

Basketball: Lecanto girls snap losing skid vs Pirates /B1

SATURDAY
TODAY & next morning
HIGH 74
LOW 48
FOG
 Morning fog followed by partly cloudy skies.
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NEWS BRIEFS

County seeks applications for advisory council

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking applications for the Beverly Hills Advisory Council. They are seeking two qualified regular members to fill the two-year terms that will expire Jan. 31, 2024.

Eligible applicants must reside full time and own property within the boundaries of the Beverly Hills Municipal Service Benefit Unit as approved by the BOCC.

The Beverly Hills Advisory Council meets at 10 a.m. the second Monday of every month at the Beverly Hills Civic Center, 1 Civic Circle. The purpose of this board is to provide street lighting and landscaping services for the Beverly Hills area.

Applications are due by Dec. 9 and can be accessed at citrusboocc.com/board-application. Completed applications should be sent to Citrus County Administration, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Nominate Citrus' top citizen

The Citrus County Chronicle is seeking nominees for 2021 Citizen of the Year. Winners in the past have been honored for everything from philanthropy to volunteerism, civil rights work to service to country, and environmental efforts to governmental initiatives.

While all nominations are considered, preference is usually given to community contributions that are above and beyond the role one plays in their day-to-day job.

Email nominations, in 200 words or less, to Editor Jeff Bryan at jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com; or, mail to Jeff Bryan, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429 by Dec. 15. Nominations received after Dec. 15 will not be considered.

Nominate Citrus' top nonprofit

The Citrus County Chronicle is seeking nominees for 2021 Nonprofit Organization of the Year.

While all nominations are considered, preference is usually given to contributions that are above and beyond the role one organization plays in its day-to-day community efforts.

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— From staff reports

Citrus home prices still hot

Median price for a single-family home in the county hits the \$250,000 mark

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Home prices in Citrus County continued to soar in October, with the median now at \$250,000.

Florida Realtors released its monthly report this week and, as it has for

the past couple years, shows no signs of the market deteriorating.

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

The median price for a single-family existing

home one year ago was \$199,500, or 25% less than this October.

Florida Realtors President Cheryl Lambert attributes the continued hot market — not only in Citrus County but statewide — to a variety of factors.

"In markets across the state, the for-sale

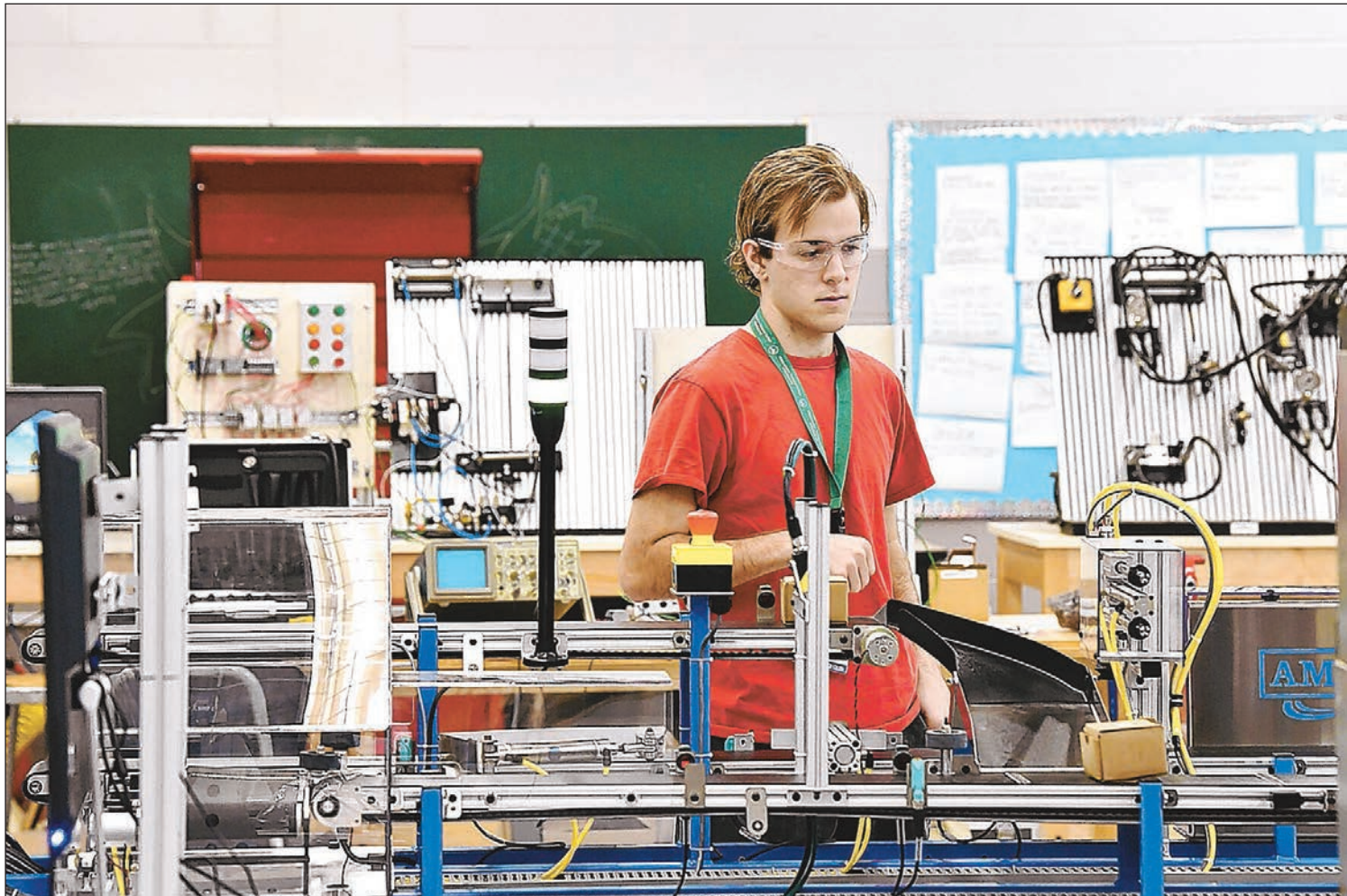
inventory continues at low levels, and that puts pressure on prices and also impacts closed sales," said Lambert, who is also broker-owner with Only Way Realty Citrus in Inverness. "Some buyers may have paused their home search for now." The median time to a

contract was 11 days in October, compared to 16 days a year ago. Closed sales nudged up from 325 to 329 in October.

"The median time to contract is the midpoint of the number of days it took for a property to

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Preparing for jobs of tomorrow



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Withlacoochee Technical College student Thaxton Fitts works on a machine that replicates a sorting system in his Industrial Machinery and Controls program Tuesday, Nov. 30.

As manufacturing changes, Withlacoochee Tech adapts

HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Staff writer

One of many things COVID-19 has changed is the way we shop.

"There's more distribution centers going up — people are ordering by computer," Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC) director Gloria Bishop told the Chronicle.

This, coupled with the increased automation of modern machinery,

created the need for a new program at WTC, Industrial Machinery and Controls Technician (IMCT). Most recently, the program was approved by the Department of Education.

With this new status, the program is now eligible for VA and Pell Grant funding, which Bishop said should take between one and six months. In the meantime, WTC has been offering scholarships for

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Zach Miller uses a Process Control System to monitor fluid levels in his Withlacoochee Technical College Industrial Machinery and Controls program.

Pine Hill Cemetery group frustrated with county

Commissioners don't show for latest meeting

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer



BUSTER THOMPSON/Chronicle

This is the main sign for the Pine Hill Cemetery in southern Inverness, near the corner of Hill Street and Line Avenue.

Advocates of Citrus County's Pine Hill Cemetery once again felt let down by county officials for not being present to hear solutions for improving what's considered to be the county's oldest African American burial ground.

"I was hoping they could be here today to answer the questions that we have," Dr. Devonte White told the 16 attendees of his community meeting the evening of

Thursday, Dec. 2, at the council chambers of Inverness City Hall. "I apologize for bringing you all out here."

This is the second time a county representative missed out listening to Pine Hill Cemetery stakeholders, who want to bring the county's 1.8-acre cemetery up to the same aesthetic standard as the 22-acre, Inverness-owned Oak Ridge Cemetery surrounding it.

White hosted a previous meeting Nov. 3 at the Valerie Theatre to

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2017 TOYOTA COROLLA L



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2014 TOYOTA RAV4 LIMITED



21110213 **\$19,921**

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21110201 **\$21,991**

2017 BUICK CASCADA PREMIUM 21119012	\$25,622
2019 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT 2LT 21110199	\$26,521
2018 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE 211100310	\$26,723
2019 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING 211100335	\$27,993
2019 TOYOTA TACOMA SR 21110118	\$28,282
2019 FORD F-150 XL 21119016	\$28,991
2017 CADILLAC XT5 BASE 21110244	\$29,521
2020 TOYOTA CAMRY SE 21110197	\$29,772
2019 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE 21110060	\$29,872
2019 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LE 21100326	\$31,451
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2019 TOYOTA TACOMA SR5 V6 21109004	\$31,744
2019 TOYOTA CAMRY XSE 21110092	\$32,271
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2019 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD SPORT V6 21110215	\$35,552
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2019 TOYOTA RAV4 LIMITED 21110251	\$37,271
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2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 21110095	\$38,971
2020 RAM 1500 BIG HORN/LONE STAR 21100324	\$40,523
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2019 CADILLAC CTS 3.6L PREMIUM 21119008	\$44,192
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2020 CADILLAC XT4 SPORT 21109017	\$44,993
2020 TOYOTA TACOMA LIMITED V6 21110270	\$45,991
2021 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 21110046	\$47,541
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21110065 **\$14,992**

2016 TOYOTA COROLLA LE



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21110142 **\$19,992**

2019 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5 S



21110097 **\$21,221**

2017 TOYOTA RAV4 LE



21110034 **\$21,591**

2021 TOYOTA COROLLA LE



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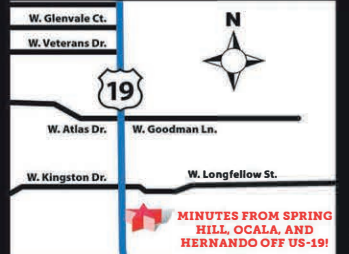
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Around the
COUNTY

Craft and bake sale to benefit community

Attend the Holiday Bash Craft & Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Historic Hernando School, 2415 N. Florida Ave.
 Shop from featured artisans while enjoying Christmas music by DJ Tom Y. Order food from Sweet Sugars Grillin, who offer nachos, mozzarella sticks, egg rolls and more.
 A donation form will be available at the event for those who wish to support the Historic Hernando School's renovations. Attendees can support the Toy Run by bringing a toy or gift for a local foster child or teen.
 For more information, visit tinyurl.com/2m9x362u.

Russian vocal ensemble to perform in Homosassa

First United Methodist Church of Homosassa will host a free concert with "ChoRuss," a vocal ensemble from Russia, at 2 p.m. Dec. 5, 8831 W. Bradshaw St.
 The name "ChoRuss" means "Choir of Russian." It was founded in 2012 by Miroslav Alekseev and Dmitry Petrov. The ensemble sings spiritual music of popular composers from the 19th and 20th-century, which accompanies worship in the Russian Orthodox Church.
 This music is performed A cappella, as in the traditions of Orthodox music. The ensemble also sings popular Russian songs and songs of World War II, such as "Katyusha," "Broad Steppe," "Moscow Nights" and "Kalinka."
 All singers have a musical education and some have awards in international vocal competitions. The ensemble tours extensively in Europe and since 2016, began to tour the United States.
 For more information, visit choruss.com.

Senior Friends for Life cancel Dec. 8 meeting

Senior Friends for Life has canceled their Dec. 8 meeting. They will be going to St. Augustine on Dec. 12 to see the Christmas lights. For reservations, call Roberta at 231-629-0143.
 Their regular meetings will resume Jan. 12 at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club garden room, 505 Hartford St. in Hernando.
 There will be open registration and dues are \$10. They will also be electing new officers in January. Visitors are always welcome. To make a reservation, call Nancy at 352-563-5732 or Walli at 352-746-3258.

