's most coveted transfers Sunday, a likely replacement for star tight end Kyle Pitts.

Former LSU standout Arik Gilbert committed to the Gators on Twitter, saying “this is the best situation for me and I'm excited to join the family.”

The 6-foot-5, 253-pound Gilbert, a five-star prospect and the No. 1 tight end in the 2020 recruiting class, left the Tigers with two games remaining in the 2020 regular season. He's likely to gain immediate eligibility under the NCAA's relaxed transfer rules.

MLB proposes delaying start, cut to 154 games

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball has proposed a one-month delay in starting spring training due to the coronavirus pandemic and pushing back opening day to April 28, two people familiar with the plan told The Associated Press.

Under the plan presented to the players' union on Friday, the regular season would be cut from 162 games to 154.

Also, the playoffs would be expanded from 10 teams to 14, the designated hitter would extend to the National League for the second straight season and MLB

would keep the experimental rules for seven-inning doubleheaders and beginning extra innings with a runner on second base.

All players would report for spring training on March 22, back from the current calendar that calls a voluntary reporting date of Feb. 17 for pitchers, catchers and injured players, and Feb. 22 for others.

Opening day would be pushed back 27 days from its currently scheduled April 1 and the regular season would end Oct. 10 instead of Oct. 3. The postseason would extend into November.

No. 6 Houston beat SMU for 8th straight victory

HOUSTON — Marcus Sasser scored 19 points and No. 6 Houston beat SMU 70-48 on Sunday for its eighth straight win.

Sasser bounced back to make five of his last 10 shots. After scoring just three points in a victory over Tulane on Thursday, he opened 0 for 5 against the Mustangs.

Liddell leads No. 13 Ohio State over Michigan State

COLUMBUS, Ohio — E.J. Liddell had 20 points and eight rebounds to lead No. 13 Ohio State to a 79-62 rout of skidding Michigan State on Sunday.

— From wire reports

REMATCH

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to extend their 17-0 lead early in the second, but Shaq Barrett stripped the quarterback on a first-and-goal play from the 8 and forced the Chiefs' lone turnover.

Tampa Bay waited until the fourth to make its comeback. Tom Brady threw two interceptions in the third quarter and the Bucs trailed 27-10 before a furious rally.

Brady found Mike Evans for scores of 31 and 7 yards, the first one coming on a fourth-and-3 play early in the quarter and the second one coming after a pair of roughing-the-passer penalties on Frank Clark.

Down three with 4:10 to play, Tampa turned to its defense to get a stop and get Brady the ball back. But Mahomes didn't let it happen, scrambling for one first down and then rolling left on third-and-7 and finding — who else? — Hill for a first down in front of — who else? — Davis. Mahomes then took a knee to end the game.

“You learn from mistakes and you learn from really good things, and there were some really good things in that game,” Arians said. “So we’ve got a lot of stuff to build on.”

Mahomes completed 37 of 49 passes for 462 yards and three TDs. Hill finished with the 14th-most receiving yards in any game in NFL history and the most since Julio Jones notched 300 against Carolina in 2016.

CHIEFS

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Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl last February. Along with signing their quarterback, general manager Brett Veach knew tight end Travis Kelce was due a salary bump, and that defensive tackle Chris Jones was going to walk in free agency if he didn't get a long-term deal.

So yes, Mahomes signed a 10-year contract that could pay him a half-billion dollars by the end of it. But he also was willing to give up some cash — and structure it in such a way — that the Chiefs could keep their entire core under contract.

“Veach and his team, it’s remarkable how they were able to manipulate the contract situation to keep this team together,” Jones said this week, “especially when Pat texted me that he left money on the table. That baffled me. How the hell do you leave money on the table when you have a half-billion dollar contract? But somehow they figured it out.”

Kelce got his bump with a four-year, \$57.25 million deal. Jones got his four-year, \$85 million deal. The Chiefs fortified the rest of the roster with draft picks and wise, inexpensive free-agent acquisitions. And they began the defense of their Super Bowl championship largely with the same group of players that had won it.

MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 1, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnington & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights							
	C	S	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	ET	Holly	Ellen's Game		The Wall (N) 'PG'		Weakest Link 'PG'		News	J. Fallon
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)		Antiques Roadshow (N) 'G'		Antiques Roadshow (In Stereo) 'G'		Independent Lens Dolly song 9 to 5. (N) 'PG'		Parton's Legacy	
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	BBC	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens (N) 'PG'		BBC	
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Ent. Tonight	Ellen's Game of Games (N) 'PG'		The Wall KD and CJ take on the wall. 'PG'		Weakest Link (N) 'PG'		NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo) '14'				The Good Doctor '14' (DVS)		Eyewit. News	Jimmy Kimmel
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Neighborhood 'Bob-Abishola		All Rise "A View From the Bus" 'PG'		Bull "The Great Divide" '14'		10 Tampa Bay	Late-Colbert
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Ac. Hollywood	TMZ (N) 'PG'	9-1-1 A yoga teacher loses her vision. '14'		9-1-1: Lone Star "Hold the Line" '14'		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'				The Good Doctor		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	Jerusalem	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'				The Good Doctor '14' (DVS)		ABC Action News	Jimmy Kimmel
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'
33 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			S.Channel	The 700 Club		Lovels	Child	Kenneth Cox		Franklin	S.Channel	Healing	Faith	Prince
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	All American "High Expectations" 'PG'		All American Stories (N) 'PG'		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	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	9-1-1 (N) '14'		9-1-1: Lone Star '14'		FOX 51 News		Dateline 'PG'	
63 (WXPX) ION		17				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 (In Stereo) 'PG'		The First 48 "Jackpot" '14'		The First 48 "In a Lonely Place" '14'		The First 48 (In Stereo) '14'		The First 48 "Standing Ground" '14'		The First 48 Presents Critical	
(ACCN)		99				Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball		Carolina Basketball	
(AMC)	55	64	55			** "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003) 		* "Gone in 60 Seconds" (2000) Nicolas Cage. A retired thief must steal 50 cars to save his brother.						The Salisbury Poisonings (N)		** "Gone in 60 Seconds" (2000)	
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	The Last Alaskans "Dark Winter" 'PG'		The Last Alaskans "Fire and Ice" 'PG'		Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge "When Darkness Doesn't Fall" 'PG'				Homestead Rescue: Survival Shelter threaten a family's food source. 'PG'			
(BET)	96	71	96			** "Bringing Down the House" (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin. A brassy ex-con gets an uptight attorney to clear her name. 'PG-13' 				* "Blue Streak" (1999, Comedy) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. 'PG-13' 							
(BIGTEN)	742	809				The B1G Show (N) (Live)		B1G Football in 60		B1G Football in 60		Campus Eats 'G'	The B1G Story	The B1G Show		B1G Football in 60	
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Below Deck '14'		Below Deck '14'		Below Deck (N) '14'		Below Deck (N) '14'		Watch	Below Deck '14'		NCIS '14'
(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	The Office '14'	(In Stereo) '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 "Pilot" '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 Duke at Miami. (N) (Live)				College Basketball		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	College Basketball		Women's College Basketball				College Basketball				Basket	Pro Bowl
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Kennedy (N)		The Evening Edit		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Kennedy	
(FLIX)		118	170			**** "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' 		**** "Do the Right Thing" (1989, Drama) Danny Aiello. (In Stereo) 'R' 		**** "Reservoir Dogs" (1992) Harvey Keitel. 'R' 		"The Machinist"					
(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			Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		Kids Baking		Amy Schumer		Guy's Games	
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	"Madagascar 3: Wanted"		*** "Kung Fu Panda" (2008, Children's) Voices of Jack Black. (In Stereo) 'PG' 		*** "Kung Fu Panda 2" (2011) Voices of Jack Black. (In Stereo) 'PG' 				The 700 Club (In Stereo)			
(FS1)	732	112	732			Undisputed		Bowling		All-Madden		Boxing PBC: Caleb Plant vs. Caleb Truax.					
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Inside the Magic		In Magic	In Magic	NBA Basketball				In Magic		World Poker	