Give gift of song for Christmas

Suncoast Harmony Chorus wants to share a magical, musical COVID-free Christmas greeting with your family and friends.
 They will telephone your family or friends anywhere in the U.S. or Canada and deliver a live performance of your chosen Christmas carol(s). Calls will be available from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 16 and 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 19.
 Songs are \$15 for one or \$20 for two to the same phone number. Additional songs can be added for \$5 per song to the same phone number. Zoom delivery is available with audio or audio plus video.
 Orders and payments must be received by Dec. 9. For more information, call Cindy at 352-597-4376.

— From staff reports

Boat ramp fees begin Jan. 1

Daily fee to launch a watercraft will be \$10; annual passes planned

Special to the Chronicle

On Feb. 9, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners voted to enact boat launch fees for certain boat ramps within the county. The money collected will be used to maintain and improve Citrus County boat ramps. These fees are set to take effect on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022.
 Premium Parking Service LLC has been contracted by Citrus County Parks and Recreation to handle the collection and enforce-

ment of the boat launch fees.
 Customers will have the option to pay the fees by downloading the Premium Parking app, using a QR code (located at the ramps), or contacting the customer service payment line at 844-236-2011. Customers can choose to pay the daily launch fee or register for the resident or nonresident annual passes directly through the Premium Parking app.
 The fee payment/annual pass registration system is not yet available. More detailed

information will follow in the coming week as to purchasing of the annual passes.
 The daily fee to launch a watercraft will be \$10. For Citrus County citizens, an annual pass for launching a watercraft can be purchased for \$25. You'll need a state of Florida ID/driver's license or utility bill with a Citrus County address as valid proof of residency. A \$75 annual pass is available for nonresidents launching a watercraft.
 Watercraft is defined as all kinds of flotation vessels designated for use on the water (motorized or not) including, but not limited to, boats, canoes, kayaks, jet skis, skidoos, pedal craft, pontoon boats, rafts, inflatable craft,

tubes, paddleboards, or wind propelled surfboards. One license plate is permitted per pass holder.
 Boat launch fees are required at the following launches:
 ■ Fort Island Gulf Beach Boat Ramp, 16000 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River
 ■ Fort Island Trail Park Boat Ramp, 12073 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River
 ■ Hernando Beach Boat Ramp, 3650 E. Lake Place, Hernando.
 ■ MacRae's Boat Ramp, 5290 S. Cherokee Way, Homosassa.
 No other county-owned boat ramps currently require boat launch fees.
 For more information, contact Citrus County Parks and Recreation at 352-527-7540.

Christmas on the Square



Six-year-old Emmie Six tries to stay on her skates Friday evening at the Christmas on the Square event at Crystal River Town Square. The synthetic ice proved challenging for both young and old first-time skaters. The holiday festival, which continues from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, also features food, live music, arts and crafts, a walk-through maze, and Santa Claus himself. Thirty-minute ice skating session tickets are \$10 for all ages. One-hour tickets for the maze are \$5 and add-on time for an additional \$3. The town square is at 599 N. Citrus Ave.
 STEPHEN J. SHANER /For the Chronicle



Cale Rowland gets some help from his twin brother, Wyatt, after taking a slight spill on the synthetic ice rink at the Christmas on the Square event in Crystal River Friday evening. It was the first time skating for the 6-year-olds from Dunnellon. Skates are provided with the purchase of tickets to use the rink.



Five-year-old Silas Buskirk, Inglis, tells Santa and Mrs. Claus what he's hoping to see under the tree this year at the Christmas on the Square event Friday evening. According to Silas' parents, he's all about dinosaur toys.

■ To purchase a ticket, visit crystalrivermainstreet.com/christmas-on-the-square.html.



Colorful fashions found their way to the synthetic ice skating rink at the Christmas on the Square event Friday evening.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays: Be direct, precise and detailed. Leave no room for error or misinterpretation. Take charge, speak up and follow through with your plans. Keep secrets and personal matters to yourself, and distance yourself from gossip and nosy people.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Alter only what's necessary. If you take on too much, you will fall short of your expectations. Know your limitations, strengths and weaknesses.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Verify how much something will cost and how much you have to spend before you cut a deal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Listen to what people say, and you'll realize who is on your side and who isn't. Keep your finger on the pulse of what's going on.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Be secretive regarding your plans until you have everything in place. A surprise will give you the advantage you need to come out on top.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Take care of your responsibilities, health and well-being. Learn all you can and prepare to renegotiate a deal that needs to be adjusted. Stick to the facts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Uncertainty will set in if you have too many choices. Don't be tricked into something you cannot afford. When in doubt, say no.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Put all else aside and focus on what you do best. A chance to use your skills to stand out in a crowd will lead to interesting opportunities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A change will lift your spirits. Try something you've never done before and see where it leads. A personal investment will fare better than anticipated.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Ramp up the volume and plan to have some fun. Pour your energy into fruitful activity instead of overreacting to something you cannot change.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pay attention to the way you look and feel. Listen to others with interest and offer suggestions. Honesty is the best policy, but diplomacy will be necessary.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Get along with friends and family. If you are hanging out at home, channel your energy into domestic improvements. Don't get involved in joint investments.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Change things up to make your life easier. More convenient surroundings will ease stress and give you more time to indulge in something you enjoy doing.

ENTERTAINMENT

Nearing 100, Betty White's life is a page-turner in new book

LOS ANGELES — A photo of Betty White, with dimpled smile and guileless gaze, fills the cover of a coffee table book arriving the month before her 100th birthday.

The image evokes the genuine White, according to the book's author, Ray Richmond. After digging into her life and career, he concluded that she's as warm and appealing as appearances would have it.

But her willingness to play against type, whether as scheming Sue Ann on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" or naïve Rose of "The Golden Girls," proves how game and talented White is, said Richmond.

That, coupled with an impressive work ethic, carried her from a cameo on television in its 1930s infancy to the darling of "Saturday Night Live" in the 21st century, with a myriad of show business gigs along the way.

"You could make a convincing case that Betty White is the most versatile and beloved entertainer in American history," said Richmond, whose "Betty White: 100 Remarkable Moments in an Extraordinary Life" (becker&mayer! Books) is out Tuesday.

Besides starring in sitcoms and making guest appearances in dozens of others, she was a reliably witty game show host and guest; parade emcee (California's Rose Parade and New York's Thanksgiving Day parade) and soap opera actor ("The Bold and the Beautiful"). She dabbled in drama on the big screen (including as a U.S. senator in 1962's "Advise &



Associated Press

This cover image released by becker&mayer! shows "Betty White: 100 Remarkable Moments in an Extraordinary Life."

Consent") and on TV ("Bones," "Boston Legal").

Hosting "Saturday Night Live" in 2010 — at age 88 — earned her a fifth Emmy Award and a new generation of admirers.

White, who will reach centenarian status on Jan. 17, 2022, didn't participate in the book. Richmond, a veteran entertainment reporter and critic, instead relied on research and interviews with her friends and colleagues, including Carol Burnett, Candice Bergen and Gavin MacLeod (Murray on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show").

MacLeod, who died last May at age 90, wrote the book's forward. Saluting White as a great performer and "national treasure," he deemed her "one of the most caring and loving

human beings I've ever known."

She's also a pro, said Bill D'Elia, producer with David E. Kelley of "Boston Legal." Kelley, who had worked with White on his film "Lake Placid," delighted in giving her salty language and bad behavior to play, D'Elia says in the book.

The book briefly sketches the Illinois native's early years before moving to a breezily detailed account of White's success in Hollywood. The great loves of her life — husband Allen Ludden, who was a game show host, and animals of all breeds — also get attention. Among the book's photos is one of the couple on the day of their Las Vegas wedding in 1963 (Ludden died in 1981).

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2021. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights:

On Dec. 4, 1942, during World War II, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time with a raid on Naples. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

On this date:

In 1954, the first Burger King stand was opened in Miami by James McLamore and David Edgerton.

In 1956, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins gathered for the first and only time for a jam session at Sun Records in Memphis.

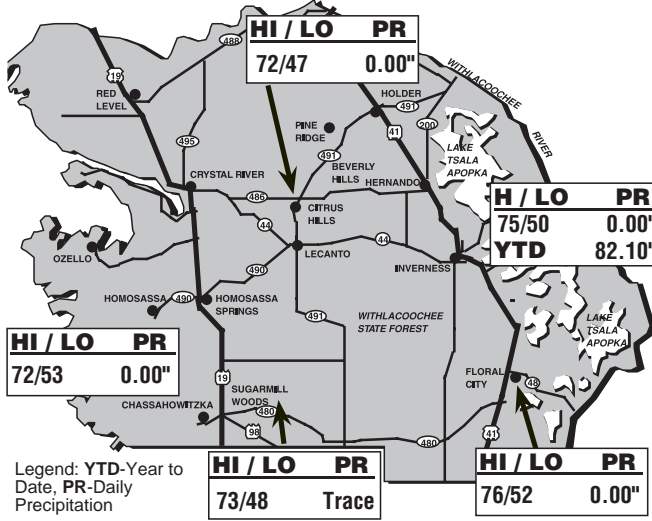
Ten years ago: Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's party hung onto its majority in Russia's parliamentary election, but faced accusations from opponents of rigging the vote.

Five years ago: A North Carolina man armed with a rifle fired several shots inside Comet Ping Pong, a Washington, D.C., pizzeria, as he attempted to investigate an online conspiracy theory that prominent Democrats were harboring child sex slaves at the restaurant; no one was hurt, and the man surrendered to police. (He was later sentenced to four years in prison.)

One year ago: The government reported that America's employers scaled back their hiring in November as the viral pandemic accelerated, adding 245,000 jobs in the fifth straight monthly slowdown.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Wink Martindale is 88. Singer-musician Chris Hillman is 77. Actor Jeff Bridges is 72. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 66. Country musician Brian Prout (Diamond Rio) is 66. Rock singer Vinnie Dombroski (Sponge) is 59. Rapper Jay-Z is 52. Actor Kevin Sussman is 51. Actor-model Tyra Banks is 48. Country singer Lila McCann is 40. Actor Lindsay Felton is 37.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by:

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 73° Low: 48°
Morning fog followed by partly cloudy skies.

SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING
High: 77° Low: 48°
Partly sunny and warm.

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 75° Low: 57°
Partly sunny and pleasant.

ALMANAC		Data from Crystal River Airport	
TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT	
Yesterday	78/45	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	59°
Record*	88/27	HUMIDITY	
Normal	75/47	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	86%
Mean temp.	61	POLLEN COUNT**	
Departure from mean	1	Today's active pollen:	
PRECIPITATION		Ragweed, grasses, composites	
Yesterday	0.00"	Today's count: 3.6/12	
Total for the month	0.00"	Sunday's count: 5.3	
Total for the year	61.66"	Monday's count: 5.7	
Normal for the year	49.63"	AIR QUALITY	
As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org		Yesterday observed	Good
UV INDEX:	4	Pollutant	PM2.5
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high			
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.12		

SOLAR TABLES				
DATE DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
12/04 SATURDAY	7:07	12:12	5:31	12:44
12/05 SUNDAY	7:08	1:17	5:31	1:50

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK				
Dec 4	Dec 10	Dec 18	Dec 26	
SUNSET TONIGHT 5:31 pm				
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:08 am				
MOONRISE TODAY 7:28 am				
MOONSET TODAY 5:57 pm				

BURN CONDITIONS
Today's Fire Danger Index is: MODERATE. There is no burn ban.
For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

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- Common Areas	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday		

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; 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	
SATURDAY			
City	High	Low	
Chassahowitzka* 5:30 a.m.	0.7 ft 6:50 p.m.	0.1 ft 1:48 p.m.	-0.1 ft 10:20 p.m. 0.1 ft
Crystal River** 3:34 a.m.	2.6 ft 4:59 p.m.	1.7 ft 11:00 a.m.	-0.4 ft 10:31 p.m. 0.8 ft
Withlacoochee* 12:42 a.m.	3.8 ft 2:38 p.m.	3.1 ft 8:46 a.m.	-1.2 ft 8:40 p.m. 1.3 ft
Homosassa*** 4:00 a.m.	1.6 ft 5:58 p.m.	0.6 ft 1:15 p.m.	-0.2 ft 10:28 p.m. 0.3 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	72	57	pc	Miami	78	71	pc
Fort Lauderdale	79	69	pc	Ocala	76	51	pc
Fort Myers	78	61	s	Orlando	76	56	pc
Gainesville	74	50	pc	Pensacola	73	58	pc
Homestead	80	67	pc	Sarasota	77	59	pc
Jacksonville	74	53	mc	Tallahassee	73	53	mc
Key West	78	71	pc	Tampa	77	57	pc
Lakeland	77	56	pc	Vero Beach	76	63	pc
Melbourne	75	62	pc	W. Palm Bch.	79	72	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 5 knots then becoming north around 5 knots in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters smooth. Patchy sea fog until late afternoon.

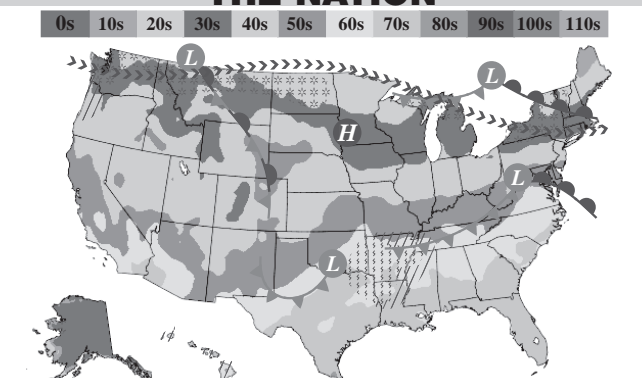
Gulf water temperature
64°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	FRI	THU	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	30.34	30.38	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.90	37.91	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.23	39.23	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.41	40.42	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Saturday

City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest	City	H	L	Pcp.	SAT
Albany	43	30	Trace	42	27	mc	New Orleans	68	54	0.00	75 61 pc
Albuquerque	65	34	0.00	63	30	s	New York City	47	41	Trace	48 36 mc
Asheville	76	41	0.00	65	44	mc	Norfolk	61	47	0.00	65 45 pc
Atlanta	77	40	Trace	70	51	mc	Oklahoma City	75	45	0.00	59 47 mc
Atlanta City	54	44	0.00	50	37	mc	Omaha	58	34	0.00	46 36 pc
Austin	75	63	0.03	80	63	mc	Palm Springs	81	57	0.00	82 60 s
Baltimore	59	42	Trace	56	34	mc	Philadelphia	55	42	0.00	49 33 mc
Billings	46	30	0.04	48	27	mc	Phoenix	81	55	0.00	78 49 s
Birmingham	72	45	0.00	72	55	mc	Pittsburgh	45	37	Trace	50 27 s
Boise	53	32	0.00	55	34	pc	Portland, ME	45	26	0.03	35 28 pc
Boston	45	36	0.01	43	29	pc	Portland, OR	49	37	0.00	49 34 ra
Buffalo	37	35	Trace	42	29	cl	Providence, RI	45	34	Trace	44 28 mc
Burlington, VT	39	27	0.01	32	21	ss	Raleigh	74	44	0.00	71 45 mc
Charleston, SC	75	48	0.00	73	52	pc	Rapid City	45	37	0.00	48 32 mc
Charleston, WV	59	37	0.00	59	35	pc	Reno	61	28	0.00	62 33 hz
Charlotte	79	42	0.00	71	47	mc	Rochester, NY	37	32	Trace	43 29 ss
Chicago	51	43	0.00	45	32	pc	Sacramento	59	43	0.00	59 43 mc
Cincinnati	61	30	0.00	53	32	s	Salt Lake City	52	30	0.00	56 35 hz
Cleveland	43	37	Trace	44	31	mc	San Antonio	84	68	0.02	78 64 mc
Columbia, SC	81	44	0.00	74	48	pc	San Diego	63	55	0.00	64 53 mc
Columbus, OH	52	37	0.00	49	29	pc	San Francisco	56	52	0.00	61 50 pc
Concord, NH	43	30	0.04	37	22	pc	Savannah	80	47	0.00	73 52 pc
Dallas	74	57	0.00	77	58	pc	Seattle	44	36	0.00	42 36 ra
Denver	61	31	0.00	64	38	s	Spokane	39	30	0.00	42 25 ra
Des Moines	56	36	0.00	45	34	pc	St. Louis	75	37	0.00	53 39 s
Detroit	39	35	Trace	42	29	pc	St. Louis	27	19	Trace	31 21 ss
El Paso	73	41	0.00	69	46	mc	Syracuse	39	30	0.02	40 30 rs
Evansville, IN	71	37	0.00	57	42	s	Topeka	65	35	0.00	53 41 s
Harrisburg	52	43	0.00	50	30	pc	Washington	63	45	0.00	57 35 pc
Hartford	45	32	0.06	44	25	mc					
Houston	82	64	0.00	78	64	mc					
Indianapolis	57	39	0.00	49	32	pc					
Kansas City	67	41	0.00	51	43	s					
Las Vegas	72	47	0.00	71	47	s					
Little Rock	76	46	0.00	64	53	ra					
Los Angeles	63	54	0.00	65	52	pc					
Louisville	72	42	0.00	58	37	pc					
Memphis	76	50	0.00	64	54	t					
Milwaukee	45	37	0.18	38	29	pc					
Minneapolis	43	34	0.05	36	30	mc					
Mobile	72	51	0.00	74	58	pc					
Montgomery	72	44	Trace	75	53	mc					
Nashville	75	43	0.00	64	48	cl					

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

WORLD CITIES

CITY	H/L/SKY	FRI	Lisbon	63/53/ra
Acapulco	89/68/pc	London	44/41/ra	
Amsterdam	44/40/ra			

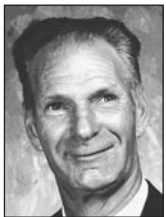
Obituary



Charles Parker, 97
FLORAL CITY

Charles Jones Parker (97) passed away December 2, 2021 at his daughter's home in Jacksonville, FL.

He was born in Dials, Laurens County, South Carolina February 19, 1924, but grew up in Cowpens, Cherokee County, South Carolina. He was a World War II Veteran having joined the Navy in May, 1944. He went through basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center where he met Ruby Curley while on a three-day pass in Chicago. He completed training as an aviation machinist's mate hydraulics (AMMH) in California and New York before being posted to the naval air station at Boca Chica in the Florida Keys. He and Ruby were married at the base chapel August 16, 1945. He achieved the rating of Seaman First Class and was separated from active service in June, 1946. He and his wife moved to Cowpens, where he worked in a cotton mill and owned and operated a feed store and hatchery. He was discharged from the naval reserves in June, 1954 and moved his family to Inverness, Florida in 1956. He was a long-time resident of Floral City, Florida and worked as an electrician, plumber, and water plant treatment manager.



Charles Parker

He is survived by his daughter Carolyn Parker of Jacksonville, and grandson Gregg Campbell (Julia) of Yulee, Florida, daughter-in-law Sandra Parker, grandsons Jeremy (Susan), Joshua (Jennifer) and great granddaughter Harlow Skye Parker of Charleston, South Carolina, and several nieces and nephews in the US and Canada. He was preceded in death by his parents Oliver and Mary Parker; his wife of 64 years Ruby Curley Parker; his son Bryne Parker; and sisters Jean Harrison and Evelyn Hulsey.

Visitation will be at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home in Inverness, Florida on Sunday, December 5th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Graveside services will be held at the Hills of Rest Cemetery, Floral City, FL, on Monday, December 6th at 10:00 am. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hooperfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

- Obituary deadlines for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday editions are 3 p.m. the day before. Deadlines for Saturday, Sunday and Monday editions are 3 p.m. Friday.
- Email obits@chronicleonline.com or call 352-563-5660 for more information.
- Submissions must be verified with the funeral home or society in charge of arrangements.
- The Chronicle does not edit obituaries for content.
- A flag will be included for free for those who served in the U.S. military.



Board of directors of the Floral City Water Association Inc., from left, are: Ralph Johnson, director; Bob Rutemiller, director; Bill Grant, legal counsel; Tim Herndon, vice president; Tim Wilson, CEO and general manager; Janie Stewart, secretary; and Barbra Donnelly, treasurer. Not present were Mike Gooch, president; and Jeff Ketchum, director.

Floral City Water Association meets

Special to the Chronicle

Over 2,200 households, businesses and others in the Floral City area are supplied with high-quality, potable water by the Floral City Water Association Inc. Annually, the association holds a membership meeting at the Floral City Community House in the Town Center.

Tim Wilson, newly promoted to general manager and chief executive officer of the nonprofit corporation, presented a status report. His presentation included a report of the corporation's financial health for past year; an outline of new water projects and an introduction of the association's operating staff.

Information about the new water projects revealed the progress being accomplished on the planned water expansion for Floral Shores and Hampton Point residents.

Water association members who attended the annual meeting were eligible to participate in a drawing and Marlene Willard was the big winner of a certificate for one year of free water.



Certificate winners, from left, are: Nany Reed, Ron Anderson, Marlene Willard, Bonnie Zicheck, Charles Price and Doug Mason.



Staff of the Floral City Water Association were introduced at the annual meeting. From left are: Kayla Woodard, Brandi Bang, Brian Cullen, Taylor F. and Aaron Bedford.

Shop local today at the Market at the Depot

Stop by the Market at the Depot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 4, 300 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness. The Market is held the first and third Saturday of each month.

Purchase fresh produce, desserts, a wide selection of fresh seafood or local grass fed beef, microgreens, local honey and much more. This month features several new artisans.

For more information, contact the city of Inverness at 352-726-3913.

Friends of the library to have mini sidewalk sale

Friends of the Citrus County Library System will have a library sidewalk sale at 9 a.m. Dec. 4, 593 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Lecanto.

This is a mini book sale featuring half-priced fiction, mysteries, sci-fi and westerns, plus a smattering of non-fiction. There will also be lots of jigsaw puzzles, children and teen books.

Money raised goes to support the Citrus County Library System. For more information, call 352-513-4221, email friendsofclcs@gmail.com or visit foclds.org.

Light Up Liberty Park with the city of Inverness

Light Up Liberty Park will take place at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4, 286 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness.

The glow of outdoor lights make for dazzling holiday spirit geared to warm your heart and make your season bright. Join the city of Inverness Parks & Recreation Department for the first lamp post decorating contest between local businesses and organizations.

To Place Your "In Memory" ad,

Contact Anna Torcuator 352-564-2917 or email: anna.torcuator@chronicleonline.com

Lamp posts will be judged in four categories: Most Old-Fashioned, Most Festive, Most Town Pride, and Most Patriotic. Bring the whole family and show your support while making memories and spreading holiday cheer.

For more information, visit inverness.gov.

Gardening workshop: 'Soils in Florida Gardens'

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is offering a free online gardening workshop, "Soils in Florida Gardens," from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 7.

The components of Florida's soils and geology should be considered when making landscaping installation and best management choices. The soil's pH, proper fertilization choices and appropriate supplemental irrigation practices can impact the sustainability of our ornamental gardens. Learn ways to effectively manage plants growing in sandy Florida soils.

To register, visit ccuffiprogram.eventbrite.com. For more information, call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708.

Wisconsin Club to meet Dec. 8

Join the Wisconsin Club for a little holiday fun at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 8 at the Crystal Point Club house, 7820 Summertree St. in Crystal River. The club is a social group that meets the second Wednesday of each month. Snowbirds and all others who are from Wisconsin are welcome.

The club has been in existence for more than 20 years

Worth NOTING

and all who attend enjoy socialization and the chance to meet new people living in Florida that moved from Wisconsin. For information, call Joyce McMullen at 352-860-1292.

Have dinner with the BH Lions

The Beverly Hills Lions will have their monthly dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 8, at 72 Civic Circle.

The dinner will be pork chops with gravy, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter with coffee or iced tea.

The cost per person is \$10 and \$5 for children younger than 12. Dinners can also be purchased to go. Call 352-228-0450 or 352-527-1556 to place an order or reserve a table for six or more.