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** "Maze Runner: The Death Cure" (2018) Dylan O'Brien. 'PG-13' 		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) 'PG-13' 							
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Golf Central 'G'		Golf	Golf	PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Final Round. 'G'							
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"A Winter Princess" (2019, Romance) Natalie Hall, Chris McNally. 'NR' 		"The Last Bridesmaid" (2019, Romance-Comedy) Rachel Boston. 'NR' 				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	Axios '14'	The Lady and the Dale '14'	*** "The Last Exorcism" (2010) Patrick Fabian. 'PG-13' 		30 Coins "Holy War" (In Stereo) 'MA'		The Investigation "Day 1" '14'		**** "Up in the Air" (2009) 'R' 			
(HBO2)	303	202	303			*** "The Invisible Man" (2020, Horror) Elisabeth Moss. (In Stereo) 'R' 		30 Coins "The Double" (In Stereo) 'MA'		*** "Lars and the Real Girl" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Ryan Gosling. 'PG-13' 				"Very Harold & Kumar 3D"			
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	100 Day Dream Home 'G'		100 Day Dream Home 'G'		100 Day Dream Home 'G'		Ty Breaker (N)		Home Town "A Musician's Retreat" 'G'		Home Town 'G'	
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	American Pickers 'PG'	American Pickers 'PG'	American Pickers 'PG'	American Pickers "Hidden Harley" 'PG'	American Pickers "Smoking Hot Chevy" An immaculate 1964 Chevy pickup. (N) 'PG'				American Pickers 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'	
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles '14'	Rizzoli & Isles "Just Push Play" '14'	Rizzoli & Isles "Food for Thought" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14'		Rizzoli & Isles "A New Day" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles "A New Day" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles "... Goodbye" '14'	
(LMN)	119	50	119			"The Babysitter's Revenge" (2020, Suspense) Bree Turner, Steve Byers. 'NR' 		"Pretty Cheaters, Deadly Lies" (2020, Suspense) Kate Drummond. 'NR' 				"Killer Competition" (2020, Suspense) Jacqueline Scislawski. '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			Auto Auctions	Mecum Auto Auctions									Mecum Auto Auctions	
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Life Below Zero "Into the Storm" '14'		Life Below Zero 'PG'	Life Below Zero "Trial by Fire" 'PG'	Life Below Zero 'PG'		Life Below Zero 'PG'		Life Below Zero '14'		Life Below Zero '14'	
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud	Loud	Movie (In Stereo)		Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
(OWN)	125	24	103			Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Deadline: Crime		Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN	
(OXY)	123	44	123			NCIS (In Stereo) 'PG'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) 'PG'		NCIS "Deja Vu" '14'		NCIS (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS "React" '14'	
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	*** "The Longest Yard" (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler. Prisoners train for a football game against the guards. 'PG-13' 				*** "Old School" (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell. (In Stereo) 'R' 					
(SEC)	745	72				The Paul Finebaum Show		Thinking Out Loud (N) (Live)		SEC in 60		SEC Featured	Thinking Out Loud	SEC in 60		SEC Featured	
(SHOW)	340	241	340			*** "Hotel Rwanda" (2004) Don Cheadle. 'PG-13' 		The Circus Ins		Your Honor "Part Eight" 'MA'		Shameless "Slaughter" 'MA'		*** "Hitch" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 			
(SUN)	36	31	36			Rays Prospect	To Be Announced							Rays All-Access 2020		Inside Pitch	
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" (2017) Chris Pratt, Zoe Lister-Jones. 'PG-13' 		*** "Blade" (1998) Wesley Snipes. A vampire hunter does battle with a vicious bloodsucker. 'R' 		*** "Blade 2: Bloodhunt" (2002, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson, Ron Perlman. 'R' 							
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy American	Conan (N)	Seinfeld			
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "Strange Cargo" (1940, Adventure) Joan Crawford. 'NR' 		* "Plan 9 From Outer Space" (1959) Bela Lugosi. 'NR' 				* "The Swarm" (1978, Horror) Michael Caine, Katharine Ross. 'PG' 					
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Street Outlaws: Mega Cash Days		Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N) '14'		Street Outlaws "Boosted to the Max" 405. (N) (In Stereo) '14'				Street Outlaws (In Stereo) '14'		Street Outlaws (In Stereo) '14'	
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	Addiction	Addiction	1000-Lb. Sisters '14'		Feet-Killing Me		Feet-Killing Me		1000-Lb. Sisters '14'		1000-Lb. Sisters '14'	
(TMC)	350	261	350			* "The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day" (2009) Sean Patrick Flanery. 'R' 		*** "Gone Baby Gone" (2007, Mystery) Casey Affleck. (In Stereo) 'R' </									