Tickets may be purchased on Monday evening or Thursday during the day when bingo is being held or from any Lion member. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Profits go back to help the community.

CF Foundation to meet in Ocala

The CF Foundation will have a board of directors meeting at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at CF, 3001 SW College Road, building 40, in Ocala. The meeting is open to the public.

CF graduation ceremony Dec. 10

The College of Central Florida will hold its fall 2021 commencement ceremony at 5 p.m. Dec. 10 at the World Equestrian Center Expo Hall No. 1, 1750 NW 80th Ave. in Ocala.

"We are excited to invite CF graduates and their loved ones to celebrate their success at this new venue," Saul Reyes, vice president of enrollment management and student affairs said. "It's an opportunity to honor our students' hard work and share their stories with our community."

Carolyn Barton Grissom will be honored posthumously with the CF Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and student Edgar Soto will be the graduation speaker.

The in-person ceremony also will be webcasted live at CF.edu/graduation. For more information, call the Ocala campus at 352-854-2322, ext. 1391 or 1739; Citrus campus at 352-746-6721; or Levy campus at 352-658-4077.

Fishing club to have Christmas dinner on Dec. 11

The Beverly Hills Fishing Club will have their Christmas Dinner on Dec. 11 at the Citrus Hills Country Club.

Tickets can be purchased via phone at 352-746-0472. The cost for club members is \$20 and \$35 for guests. Meals are glazed salmon, stuffed pork loin and prime rib.

VFW Post 4337 to host breakfast with Santa Dec. 12

VFW Post 4337 will host breakfast with Santa for children kindergarten through fifth-grade from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 12, 906 State Road 44 E. in Inverness.

Young guests will enjoy food, music and Santa treats.

To RSVP, call 352-250-1593. Post 4337 is a non-smoking post.

Sponsor a gravesite wreath

Aaron A. Weaver Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 will be supporting Wreaths Across America during the holiday season.

The chapter is looking for community donations toward their goal of 500 wreaths, which they will place on graves at the Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 21, 2021.

To donate, visit wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0227P and click on "Sponsor a Wreath." To sponsor a wreath at Bushnell National Cemetery, go to "Specific Site" to enter the location.

The group ID number is FL0227P and the cemetery number is FLNCBU.

For assistance, email mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

Habitat for Humanity to have free orientation

Habitat of Humanity will have a free orientation from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at North Oak Church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m.

Those who attend will gain valuable information about the qualifications and steps required to complete the program.

RSVP is required. For more information, contact Christine Erick at 352-563-2744 or frontdesk@habitatcc.org or visit habitatcc.org.

—From staff reports

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EARLENE WILLIAMS - Private Arrangements
LINDA DODGE - Private Arrangements
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HUGO FIORE - Private Arrangements
GEORGE WEBB JR. - Private Arrangements
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For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests

■ **Justin Newton Fuller**, 42, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 1 for drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance and violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Kenneth Lowren Holstein**, 45, Lecanto, arrested Dec. 1 for possession of controlled substance.

■ **Sierra Jo Wilkerson**, 26, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 1 for violation of probation, possession with intent to sell controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$8,000.

■ **Samantha Earnhardt Hart**, 45, Hernando Beach, arrested Dec. 1 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **James Anthony DeSomma**, 42, arrested Dec. 1 for possession of controlled substance. Bond \$2,000.

■ **Harry Demetrius Toromanides**, 40, Beverly Hills, arrested Dec. 1 for failure to appear. No bond.

■ **Hailey Nicole Isbell**, 34,

Crystal River, arrested Dec. 1 for possession of controlled substance, introduction of contraband into a detention facility and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$7,000.

■ **Brittney Nicole Felicier Groom**, 31, Beverly Hills, arrested Dec. 1 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

■ **Katherine Anne Haley**, 37, Beverly Hills, arrested Dec. 1 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly — first offense). Bond \$500.

■ **William Andy Clay Huggins**, 31, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 1 for resist officer without violence and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$2,000.

■ **Commercial burglary**, 12:25 p.m. Dec. 2, off of 12th Avenue, Crystal River.

■ **Theft**, 1:08 p.m. Dec. 2, off of Ohio Drive, Crystal River.

■ **Theft**, 2:01 p.m. Dec. 2, off of Cranberry Street, Crystal River.

■ **Vehicle burglary**, 2:35 p.m. Dec. 2, off of Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.

■ **Criminal mischief**, 5:11 p.m. Dec. 2, off of Sandpine Court, Homosassa.

■ **Residential burglary**, 1:13 a.m. Dec. 3, off of Adams Street, Beverly Hills.

■ **Residential burglary**, 1:31 a.m. Dec. 3, off of Jefferson Street, Beverly Hills.

Burglaries, thefts and vandalism
Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalism (criminal mischiefs) released Thursday, Dec. 2, and Friday, Dec. 3, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

■ **Theft**, 7:50 a.m. Dec. 2, off of Umber Point, Inverness.

■ **Commercial burglary**, 10:51 a.m. Dec. 2, off of Withlacoochee Trail, Dunnellon.

■ **Theft**, 11:21 a.m. Dec. 2, off of Florida Avenue, Inverness.

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

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

HOMES

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receive a sales contract during that time," Lambert said.

Low inventory continues to be a problem. With little home choices available in Citrus County, buyers are forced to pretty

much pay the lister's asking price.

There were 457 active home listings in October, 20% less than one year ago.

And, as it has been for over two years, the pandemic continues to play a part in home sales.

"The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic pushed a lot of sales that would have occurred in

spring, back into the late summer and fall," said Erica Plemmons, Florida Realtors economist.

But other factors were in play, he said, including "record-low mortgage rates, changes in consumers' housing preferences, and the demand pressure from continued movement of millennials into their prime home-buying years."

GROUP

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brainstorm ideas for Pine Hill, founded in 1890 near the corner of Hill Street and Line Avenue. There are more than 320 known gravesites there.

White said he emailed invites for Thursday's meeting to the five commissioners on Tuesday, and received responses from Chairman Ron Kitchen Jr. and Commissioner Jeff Kinnard.

According to White, Kinnard told him he wasn't able to attend but asked to be kept in the loop on what's being requested.

Reading Kitchen's reply aloud, White said the commissioner told him: "Thank you for the invitations, but commissioners are not allowed to gather outside of commission meetings to discuss anything that may come up to be voted on."

"I'm not really sure how the commission rules goes as far as meeting with people outside of their meetings," White said. "We can only work with what we have."

Kitchen told the Chronicle on Friday he understood White's invite to every commissioner as a request to have them all attend his meeting, which would violate Florida's Sunshine Law unless the gathering was lawfully advertised, open to the public and had minutes taken.

"You can have one commissioner there at a time," he said. "You can't really have a town hall with just the commissioners and a group."

County spokeswoman Veronica Kampschroer said Friday "it can become problematic" for commissioners when more than one are invited to attend a meeting that hasn't been publicly advertised by the clerk of courts and then minutes.

"A single commissioner can attend without violating Sunshine laws," she said.

According to the Florida Attorney General's Office, "members of a public board are not prohibited under the Sunshine Law from meeting together socially, provided that matters which may come before the board are not discussed at such gatherings."

Kitchen said the issues of Pine Hill Cemetery will more than likely come before commissioners to vote on.

Kampschroer said county staff wasn't invited to Thursday's meeting.

"The county is aware of the community interest in this cemetery," she said. "We are willing to work with citizens where

possible on initiatives that will enhance our community."

To be heard, the Pine Hill group decided on Thursday to instead bring their message to commissioners at their Dec. 14 meeting.

"If they can't come to us, we can go to them," Inverness native Althea Franklin said. "We need to get face to face with them."

Kitchen on Friday suggested a similar process, encouraging the grassroots group to speak "with a unified voice" so commissioners can get the campaign on a future agenda to discuss further.

"One commissioner does you no good," he said.

White, who'll be moving to Washington in the coming days, said he'll work to muster the supporters of his movement, to get in front of commissioners.

Attendees of Thursday's Pine Hill Cemetery community meeting still weren't pleased with the county's nonexistent presence.

"We are their constituents. Does that mean they can't go to the county fair? Something might be voted on there," Mimi Clark said. "It's just an excuse for not wanting to show up; it's a slap in the face. We're not voting on anything, we're just trying to get our point across."

"If they don't want to do a job for us, they won't have a job for us — vote them out!" added Kent Clark, a 1976 Citrus High alumni and retired U.S. Army serviceman. "Put somebody in that's going to do justice for all and not because of the color of their skin."

"Because you know what," he continued, "when you're dead and gone, God will judge you according to what you did on this earth."

Commission Vice Chair Ruthie Schlabach said Friday she received White's invite but couldn't attend his meeting because of other conflicting appointments. Schlabach also believed another commissioner was going.

"If one's attending, I can't attend," she said. "I shouldn't have assumed that."

Commissioners Holly Davis and Scott Carnahan said they weren't able to see White's email amid the hundreds of others they received from constituents around the time of Tuesday's heavy commission meeting.

"I'm sorry I missed it," Davis said.

"I'm listening to them," added Carnahan. "Unfortunately, I couldn't be there."

Davis said she also didn't get an invite for the Nov. 3 meeting, and has been in communication

with White about his plans.

"I think what he's doing is admirable and great," she said. "He's always welcome to text me."

Schlabach and Davis said more notice than two days would help them find time in their busy schedules.

"I always want to support," Schlabach said.

White thanked county staff Thursday for taking some action at Pine Hill following his recent conversations with Carnahan. This included a road maintenance crew laying asphalt millings down on the single gravel road that bisects the cemetery.

"We'll continue to maintain that road," Carnahan said.

County staff also installed a water line and hose spigot, which the Pine Hill group didn't appear to notice. White said he'd follow up with the county.

"I am grateful they were able to make that happen for sure," he said, "but we still have some more things we want to address as well."

White and others at Thursday's meeting said they want additional sheriff's office patrols and signage around the cemetery to curb loiterers from trashing Pine Hill.

There was also a discussion on creating a historical marker specifically for Pine Hill, along with signage to help guide lost motorists to the cemetery.

Resident Randolph Bellamy said citizens should take it upon themselves to spend time clearing up debris and garbage if the county can't do it.

"Bring those young ones with you," he said, "so they can see you doing that, and they can learn how maintain that for the next 10, 20, 40 years."

Organizations like the Citrus Garden Club host regular cleanups at Pine Hill.

Bellamy also asked for people to replace old and tattered U.S. flags at the gravesites of military veterans.

There was also a request to have the county place stations for dog walkers to dispose of their animal's waste.

Mimi Clark cautioned the group for wanting more amenities from the county, which might ask its citizens to bear the additional upkeep.

"If we keep pushing, pushing and pushing," she said, "we're going to start incurring the cost."

"There are certain things the community shouldn't be responsible for," White responded. "Our requests are basic needs that I think they would want to have if their loved ones were buried out there as well."

Light Up the Lake

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
DEPOT DISTRICT, 300 N. APOPKA AVENUE

5-9 p.m.
Visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause
L&G live with Christmas and pop music
The Grinch Market Vendors Food Trucks
Kids Zone with free yard games and face painting
5:45 p.m. Lighted Boat Parade
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- Friday, March 18, 2022
- Friday, April 15, 2022
- Friday, May 20, 2022
- Friday, June 17, 2022
- Friday, July 15, 2022
- Friday, August 19, 2022
- Friday, September 16, 2022

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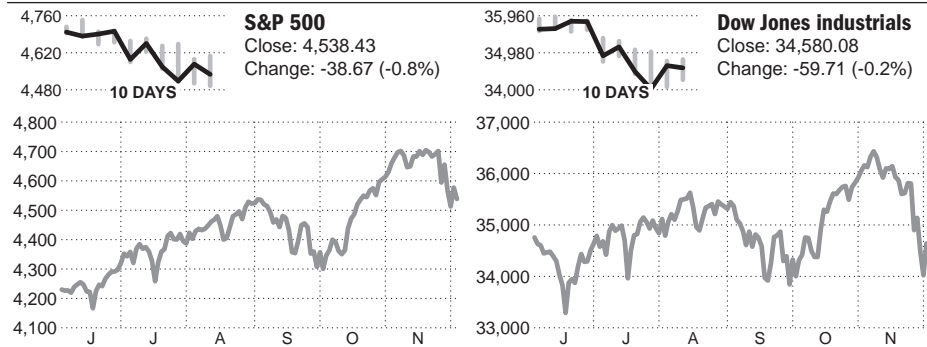
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StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD	DOW	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,670	5,322	16,096.98	34,801.31	34,264.57	34,580.08	-59.71	-0.17%	+12.98%
Pvs. Volume	4,597	4,677	15,470.36	15,819.28	15,967.24	+18.01	+0.11%	+27.67%	
Advanced	665	718	914.35	896.99	914.03	+9.93	+1.10%	+5.71%	
Declined	1819	2790	16,552.52	16,219.86	16,347.87	-127.38	-0.77%	+12.55%	
New Highs	21	16	NASDAQ	15,470.36	14,931.05	15,085.47	-295.85	-1.92%	+17.05%
New Lows	136	618	S&P 500	4,608.03	4,495.12	4,538.43	-38.67	-0.84%	+20.83%
			S&P 400	2,750.10	2,682.43	2,702.14	-35.15	-1.28%	+17.15%
			Wilshire 5000	47,178.86	45,928.31	46,360.95	-541.75	-1.16%	+17.50%
			Russell 2000	2,216.18	2,143.12	2,159.31	-47.02	-2.13%	+9.34%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	22.22	33.88	23.46	+4.1	+1.8	▼	▼	▼	-18.4	-15.8	cc	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	143.55	139.14	+2.7	+0.2	▼	▼	▼	+15.0	+16.5	35	0.80
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	79.67	56.46	+0.6	+0.1	▼	▼	▼	-19.2	-18.1	20	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	28.10	48.69	43.87	-1.02	-2.3	▼	▼	▼	+44.7	+55.4	13	0.84
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	29.00	27.09	-4.7	-1.7	▼	▼	▼	+10.2	+14.3	13	0.64f
Citigroup	C	55.00	80.29	62.76	-1.05	-1.6	▼	▼	▼	+1.8	+16.4	6	2.04
Disney	DIS	142.04	203.02	146.22	-9.8	-0.7	▼	▼	▼	-19.3	-4.9
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	108.38	99.88	+2.33	+2.3	▲	▲	▲	+9.1	+7.8	56	3.94f
EPR Properties	EPR	29.79	56.07	44.88	-8.6	-1.9	▼	▼	▼	+38.1	+20.2	...	3.00
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.12	29.29	25.24	-4.5	-1.8	▼	▼	▼	-7.5	-5.0	...	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	37.97	66.38	60.89	-3.9	-0.6	▼	▼	▼	+47.7	+64.4	...	3.52f
Ford Motor	F	8.43	20.79	19.14	-7.3	-3.7	▼	▼	▼	+117.7	+113.0	22	0.40
Gen Electric	GE	79.68	116.17	92.77	-2.46	-2.6	▼	▼	▼	+7.6	+14.9	...	0.32
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	148.92	263.92	230.03	-2.03	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	+39.9	+49.5	21	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59	416.56	407.81	+0.4	...	▲	▲	▲	+53.5	+47.7	29	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	45.24	68.49	49.25	-2.5	-0.5	▲	▲	▲	-1.1	+0.9	10	1.39
IBM	IBM	114.56	152.84	118.84	+1.94	+1.7	▲	▲	▲	-5.6	+5.0	20	6.56
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	60.05	56.55	-8.7	-1.5	▼	▼	▼	+60.5	+55.9	18	...a
Lowes Cos	LOW	149.31	256.39	248.69	-1.70	-0.7	▲	▲	▲	+54.9	+61.8	26	3.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.66	16.60	12.37	+0.8	+0.7	▼	▼	▼	+26.9	+21.2	...	1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	202.73	257.79	249.33	+5.3	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	+16.2	+15.4	27	5.16
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	209.11	349.67	323.01	-6.48	-2.0	▼	▼	▼	+45.2	+53.7	36	2.48f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	163.16	262.42	248.00	-4.52	-1.8	▼	▼	▼	+45.8	+45.9	43	2.84
NextEra Energy	NEE	68.33	89.68	88.03	-5.9	-0.7	▲	▲	▲	+14.1	+20.5	55	1.54
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	20.35	17.62	-1.5	-0.8	▼	▼	▼	+8.6	+11.9	43	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	15.07	24.89	21.90	-7.3	-3.2	▼	▼	▼	+35.9	+43.6	9	0.68
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	140.65	128.76	+9.1	+0.7	▼	▲	▲	+11.4	+11.5	17	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	157.72	202.26	193.38	-2.0	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	+17.8	+19.9	25	4.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	181.20	258.86	195.96	-4.8	-0.2	▲	▼	▼	-7.4	+4.0	24	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.74	61.95	51.42	+6.9	+1.4	▼	▼	▼	-12.5	-13.7	10	2.56f
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	20.36	14.73	-0.8	-0.5	▼	▼	▼	-10.6	-3.7	cc	1.06e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	153.66	137.51	+2.04	+1.5	▼	▼	▼	-4.6	-8.7	39	2.20
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	37.89	57.05	46.53	+1.91	+4.3	▲	▼	▼	+16.7	+18.6	18	1.91

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

Interest Rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.33% Friday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.06	.05	+0.01	.08
6-month T-bill	.09	.0909
52-wk T-bill	.25	.26	-0.01	.10
2-year T-note	.60	.63	-0.03	.16
5-year T-note	1.13	1.21	-0.08	.40
7-year T-note	1.29	1.38	-0.09	.67
10-year T-note	1.33	1.44	-0.11	.92
30-year T-bond	1.67	1.76	-0.09	1.67

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L	WK	6MO	1YR
	AVG	AGO	AGO	AGO
48 month new car loan	3.55	▼ 3.58	3.58	4.01
Money market account	0.07	▼ 0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28	▼ 0.28	0.27	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	▼ 6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.18	▼ 3.18	3.16	3.10
15 year fixed mortgage	2.51	▼ 2.52	2.48	2.37

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

Commodities

U.S. crude oil closed 0.4% lower while natural gas prices jumped nearly 2%. Wholesale gasoline and heating oil prices fell slightly. Gold and silver rose.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	66.26	66.50	-0.36	+36.6
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.21	...	+49.1
Heating Oil (gal)	2.10	2.10	-0.24	+41.5
Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.13	4.06	+1.87	+62.7
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.95	1.97	-0.75	+37.2
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1782.00	1760.70	+1.21	-5.9
Silver (oz)	22.45	22.28	+0.74	-14.8
Platinum (oz)	926.20	933.10	-0.74	-13.9
Copper (lb)	4.27	4.30	-0.76	+21.4
Palladium (oz)	1811.10	1769.90	+2.33	-26.0
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.38	1.38	+0.01	+21.9
Coffee (lb)	2.43	2.37	+2.85	+89.8
Corn (bu)	5.86	5.77	+1.56	+21.1
Cotton (lb)	1.09	1.09	+0.37	+39.9
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	903.60	914.50	-1.19	+3.3
Orange Juice (lb)	1.21	1.22	-0.45	-1.5
Soybeans (bu)	12.67	12.44	+1.85	-3.7
Wheat (bu)	7.95	8.07	-1.49	+24.0

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*	
American Funds	AmercnBalA m	33.35	-0.4	+12.1	+13.7	+12.0	+11.0	
	CptWldGrInca m	64.30	-5.7	+9.5	+12.8	+13.9	+12.6	
	CptInclBldrA m	68.08	-1.0	+10.0	+11.7	+8.5	+7.7	
	FdmTlnvsA m	77.44	-5.1	+15.9	+19.3	+15.8	+14.8	
	GrAmrcA m	77.57	-1.56	+14.9	+19.8	+22.6	+20.2	
	IncAmrcA m	25.98	-0.1	+12.5	+14.0	+10.1	+9.0	
	InvCAmrcA m	51.92	-2.9	+19.0	+21.4	+15.8	+14.1	
	NwPrspctvA m	68.31	-1.19	+12.9	+18.1	+22.0	+19.3	
	WAMtlnvsA m	58.40	-1.3	+21.3	+23.4	+14.6	+14.3	
	Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.24	+0.4	-0.8	-0.3	+6.3	+4.5
Stk	239.86	-1.01	+26.5	+27.9	+14.5	+13.5		
Fidelity	500IxdxnsPm	157.85	-1.33	+22.4	+25.5	+19.7	+17.8	
	BCGrowth	181.62	-3.72	+19.7	+25.3	+33.7	+29.4	
	Contrafund	19.64	-2.8	+19.8	+23.1	+23.3	+22.1	
	GrCo	40.02	-1.03	+21.8	+25.8	+36.0	+30.5	
	TtlMktIxdxnsPm	128.98	-1.42	+19.9	+23.6	+19.4	+17.4	
	US90IxdxnsPm	72.08	+0.5	-1.1	-0.8	+5.5	+3.7	
	SP500Ixdx	70.89	...	+23.5	+26.5	+20.5	+18.0	
	T. Rowe Price	BCGr	188.56	-3.76	+13.9	+16.0	+21.5	+22.9
	Vanguard	500IxdxAdmrl	419.99	-3.56	+22.4	+25.5	+19.7	+17.8
	DivGrInl	38.58	+0.8	+17.6	+19.7	+16.5	+15.9	
GrldxAdmrl	158.50	-2.74	+22.0	+26.1	+28.3	+24.2		
IntTTEAdmrl	14.73	+0.1	+1.1	+1.6	+4.8	+4.1		
IntlGrAdmrl	155.49	-3.20	-3.0	+2.1	+22.9	+21.1		
MdCpldxAdmrl	302.14	-3.54	+18.8	+22.3	+17.9	+15.1		
PmCpAdmrl	179.44	-2.90	+16.6	+20.1	+16.1	+17.9		
STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.81	+0.1	-0.5	-0.1	+3.8	+2.7		
SmCpldxAdmrl	104.05	-1.70	+12.5	+18.9	+14.5	+13.0		
TiBMLdxAdmrl	11.31	+0.5	-0.9	-0.6	+5.6	+3.8		
TiInSlxAdmrl	33.49	-2.5	+4.8	+8.3	+10.0	+9.6		
TiInSlxInv	20.02	-1.5	+4.8	+8.2	+9.9	+9.5		
TiISMldxAdmrl	112.54	-1.24	+19.9	+23.7	+19.4	+17.4		
TiSMldxInv	112.49	-1.24	+19.8	+23.5	+19.3	+17.3		
WlghtnAdmrl	86.97	-0.2	+15.2	+16.7	+14.0	+12.1		
WislyncAdmrl	72.13	+2.7	+7.1	+7.8	+9.7	+8.1		

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Stocks down in wake of latest data

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ENVIRONMENTAL LESSON

Program plants critical seeds of stewardship

There's an old adage, "practice what you preach." And thanks in large part to an innovative partnership between Save Crystal River, Duke Energy and Crystal River Primary School, environmental stewardship is being taught to the generations coming behind us.

That's important for a number of reasons, but most importantly, it's about teaching the next generation to care for and appreciate what they have. The partnership is inspiring elementary students to become environmentally aware, to become better stewards of the natural resources we are blessed with along the Nature Coast.

With their hands-on involvement in growing, planting and harvesting Rock Star eelgrass, this budding student initiative has produced approximately 5,000 plants to date and, along with the supplemental plants provided by Duke's mariculture center, this number has reached upward of 10,000.

This is a program putting the county's future environmental wellness in the right hands, but we believe it's worth exploring expanding

it, not just countywide but statewide, because it would be an innovative partnership for many other school districts. A blueprint, if you will.

Of course, what Save Crystal River has done for King's Bay should be serving as a blueprint across the state for improving manatee habitats. But that's another topic for another day.

What makes this partnership between Save Crystal River, Duke Energy and Crystal River Primary School effective is it's not just a lecture; it's hands-on. And one of the best ways to teach is instruct, demonstrate and apply the lesson.

"Hands-on science is an outstanding opportunity," CRPS principal Janet Tuggle said, who added the annual program has become an integral part of CRPS culture, connecting students to their own community.