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: I met my wife online 11 years ago. Within six weeks of our marriage, I realized she was changing. She was trim and lovely at the start, but I feared she would let herself go — and that is exactly what happened.

She is now well over 30 pounds overweight, and I can't say anything about it or it's abuse. I'm 64 and I keep active and stay in shape. I have no desire for her at all. We have been to counseling, but it didn't help. I don't know what to do. — **Frustrated Husband**

Dear Frustrated Husband: I'm hearing complaints you have about your wife, but have you looked at the reason she has put on 30 pounds? Is she happy in her life? Since you are active, is there any chance you could persuade her to engage in physical activity with you? Take your focus off of the number on the scale and put it onto her health. Help her find a healthy routine that she would enjoy with you. A healthy marriage is one in which you build up your partner, not find all of his or her faults.

Dear Annie: The letter you published from Missing My Things reminds me very much of my husband and me. He would go through my "stack" of things in the guise of tidying up, throw out my things he didn't think necessary and yet throw away nothing of his own.

I asked him to let me go through my own things. I asked him to only handle his things, and I said that I would handle mine. Then I told him flat out, "If something does not belong to you, you have no right to throw it away." One day, I found in the trash can a small

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"High Noon" (PG) Feb. 1, 1 p.m.
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"Saturday Night Fever" (R) Feb. 5, 7 p.m.
"Hairspray" (PG) Feb. 6, 3 p.m.
"Selma" (PG-13) Feb. 7, 3 p.m.
"Pillow Talk" (NR) Feb. 8, 1 p.m.
"Madagascar 3" (PG) Feb. 9, 4:30 p.m.
"Say Anything" (PG-13) Feb. 12, 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: P equals B
"SIYEY'R G BXS XO SIWHUR W'Z HXS
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CEYSST PGN ZGSI RSANYHS UEXMWHU
AC." — BYRSYE IXBS
Previous Solution: "I'm a typical Capricorn. I'm hardworking, loyal, sometimes stubborn, and I don't believe in astrology." — Jonah Peretti

Day after rules controversy, Reed wins at Torrey Pines

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Patrick Reed was so unaffected by a rules controversy a day earlier that he won the Farmers Insurance Open by five shots, the biggest margin in his nine career PGA Tour victories.

Reed closed with a 4-under 68 at Torrey Pines, making an eagle on the par-5 sixth and finishing off his dominating Sunday with a birdie on the 18th.

The former Masters champions finished at 14 under after a consistent four days at the blufftop municipal courses overlooking the Pacific Ocean. He shared the first-round lead with Alex Noren, was in a group one shot off the lead in the second round and then shared the third-round lead with Carlos Ortiz.

Reed said staying mentally strong, as well as good play with his wedge and putter, were able to “keep me in the golf tournament and really allowed me to have a fun stroll up 18.”

The controversy arose Saturday on the par-4 10th when Reed hit a 190-yard shot out of a bunker with a TV replay showing the ball bounced once before settling into the rough. Without waiting for an official, Reed picked up the ball to see if it was embedded. Reed told the official that no one in his group, as well as a nearby volunteer, saw it bounce. He was

awarded a free drop and saved par in a round of 70.

On Sunday, Reed jump-started his round with a 45-foot eagle putt on the No. 6 to get to 12 under and followed with a birdie on the par-4 seventh. His only bogey was on the par-3 eighth, and he rebounded with a birdie on the par-5 ninth. He played par the rest of the way until sinking an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 18.