With this and other initiatives of Save Crystal River, the goal is to make a substantial and continuing change to King's Bay and Crystal River by July 2023.

Like most "rock stars," these parties deserve a standing ovation.

THE ISSUE:

Learn to "Be a Rockstar."

OUR OPINION:

A model program for students.

Long wait makes one grouchy

Perhaps a bigger sheriff's office is needed, as called for by Sheriff Prendergast, but first we need more motor vehicle registration and tax facilities. There's now a two-and-a-half-hour-or-more wait every time you go into that office in Inverness. Perhaps they can combine the two. The personnel in the offices are very pleasant, but you still have all the citizens leaving very grouchy after sitting there that long.

Traffic outrageous, people speeding

I'm responding to Sound Off (about the Thursday, Dec. 2, front-page story) "Prendergast calls for bigger sheriff's office," "Says state's population boom will bring new challenges for law enforcement"...What a hypocrite. You want to protect the citizens of Citrus County. That's his goal. Really? I don't see you out there catching all the speeders on (State Road) 44 and (U.S.) 41 and (U.S.) 19. I don't see you out there. Traffic is outrageous and people are speeding like crazy and you're

nowhere to be found.

Universal trash pick-up needed

I just wanted to say, as a 22-year resident of Citrus County, I am totally in favor of universal trash pick-up. I have seen what is going on with my neighbors who — three or four of them go together — they steal trash services from the people who are now picking up our trash and different things. And others just take their trash over into Citrus Springs and dump it out. Maybe if they all had universal trash pick-up, they wouldn't have to steal from the services or dump the trash out in our neighbors.

About the price of gas

Just a question for somebody smarter than me: Why is it when you drive around the city of Inverness and Hernando and Crystal River at 6 in the morning, you see all the gas stations have gone up to the exact same price? ... And why is it that when oil went up to \$82 a barrel, everybody went up to \$3.35 and now that it's down to \$65.50, gas has only come down to \$3.28? Sure doesn't sound right.



What happened to caring for others?

What is normal? Do we even know anymore? Everyone was (and remains) so anxious to return to whatever that state is, we did not keep our guard up.

Parts of Europe are being locked down again due to a new surge in COVID cases. Sadly, I fear we will face the same. While it has been wonderful to go out and see those friends brave enough to be out, is profit worth it when/if we may pay with the loss of our freedom, or even our lives later?

We have become a spoiled country, wanting what we want, when we want ... another Christian value — caring for others — goes down the tubes.

Sue Norman
Homosassa

State must meet federal standards

OSHA, the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), has been in the news recently.

Gov. DeSantis and the Republican legislature recently passed a bill withdrawing Florida from the national OSHA plan and establishing a Florida plan. The state is trying to avoid a federal OSHA standard requiring companies of more than 100 employees to mandate COVID vaccines.

Imagine this, if you will. You own a company that processes fruit on a long assembly line. You have a hundred employees standing hip to hip processing your product. Perhaps half of your employees are vaccinated, but some won't get the vaccine. The unvaccinated group doesn't think the vaccine is safe; they don't want a needle in their arm or they believe the vaccine will magnetize them.

Some might think the vaccine has microchips in it and will allow the government to track them.

Others think the vaccine will alter their DNA or make them sick. In any event, they don't want to be vaccinated. But some employees on the line can't get vaccinated because they are immunodeficient or hold strong religious beliefs about medical care.

Imagine one of the "I don't

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want to be vaccinated" employees come to work with COVID-19 and infect their fellow employees. The production line will be a petri dish for COVID.

To prevent this, OSHA has set a standard that says you must undergo regular COVID-19 testing unless you are vaccinated and wear a face covering at work. In addition, the employer is required to pay for both the weekly testing and the face covering. There are other reporting requirements in the standards, but they are common-sense actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

While there is nothing wrong with Florida having its own state plan, it will have to meet federal standards and cost us more in money and employee time.

Isle Miles

Statistics need to be used properly

Statistics are a valuable tool in decision making, when used appropriately. When comparing population figures between states or countries, we use the per capita method; when comparing trends in financial figures, we use inflation-adjusted figures.

To do otherwise would simply be misleading.

Here are just a couple of examples:

One submission, in support of Gov. DeSantis, stated

Florida has, "The lowest COVID cases in the country." The truth is that Florida ranks high (11th) on the list of COVID cases by state as of Nov. 23, 2021, with 17,327 out of a per capita of 100,000 people.

States that ranked higher are: North Dakota, Alaska, Tennessee, Wyoming, South Dakota, Utah, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Montana and Arkansas. It is also interesting to note that states that have prevented local governments and school districts from mandating masks, like Florida, rank in the top 20 of COVID cases, except Texas at 28.

Another submission, in opposition to President Biden, stated that "the price of a barrel of oil has risen from \$37 to \$82, 121% increase." Aside from the fact that dates have not been provided, looking at a tiny segment of prices does not provide a complete picture; thus, the comparison is misleading. The truth is, when comparing crude oil prices per barrel adjusted for June 2021 dollars, we see that prices peaked in 1979 (\$134.61), 2008 (\$156.85), and 2011-2014 (around \$121). We can see that crude oil prices per barrel were far higher than the current monthly average in October of \$83.54.

If we look at a broader picture of price action to determine the root cause of price volatility, we can see that prior to the impact of COVID, the monthly average price of crude oil was \$63.65 in January 2020. As the pandemic closed down our economy, the demand for oil dropped considerably, bringing the price of oil down to \$18.38 in April 2020. As our economy (and others worldwide) started to slowly "open up," crude oil prices started rising as demand increased. By the time President Biden took office, crude oil prices rose to \$54.77 in January 2021. By simply comparing two figures in isolation, I could say that oil prices rose 198% under Trump, and rose only 52.5% under Biden. This, of course, would be misleading. Right?

The next time someone quotes figures, be skeptical. Statistics can mislead when used inappropriately.

Ronald Berg
Hernando

Hot Corner: BOAT RAMP PASS

■ Today is Dec. 1. I had to call the Chronicle with a question on how to register for the boat ramp pass. You guys put the number in there and I called it and I'm already done with it. I just want to say thank you. I appreciate the work.

■ In reference to "Where do I get a boat ramp pass?" (the Wednesday, Dec. 1, Page A10 Sound Off): In your Chronicle, you gave a phone number of 844-236-2011, which is a customer service number for this Premium Parking Services, who are now handling that stuff for the boat ramps. When I called customer service just now today, they had no idea what was going to happen in Citrus County at the ramps. They couldn't answer the question about the annual pass. Is that good for all of the boat launches or do you have to do that for each boat launch? They did

not know that. So I really got nowhere calling that phone number. So I just wanted to let you know that we need more information and I would appreciate you helping and getting with the commissioners and maybe explain this a little bit better for those of us residents.

■ You know, if the Chronicle editor is going to print something to help us, like this Premium Parking Service, I think the Chronicle should first have called that number. You'll find out that it's worthless and if you go online trying to get with them, that company, that's virtually useless. So the county commissioners, in their ignorance, contracted with this company when they couldn't go through the clerk of courts where you get your licenses and everything? It's ridiculous. All they're doing is creating a problem for the boating people of Citrus County.

**Stoppag
funding
bill signed**

*Will keep
government
running*

**KEVIN FREKING
AND LISA
MASCARO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Friday signed into law the stopgap spending bill that will keep the federal government running through Feb. 18, after congressional leaders defused a partisan standoff over federal vaccine mandates.

The White House released a statement noting the bill signing and thanking congressional leaders for their work. Earlier in the day, Biden said it was worth praising bipartisanship, but “funding the government isn’t a great achievement, it’s the bare minimum of what needs to get done.”

Both chambers of Congress passed the legislation Thursday avoiding a short-term shutdown of the government into the weekend. The bill keeps the federal government running for 11 more weeks, generally at current spending levels, while adding \$7 billion to aid Afghanistan evacuees.

“I am glad that in the end, cooler heads prevailed. The government will stay open and I thank the members of this chamber for walking us back from the brink of an avoidable, needless and costly shutdown,” said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

The Senate approved the measure by a vote of 69-28. Nineteen Republican senators joined with Democrats in voting for the measure.

The Democratic-led House passed the measure by a 221-212 vote. The Republican leadership urged members to vote no; the lone GOP vote for the bill came from Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger.

Lawmakers bemoaned the short-term fix and blamed the opposing party for the lack of progress on this year’s spending bills. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, said the measure would, however, allow for negotiations on a package covering the full budget year through September.

Before the votes, Biden said he had spoken with Senate leaders and he played down fears of a shutdown: “There is a plan in place unless somebody decides to be totally erratic, and I don’t think that will happen.”

Some Republicans opposed to Biden’s vaccine rules wanted Congress to take a hard stand against the mandated shots for workers at larger businesses, even if that meant shutting down federal offices over the weekend by refusing to expedite a final vote on the spending bill.

It was just the latest instance of the brinkmanship around government funding that has triggered several costly shutdowns and partial closures over the past two decades.

Surge in South Africa

*New Omicron
variant still
being studied*

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Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Dr. Sikhulile Moyo was analyzing COVID-19 samples in his lab in Botswana last week when he noticed they looked startlingly different from others.

Within days, the world was ablaze with the news that the coronavirus had a new variant of concern — one that appears to be driving a dramatic surge in South Africa and offering a glimpse of where the pandemic might be headed.

New COVID-19 cases in South Africa have burgeoned from about 200 a day in mid-November to more than 16,000 on Friday. Omicron was detected over a week ago in the country’s most populous province, Gauteng, and has since spread to all eight other provinces, Health Minister Joe Phaahla said.

Even with the rapid increase, infections are still below the 25,000 new daily cases that South Africa reported in the previous surge, in June and July.

Little is known about the new variant, but the spike in South Africa suggests it might be more contagious, said Moyo, the scientist who may have been the first to identify the new variant, though researchers in neighboring South Africa were close on his heels. Omicron has more than 50 mutations, and scientists have called it a big jump in the evolution of the virus.



An Orange Farm, South Africa, resident receives her jab against COVID-19 Friday at the Orange Farm multipurpose center. South Africa has accelerated its vaccination campaign a week after the discovery of the omicron variant of the coronavirus.

It’s not clear if the variant causes more serious illness or can evade the protection of vaccines. Phaahla noted that only a small number of people who have been vaccinated have gotten sick, mostly with mild cases, while the vast majority of those who have been hospitalized were not vaccinated.

But in a worrisome development, South African scientists reported that omicron appears more likely than earlier variants to cause reinfections among people who have already had a bout with COVID-19.

“Previous infection used to protect against delta, and now with omicron it doesn’t seem to be the case,” one of the researchers, Anne von Gottberg of the University of Witwatersrand, said at a World Health Organization briefing on Thursday. While the study did not

examine the protection offered by vaccination, von Gottberg said: “We believe that vaccines will still, however, protect against severe disease.”

The findings, posted online Thursday, are preliminary and haven’t yet undergone scientific review.

South Africa’s hospitals are so far coping with the surge, even those in Gauteng province, which accounts for more than 70% of all new infections, Phaahla said.

The picture could change because most of those infected thus far have been younger people, who generally do not get as sick as older patients. But Moyo expressed hope that vaccines would continue to work against the variant.

“I have a lot of hope from the data that we see that those vaccinated should be able to have a

lot of protection,” he said.

That dovetails with what officials from WHO in Asia said Friday.

While warning that cases could well rise quickly because of omicron, Dr. Takeshi Kasai, WHO regional director for the Western Pacific, said the measures used against the delta variant — which itself caused surges the world over — should remain at the core of the response.

“The positive news in all of this is that none of the information we have currently about omicron suggests we need to change the directions of our response,” Kasai said.

That means continuing to push for higher vaccination rates, abiding by social-distancing guidelines, and wearing masks, among other measures, said WHO Regional Emergency Director Dr. Babatunde Olowokure.

Parents of shooter charged

**COREY WILLIAMS
AND ED WHITE**
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — A prosecutor filed involuntary manslaughter charges Friday against the parents of a teen accused of killing four students at a Michigan high school, saying they failed to intervene on the day of the tragedy despite being confronted with a drawing and chilling message — “blood everywhere” — that was found at the boy’s desk.

James and Jennifer Crumbley committed “egregious” acts, from buying a gun on Black Friday and making it available to Ethan Crumbley to resisting his removal from school when they were summoned a few hours before the shooting, Oakland County prosecutor Karen McDonald said.

“I expect parents and everyone to have humanity and to step in and stop a potential tragedy,” she said. “The conclusion I draw is that there was absolute reason to believe this individual was dangerous and disturbed.”

By mid-afternoon, authorities said they were searching for the couple. Sheriff Mike Bouchard said their attorney, Shannon Smith, had agreed to arrange their arrest if charges were filed but hadn’t been able to reach them.

Smith, however, said the Crumbleys weren’t on the run and had left town earlier in the week “for their own safety.”

“They are returning to the area to be arraigned,” Smith told The Associated Press.

Earlier, the prosecutor offered the most precise account so far of the events that led to the shooting, three days after four students were killed and others were wounded at Oxford High School, roughly 30 miles north of Detroit.

Ethan Crumbley, 15, emerged from a bathroom with a gun, shooting students in the hallway, investigators said. He’s charged as an adult with murder, terrorism and other crimes.

Under Michigan law, the involuntary manslaughter charge filed



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer embraces Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter as the two leave flowers and pay their respects Thursday morning, at Oxford High School in Oxford, Mich. A 15-year-old boy has been denied bail and moved to jail after being charged in the Michigan school shooting that killed four students and injured others.

against the parents can be pursued if authorities believe someone contributed to a situation where there was a high chance of harm or death.

Parents in the U.S. are rarely charged in school shootings involving their children, even as most minors get guns from a parent or relative’s house, according to experts.

School officials became concerned about the younger Crumbley on Monday, a day before the shooting, when a teacher saw him searching for ammunition on his phone, McDonald said.

Jennifer Crumbley was contacted and subsequently told her son in a text message: “Lol. I’m not mad at you. You have to learn not to get caught,” according to the prosecutor.

On Tuesday, a teacher found a note on Ethan’s desk and took a photo. It was a drawing of a gun pointing at the words, “The thoughts won’t stop. Help me,” McDonald said.

There also was a drawing of a bullet, she said, with words above it: “Blood everywhere.”

Between the gun and the bullet

was a person who appeared to have been shot twice and is bleeding. He also wrote, “My life is useless” and “The world is dead,” according to the prosecutor.

The school quickly had a meeting with Ethan and his parents, who were told to get him into counseling within 48 hours, McDonald said.

The Crumbleys failed to ask their son about the gun or check his backpack and “resisted the idea of their son leaving the school at that time,” McDonald said.

Instead, the teen returned to class and the shooting subsequently occurred.

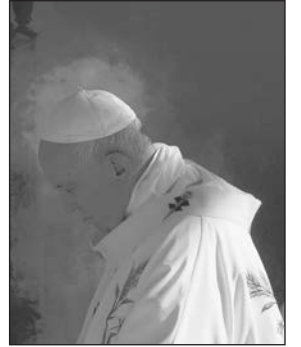
“The notion that a parent could read those words and also know that their son had access to a deadly weapon that they gave him is unconscionable — it’s criminal,” the prosecutor said.

Jennifer Crumbley texted her son after the shooting, saying, “Ethan, don’t do it,” McDonald said.

James Crumbley called 911 to say that a gun was missing from their home and that Ethan might be the shooter. The gun had been kept in an unlocked drawer in the parents’ bedroom, McDonald said.

Nation & World BRIEFS

Pope



Pope Francis leads a holy mass at GSP stadium in Nicosia, Cyprus, on Friday. Francis is on a five-day trip to Cyprus and Greece by drawing attention once again to his call for Europe to welcome migrants.

Putin to seek Biden guarantees over Ukraine

MOSCOW — The Kremlin said Friday that President Vladimir Putin will seek binding guarantees precluding NATO’s expansion to Ukraine during a planned call with U.S. President Joe Biden, while the Ukrainian defense minister warned that Russia could invade his country next month.

With tensions between Russia and the West escalating, Biden said his administration was “putting together what I believe to be the most comprehensive and meaningful set of initiatives to make it very, very difficult for Mr. Putin to go ahead and do what people are worried he may do.”

“But that’s in play right now,” he told reporters in Washington.

Ukraine, the U.S. and other Western allies are increasingly concerned that a Russian troop buildup near the Ukrainian border could signal Moscow’s intention to invade. The U.S. has threatened the Kremlin with the toughest sanctions yet if it launches an attack, while Russia has warned that any presence of NATO troops and weapons on Ukrainian soil would cross a “red line.”

Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov told lawmakers Friday that the number of Russian troops near Ukraine and in Russian-annexed Crimea is estimated at 94,300, warning that a “large-scale escalation” is possible in January.

Supermarket shooting suspect ruled incompetent

DENVER — Experts have found a man charged with killing 10 people at a Colorado supermarket earlier this year is mentally incompetent to stand trial for now, attorneys said during a court hearing Friday.

Ahwad Al Alawi Alissa, 22, is accused of opening fire at a busy King Soopers in the college town of Boulder in March — killing a police officer, shoppers and several store employees including an Olympic hopeful distance runner.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty said four doctors have now determined that Alissa isn’t mentally competent to participate in court proceedings. He requested that Alissa be sent to the state mental hospital for treatment.


Dougherty did not disclose why the experts determined that Alissa is not competent. Alissa’s defense attorney, Kathryn Herold, said Friday her client has a “serious” mental illness but did not provide more details.

Judge Ingrid Bakke ruled after Dougherty revealed the result of the examination that Alissa was incompetent and ordered him to be sent to the mental hospital.

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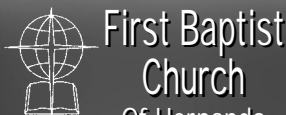
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JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Congregation Beth Sholom
The Beverly Hills Jewish Center, Congregation Beth Sholom, is celebrating Chanukah, the festival of lights, which began the evening of Nov. 28.

The congregation will have a celebration with song and stories on Dec. 5 in the parking lot behind Kellner Auditorium, 92 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills. Latkes (potato pancakes) will be served inside the auditorium or available for take home for members.

For more information about Beth Sholom holiday and Shabbat services, activities or to join the congregation, call 352-746-5303.

Bread of Life First Bilingual Church of Citrus County
My Eklesia will host 91 Days of Glory at 7 p.m. through Dec. 6 at the Bread of Life First Bilingual Church of Citrus County, 1 Beverly Hills Blvd.

The 91 Days of Glory event is a local expression of a local global move of God to establish prayer and worship around the world.

This season includes five Biblical celebrations.

Remaining is Hanukkah, Festival of Lights, from Nov. 28 to Dec. 6. Focused scriptures include Leviticus 6:13 and Amos 9:11.

For more information, contact Peter Dettman,

My Eklesia president, at 352-364-4466 or peter.dettman@yahoo.com. Visit my eklesia.org or myeklesia.org/glory.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

North Oak Church

Food and non-food items will be available from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 18 at North Oak Church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd in Citrus Springs. Ministries are open to anyone who has a need for no charge.

Enter from North Citrus Springs Boulevard and a supply of paper products, detergents, personal items and more will be brought to your car. Then follow the driveway and food items will be brought to the vehicle. Items vary based on availability while supplies last.

For more information, visit northoakbc.org.

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St. Timothy Church and LifeTree Church

Food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at LifeTree Church, 1501 SE U.S. 19 in Crystal River during the pandemic, outside in front of the building. For more information, call 352-403-1498.

First Lutheran Church of Inverness

Food pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call the church at 352-726-1637. The church is at 1900 W. State Road 44, Inverness.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Homosassa First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church of Homosassa will host a free concert with "ChoRuss," a vocal ensemble from Russia, at 2 p.m. Dec. 5, 8831

W. Bradshaw St.

The name "ChoRuss" means "Choir of Russian." It was founded in 2012 by Miroslav Alekseev and Dmitry Petrov. The ensemble sings spiritual music of popular composers from the 19th and 20th-century, which accompanies worship in the Russian Orthodox Church.

This music is performed A cappella, as in the traditions of Orthodox music. The ensemble also sings popular Russian songs and songs of World War II, such as "Katyusha," "Broad Steppe," "Moscow Nights" and "Kalinka."

All singers have a musical education and some have awards in international vocal competitions. The ensemble tours extensively in Europe and since 2016, began to tour the United States.

For more information, visit choruss.com.

Homosassa First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will have a Blue Christmas Service, a free community event, at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 19 in the sanctuary, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. in Homosassa.

This is a gentle, contemplative service that offers a time of remembrance, comfort and hope for those carrying pain or loss during this season for celebration. The season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting and you are not alone.

For more information, call 352-628-4083.

Faith Lutheran Church

Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a birthday party for Jesus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 18, 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive in Lecanto.

This free event is for children ages 4 to 12. There will be music, bible lessons, crafts and lunch. This is a great opportunity for parents to get some last minute shopping or errands done.

For more information or to register, call 352-527-3325 or email cfaithlutheran@gmail.com.

Faith Lutheran Church will be holding advent services at 5 p.m. Dec. 8 and 15, 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive in Lecanto. These will be followed by a potluck supper.

There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight and Holy Communion service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

Floral City United Methodist Church

Floral City United Methodist Church will have a breakfast with

Santa from 7 to 9 a.m. Dec. 7, 8478 E. Marvin St. in Floral City.

Parents and children are invited to enjoy a free breakfast with Santa. Bring your camera for pictures. For more information, call 352-344-1771.

Homosassa First United Methodist Church

The Arts Council of Homosassa First United Methodist Church will host the Brass Roots Trio in concert at 3 p.m. Feb. 6, 8831 W. Bradshaw St. in Homosassa.

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The musical will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18 and 10:45 a.m. Dec. 19 at the church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd in Citrus Springs. All are welcome and no church affiliation is required. For more information, visit northoakbc.org

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St. Benedict Catholic Church

St. Benedict Catholic Church is hosting a craft and car show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 11 at the church, 455 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Crystal River (Ozello Road and U.S. 19).

There will be jewelry, pottery, wood turning, handmade candles, home decor and more.

There will be raffles for prizes throughout the day and a 50/50 drawing.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available.

Cars pre-1969 are invited to the car show. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Entrance fee is \$10.

Contact Janet Thomas at 352-795-8090 for car show information.

Holy Faith Episcopal Church

The free train show, "Trains for Christmas," will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 5 at Holy Faith Episcopal Church, 19924 W. Blue Cove Drive in Dunnellon.

There will be multiple layouts, no vendors and a raffle. For more information, contact Bill Quast at 352-209-5422 or wmquast@gmail.com.

Living Waters UPC

Join Living Waters UPC for "Journey to Bethlehem," a live nativity experience, from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 17 at the church, 1201 S. Bea Ave. in Inverness.

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For more information, visit tinyurl.com/3cfmddah, email upcofinverness@gmail.com or call 352-400-2323.

Gulf to Lake Baptist Church


Gulf to Lake Baptist Church will host, "Your Heart's Desire Art & Craft Fair" at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 22, 1454 N. Gulf Ave. in Crystal River.

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Nancy Kennedy
GRACE NOTES

Building muscle, strengthening faith

Last week I wrote a story for the newspaper about a teen girl who is training to be a pilot.

Ultimately, she wants to be a missionary pilot, flying airplanes to do God's work.

But first, she has to practice flying. She told me about something called "stalls," which is pretty much what it sounds like.

The pilot brings the nose of the plane up all the way until there's no more lift and then the plane drops and the pilot has to recover control.

Pilots in training practice stalls so if it happens in an emergency situation, they instinctively know what to do.

It's like muscle memory, performing an activity over and over until it becomes automatic — riding a bike, typing on a keyboard, playing a musical instrument, learning a dance routine.

I remember interviewing a young drummer who, as we sat at his mom's kitchen table talking, he drummed the air with invisible drumsticks the entire time.

I also remember a woman who, before she completely lost her sight, practiced putting on her makeup. She set everything up in a certain place in a certain order and learned what each brush felt like and counted out how many swipes of eye shadow and blush to apply so one day when she would be blind she could do it without sight.