“I was allowed to kind of put it behind me when the head rules official comes up and says you did everything you were supposed to do,” Reed said. “When you do everything you’re supposed to do, at the end of the day that’s all you can control. Going into today, I felt good, I felt confident and really went to the golf course, plugged in my headphones and just kind of got in my world with my coach and got to that first tee.”

Tony Finau, Xander Schauffele, Ryan Palmer, Henrik Norlander and Viktor Hovland tied for second.

Reed said he was resilient.

“I knew today was going to be a grind, especially with that leaderboard and seeing how many big names were right around there at the top. I knew you were going to have to go out and play on offense. You couldn’t play defense. You had to go out there and shoot a number.”

“It was kind of shaky

there early on in the beginning, kind of a couple shots that seemed to kind of get a little bit away from me. But I was able to rely on the short game early and get in a groove there in the middle of the round.”

Hovland had been the closest in pursuit with four birdies on the front nine, including on the ninth to get to 12 under. But the birdies dried up and he bogeyed Nos. 14, 15 and 17 — missing a 2-footer on 17 — in a round of 1-under 71.

“The front nine was awesome, made four birdies and was just really solid tee to green; made some putts there as well,” Hovland said. “On the back I didn’t really feel like I played bad at all, you know, it was just a couple of mistakes and it’s so easy to just let things kind of slip away.”

“But it’s cool to kind of be up there having a chance to win. Didn’t work out this time, but I feel like I learned a lot.”

Ortiz stumbled badly with a round of 6-over 78. He hurt himself with three bogeys on the front nine that left him even at the turn. He had even more trouble on the back nine, when he bogeyed No. 11 and then had trouble getting out of a greenside bunker on No. 12, taking a double-bogey 6. He bogeyed 15, 16 and 18.

Rory McIlroy closed with a 1-over 73 and finished eight shots behind,



Associated Press

Patrick Reed stands on the South Course while holding his trophy for winning the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines, Sunday in San Diego.

and still was a big part of Sunday. With so much attention on Reed taking relief from the embedded lie Saturday, McIlroy had something similar happen on the 18th hole in the third round. When he finally found it, he determined it was embedded, informed the other two players in his group and dropped it into deep rough right of the fairway.

The PGA Tour issued a statement earlier Sunday that both players proceeded under the rules. Reed took one extra step by calling for a rules official to confirm, though he had already removed the

ball from where it had been.

“You’re trying to deal with the info that you have at that time, and the info that Patrick had at that time was the ball hadn’t bounced and the info that I had at that time was the same,” McIlroy said. “And I went down and on my life, that ball of mine was plugged, it was in its own pitch mark, so I took relief.”

“In golf, you’d rather be on the wrong side of the rules than the right side of them, just because that’s just what our game’s about.”

Casey victorious in Dubai for 15th European Tour title

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Paul Casey left behind one of the unhappiest years of his golfing career by capturing his first title since 2019 with a four-stroke win at the Dubai Desert Classic.

The 43-year-old Englishman struggled to adapt to what he described as the “soulless” playing environment during the pandemic, with his only top-10 finish in 2020 coming at the PGA Championship when he tied for second behind Collin Morikawa.

He traveled to Dubai having not played on the European Tour since the end of 2019 and, aided by a new driver and a new mindset, wound up easing to his 15th victory on the European Tour — 20 years after his first

— after shooting 2-under 70 in the final round.

“It’s something very cool because it’s not been great,” said Casey, who could jump to 14th in the world rankings after his first win since the European Open in September 2019. “I didn’t enjoy my golf in 2020. I mean, I played well one week but that was about it.”

“It’s been totally soulless. No emotion. A whole bunch of feelings. I’ve not enjoyed it. And I’ve realized how much I love doing what I do, but I love doing it in the environment with people watching and the crowd and the noise — it can be heckling, it can be cheering and seeing the emotion on people’s faces and some people are rooting for the guy standing next to you, and some people are rooting for you. It’s just everything.”

Just having some people beside the fairways at Emirates Golf Club made him feel more alive.

“From 2020 to now, here, I’m rejuvenated,” Casey said. “I feel totally different.”

Casey began the day with a one-shot lead over Robert MacIntyre, and built a five-stroke cushion with seven holes to play after his Scottish playing partner made four straight bogeys from No. 7.

Walking down the 18th with a three-stroke lead, Casey could enjoy one of his favorite shots in golf — the approach to the par-5 18th with the backdrop of the Dubai skyline — and he two-putted for birdie to finish the tournament on 17-under-par 271.

Farmers Insurance Open			
Sunday At Torrey Pines San Diego, Calif. Purse: \$7.5 million South Course Yardage: 7,818; Par: 72 Final Round 2,989 FedExCup Points Available Individual FedExCup Points in parentheses			
Patrick Reed (500), \$1,350,000	64-72-70-68—274	-14	
Tony Finau (167), \$456,375	69-67-74-69—279	-9	
Viktor Hovland (167), \$456,375	70-65-73-71—279	-9	
Henrik Norlander (167), \$456,375	73-69-68-69—279	-9	
Ryan Palmer (167), \$456,375	66-70-73-70—279	-9	
Xander Schauffele (167), \$456,375	70-72-68-69—279	-9	
Lanto Griffin (85), \$235,625	66-70-72-72—280	-8	
Jon Rahm (85), \$235,625	69-67-72-72—280	-8	
Will Zalatoris, \$235,625	68-71-70-71—280	-8	
Luke List (64), \$168,125	66-77-72-66—281	-7	
Peter Malnati (64), \$168,125	66-71-73-71—281	-7	
Francesco Molinari (64), \$168,125	72-71-72-66—281	-7	
Sam Ryder (64), \$168,125	71-69-69-72—281	-7	
Rory Sabbatini (64), \$168,125	72-67-72-70—281	-7	
Adam Scott (64), \$168,125	67-69-72-73—281	-7	
Rory McIlroy (52), \$125,625	68-71-70-73—282	-6	
Robby Shelton (52), \$125,625	73-64-73-72—282	-6	
Joseph Bramlett (39), \$80,761	69-73-74-67—283	-5	
Marc Leishman (39), \$80,761	71-70-72-70—283	-5	
J.T. Poston (39), \$80,761	69-74-71-69—283	-5	
Charl Schwartzel (39), \$80,761	70-72-73-68—283	-5	
Sam Burns (39), \$80,761	66-72-70-75—283	-5	
Adam Hadwin (39), \$80,761	69-70-73-71—283	-5	
Bo Hoag (39), \$80,761	72-69-71-71—283	-5	
Max Homa (39), \$80,761	71-68-72-72—283	-5	
Ted Potter, Jr. (39), \$80,761	71-69-72-71—283	-5	

Omega Dubai Desert Classic			
Sunday At Emirates Golf Club Dubai, UAE Purse: \$3.25 million Yardage: 7,353; Par: 72 Final Round			
Kyle Stanley (39), \$80,761	72-70-70-71—283	-5	
Cameron Tringale (39), \$80,761	72-69-72-70—283	-5	

Paul Casey, England	67-70-64-70—271	-17
Brandon Stone, South Africa	70-67-66-72—275	-13
Robert Macintyre, Scotland	67-68-67-74—276	-12
Laurie Canter, England	70-68-68-72—278	-10
Kalle Samooja, Finland	68-68-71-71—278	-10
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	73-68-69-69—279	-9
Padraig Harrington, Ireland	71-69-69-70—279	-9
Sergio Garcia, Spain	66-73-67-73—279	-9
Rasmus Hojgaard, Denmark	72-72-69-67—280	-8
Matthias Schwab, Austria	70-69-73-68—280	-8
Ashun Wu, China	71-71-70-68—280	-8
Adri Arnaus, Spain	68-69-74-69—280	-8
Takumi Kanaya, Japan	70-69-72-69—280	-8
Antoine Rozner, France	70-71-69-70—280	-8
Alexander Levy, France	70-68-71-71—280	-8
Thomas Detry, Belgium	67-67-74-72—280	-8
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	70-71-70-70—281	-7
Tommy Fleetwood, England	68-68-73-72—281	-7
Lee Westwood, England	69-68-72-72—281	-7
Richard Sterne, South Africa	64-74-75-69—282	-6
Kurt Kitayama, United States	65-72-75-70—282	-6
Christiaan Bezuidenhout, South Africa	74-70-70-69—283	-5
Wade Ormsby, Austria	68-73-71-71—283	-5
Lucas Herbert, Australia	74-66-72-71—283	-5
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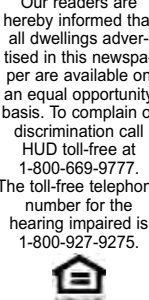
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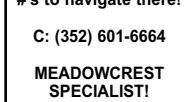
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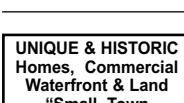
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Solution to Saturday's puzzle

2/1/21

9	3	5	6	1	4	2	8	7
8	7	4	3	2	9	1	5	6
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3	1	2	7	4	8	6	9	5
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1	2	9	4	8	6	5	7	3
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

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KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- AMULET

(AMULET: AM-yuh-let: An inscribed charm to protect the wearer against evil.)

Average mark 19 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 18 or more words in AMULET?
The list will be published tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S WORD -- GRENADE

gander	grandee	rend	near	dare
garden	greed	eager	need	darn
gear	greed	eared	nerd	dean
gender	green	earn	aged	dear
gene	ranee	edge	ager	deer
genre	rang	edger	agree	derange
gnar	range	endear	anger	drag
grade	read	enrage	dang	dragee
grand	reed	erne	danger	dreg

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

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ACROSS

1 Wave cutter
5 Evergreen tree
8 — Aykroyd of films
11 Tiber city
12 — Khan
14 Geisha's tie
15 Aachen article
16 Prowl
17 Tennis return
18 Perk up
20 Scooters' cousins
22 "— in the bag!"
23 Otherwise
24 100 kopecks
27 Judge's garb
29 Belief
30 Strongholds
34 Humidity measure (2 wds.)
37 Same old routine
38 Tart
39 Brink

41 Easy gait
43 Skip over water
44 Hen or ewe
46 Stew ingredient
49 Letter after zeta
50 Bullfight bravos
52 Produced, as eggs
54 "You don't say!"
55 Sharp point
56 Disappointed cry (2 wds.)
57 Health resort
58 Calculate
59 Largest of the Marianas

DOWN

1 Opposite of post-
2 Muddy the waters
3 Old Dodge model

4 Flour infester
5 Fish stories
6 I, to Claudius
7 Pow!
8 Parcels out
9 Dwelling place
10 Robins' bills

13 It multiplies by dividing
19 Cousteau's summer
21 Implored
24 Eliminate
25 Function
26 Luxury car
27 Cheese coating
28 Baseball's Mel —
30 LI doubled
31 Say incorrectly
32 Wheel nut
33 Sault — Marie
35 Daddy
36 Spotted feline
39 FedEx truck
40 Final words
41 Quit raining (2 wds.)
42 Nebraska city
43 Gave medicine
44 T-men
45 He directed Marlon
47 Waikiki setting
48 Tijuana tot
51 Conclusion
53 Monastic title

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WORDY GURDY®

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

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1. Actor DiCaprio's Kia subcompacts (2)

2. Greek Z facts and figures (2)

3. Has got to harden into a scab (1)

4. Pizzazz-less taxi waiting place (1)

5. Meager strip of chicken on a menu (2)

6. Captain Marvel player Brie's rectors (2)

7. Stage-sharing speaker statistics specialist (3)

1. LEOS RIOS 2. ZETA DATA 3. MUST CRUST 4. BLAND STAND
5. SLENDER TENDER 6. LARSONS PARSONS 7. PANELIST ANALYST

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5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food, shelter, or utility assistance programs,
6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board,
7) applicants must be on the Mid Florida Information Network system or willing to participate (Local Board recommendation.)

Local EFSP Board 158600 has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Daystar Life Center Citrus County, The Salvation Army of Citrus County, United Way of Citrus County, and The Pregnancy and Family Life Center. These agencies were responsible for providing rental, utility and diaper assistance.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must go to United Way of Citrus County's website to download an application.

Completed applications are to be submitted to United Way of Citrus County via mail or drop-off at 1582 N Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. The deadline for application submission is Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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