She said it worked well, until she accidentally mixed up her eyebrow pencil with her lip liner. As she sat down for breakfast she heard her kids gasp and her son asked, "Mommy, why do you have brown lips and red eyebrows?"

Muscle memory, which is a brain thing and not a biceps thing, takes our repeated actions and builds neural pathways in our brains that allow us to perform those practiced actions automatically.

Some say faith is like a muscle; it grows as it's exercised, and trust me when I say God gives his people countless opportunities to exercise it.

For me, the first big test of my faith was when I was pregnant with our youngest daughter and my husband was unemployed throughout my entire pregnancy. We didn't know how we would survive, and yet God was faithful. Our rent was paid every month and we had food to eat, and so much more.

Early on I realized I was faced with two options: I could believe there was no God and everything was spinning out of control and I and my family were doomed, or I could believe that God had everything in his absolute control and he would take care of us.

I chose faith, what little bit I had, and God rewarded it.

Would God have provided for us even if I hadn't exercised faith? Of course he would have. It's his nature to care for his own.

But if I hadn't, by faith, trusted him with what I thought was an impossible situation I might have missed his personal touch on our behalf as a direct answer to my prayers.

That time, as hard as it was, prepared me for even harder, seemingly more impossible times to come.

And yet, in every opportunity to exercise faith, even in the most difficult times, God has always given the grace I've needed to do the hard things again and again.

He has also rewarded my faith with immeasurable blessings along the way.

As Hebrews 11:1 in The Message Bible paraphrase says: "The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see."

We walk by faith and not by sight, by muscle memory strengthened with every step we take.

Nancy Kennedy is the author of "Move Over, Victoria — I Know the Real Secret," "Girl on a Swing" and "Lipstick Grace." She can be reached at 352-564-2927 or nkenedy@chronicleonline.com.

Knights Family of the Month: The Davellis

Special to the Chronicle

Juli and Frank Davelli were named Family of the Month for October by the St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus Council 14485 in Lecanto.

They have lived in Citrus County for 14 years, moving from Coral Springs, Florida. Julie and Frank have one son, Julian.

Juli is very active at St. Scholastica Church. She is a member of the Legion of Mary and a member of the cleaning ministry, which is responsible for keeping the church clean and neat. Juli is also a member of the St. Scholastica Parish advisory committee.

Frank earned the designation as an Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. He was a volunteer fireman for 15 years and volunteer emergency medical technician for five years at the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Department in Maryland.

Juli has been a registered nurse for 37 years, working mostly in critical care and emergency services. She obtained two awards for outstanding performance as a marketer at Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton, Florida.

Frank worked in law enforcement for 35 years. He was a police officer and detective, working in organized crime, vice and narcotics with the Baltimore County Police Department.

Frank was also a polygraph examiner and worked in the underwater recovery unit as a dive master. Being recruited by the United



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States Department of Drug Enforcement (DEA), he was a special agent and advanced to resident agent in charge.

While in the DEA, Frank was assigned to special operations and transferred to Army intelligence command for one year. He received numerous performance

awards and three commendation ribbons during his career.

Juli received her nurse's training at Union Memorial School of Nursing and the College of Notre Dame, both located in Baltimore, Maryland. Frank graduated from Towson State University, Maryland with a bachelor's

in psychology.

Juli is a certified personal trainer with more than eight years of experience in multiple certified specializations. Having a pilot's license, Frank has flown multiple engine aircraft. Juli and Frank enjoy boating, the outdoors and working out in their home gym.

Unity of Citrus is recertified Dementia Friendly



Unity of Citrus, a spiritual community at 2628 W. Woodview Lane in Lecanto, has been recertified as Dementia Friendly for providing Alzheimer's and dementia care and awareness training for its congregation. More than 30 members attended the training. Debbie Selsavage, president of Coping with Dementia LLC, provided the training. "We are proud of the Dementia Friendly record of Unity of Citrus," Selsavage said. "It was first trained and certified in October 2017, and is the first spiritual organization in Citrus County to become recertified." In addition to its Dementia Friendly status, Unity of Citrus provides grief support, floor and chair Yoga, prayer and meditation meetings, food outreach, educational resources and weekly spiritual services. For more information, call 452-746-1270 or visit unityofcitrus.org. From left are: Debbie Selsavage, Coping with Dementia LLC president; Annie Bumgarner, licensed Unity teacher; and the Rev. Luz Lecour.

RELIGION NOTES

LIVE & LEARN

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

'Tis the season once again to #LightTheWorld. Several years ago,

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints launched its annual "Light the World" initiative to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and encourage people globally to serve others during the Christmas season.

This year, the theme is "Light the World with Love." A printable calendar for adults and children with simple but meaningful ways to show love to each other through the month of December can be found at tinyurl.com/yck9tw84.

Activities such as these, and many others, will "Increase the Wattage" of #LightTheWorld making our homes and

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SUPPORT

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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

The Hills Church

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

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

North Oak Church

North Oak Church is offering group support for caregivers of dementia patients at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at the church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

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

The group will be led by Bernie Collins, retired psychiatric nurse. No religious affiliation is needed to attend. Call 352-489-1688 or visit northoakbc.org.

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Coaching wins at Maryland for Mark Turgeon, who stepped down on Friday less than a month into his 11th season.



Mark Turgeon

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Scorching second half fuels Lecanto by CR

Berrios scores 14 in third quarter

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — With each 3-pointer Josh Berrios sank Friday night, Lecanto showed why it can be a dynamic team to watch.

Berrios, the Panthers senior guard who was named Player of the Year by both the Chronicle and Gulf Coast 8 conference last season, knocked down four shots from beyond the arc in the third quarter, part of an 18-0 run to start the half as Lecanto cruised past host Crystal River, 78-35.

"Man, it feels great because this is our last year playing here (for the seniors)," Berrios said. "So just to make a big scene like this really means a lot to us. And our teammates really, really pushed through for this game. I'm happy for them, they're happy for us."

"... It was just about the drive and determination to beat this team. We didn't want to go out with a loss. We wanted to beat this team by 40 and leave a remembrance about us."

Berrios certainly had a memorable performance, finishing with 24 points, four rebounds and a couple steals. He hit on five 3-pointers and did all of that without playing a minute in the fourth quarter.

"My teammates, I really appreciate them because they find me every time," Berrios said. "If it wasn't for my teammates, I would have never done this. My teammates were the reason why I had as many points as I did and as many 3s as I did."

"We've had a lot of great shooters at Lecanto and he just follows in the footsteps of them," Lecanto head coach Frank Vilardi. "It just says a lot about how unselfish our

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Chance Beaver of Lecanto, left, guards Crystal River's Tez Joseph during Friday night's game at Crystal River High School. The visiting Panthers won 78-35.

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR./Chronicle



Uncommon sight



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Peyton Spaulding of Lecanto, left, drives to the basket past Crystal River's Ijyana Edwards during the first half Friday night in Lecanto. The host Panthers defeated the Pirates 59-34.

Lecanto girls hand Crystal River first county loss in six years

MATT PFIFFNER
Sports editor

LECANTO — For the first time in six years, the Crystal River girls basketball team walked off the court against a county opponent with a loss Friday night.

Lecanto snapped a 10-game skid against the Pirates with a

resounding 59-34 victory in the Panther Den. It was the first win for the Panthers (3-3) over Crystal River (2-3) since the 2015-16 Final Four team swept the season series.

"It feels really good. I was pretty confident (we would win)," Lecanto senior point guard Peyton Spaulding said. "We kept the girls really hyped up and kept everybody motivated to win. And

our confidence just built as we kept going on in the game."

The Pirates currently have an 11-game win streak over Citrus, also dating back to the 2015-16 campaign.

It was a tight game at halftime Friday, with the Panthers clinging to a 19-18 lead. A 6-0 run over the final 3:20 gave

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Arians urges the NFL To look at vaccination status of more teams

FRED GOODALL
AP sports writer

TAMPA — Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians would like to see the NFL expand an investigation of the COVID-19 vaccination status of two players on his team to include other rosters around the league.

Responding publicly for the first time to the league suspending wide receiver Antonio Brown and safety Mike Edwards for three games for misrepresenting their status with fake vaccination cards, Arians said Friday those may not be the only cases of their kind in the league.

"The league did their due diligence and we move on," Arians said after practice. "I will not address these guys for the next three weeks. They'll just be working out, and we'll address their future at that time. Other than that, there's really nothing to say."

A third player, former Bucs receiver John Franklin III, also was suspended for three games. He was cut during training camp and currently is a free agent.

Arians said the reigning Super Bowl champions have done as good a job as any team managing the coronavirus pandemic the past two seasons.

He added the club fully cooperated with the league probe launched last month after a personal chef who once worked for Brown told the Tampa Bay Times that the receiver had obtained a fake vaccination card before reporting to training camp.

"This is a setback because of what happened, but we have done an amazing job. We haven't had an outbreak in a position room, so I'm very happy with that part," Arians said.

Asked if he thinks there may be issues with the vaccination status of other players around the league, the coach replied, "maybe."

"It is what it is," Arians said. "We've done everything. I mean, everything. There's a lot more to that story. I just hope they don't stop looking."

Brown, who has missed the past five games with an ankle injury and likely was going to remain sidelined for the next two as well, loses a little over \$181,000 during the suspension. The Bucs are 5-0 with him in the lineup this season, 3-3 without.

The discipline will cost Edwards, a backup who leads the team with three interceptions, about \$141,000.

In addition to sitting out Sunday's game at Atlanta, the pair will miss home games the following two weeks against Buffalo and New Orleans. Brown and Edwards will be eligible to return Dec. 26 against the Carolina Panthers.



Associated Press

Houston center Christian Wood (35) and Orlando forward Franz Wagner (22) vie for a rebound during the first half Friday in Houston.

Rockets edge Magic

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Eric Gordon scored 24 points and his short jumper with 1.6 seconds left lifted the Houston Rockets to their fifth consecutive win, 118-116 over the Orlando Magic on Friday night.

Houston had dropped 15 straight before its winning streak.

Cole Anthony scored 26 points for the Magic, who have lost eight of nine.

Houston had a 13-point lead with about four minutes left after a big stretch by Garrison Mathews. But Anthony then scored eight points in a 13-0 spurt by the Magic that tied the game at 114-114 with 47 seconds to go.

Orlando had three blocks and forced three turnovers in the run.

The Rockets ended a scoring drought of 3 1/2 minutes with a floating jumper by Gordon to regain the lead with 31.4 seconds remaining. But a dunk by Mo Bamba tied it again.

Gordon then dribbled into the lane and knocked down the decisive jumper. The Magic had a chance to win it at the buzzer, but Anthony's 3-point attempt clanged off the rim.

76ers 98, Hawks 96

ATLANTA — Joel Embiid scored 28 points, including a jumper with 42 seconds remaining that gave Philadelphia its first lead of the second half, and the 76ers took a 98-96 comeback win over Trae Young and the Atlanta Hawks.

Embiid snapped a 96-all tie with the 13-foot jumper. Seth Curry then stole a pass from John Collins. Danilo Gallinari missed a potential winning 3-pointer as time expired.

Embiid added 12 rebounds for Philadelphia, which has won each of its first two games against the Hawks. Friday night was Philadelphia's first visit to Atlanta since losing to the Hawks in last season's Eastern Conference semifinal.

Young led Atlanta with 25 points. He failed to extend his streak of five games with 30 or more points but had 10 assists.

Cavaliers 116, Wizards 101

WASHINGTON — Darius Garland had 32 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds, and the Cleveland Cavaliers went on a 19-0 run spanning part of each half in a 116-101 rout of the Washington Wizards.

Cleveland won its fourth straight game, and this streak has been pretty emphatic. The Cavaliers beat Orlando by 13, Dallas by 18 and Miami by 26. The Dallas, Miami and Washington wins were on the road.

Heat 113, Pacers 104

INDIANAPOLIS — The Miami Heat were coming off back-to-back losses and missing four regulars including their leading scorer, so Kyle Lowry sensed a need to score more.

"I haven't been scoring as much this year as I can, but this was one of those games where you just go out there and play a little more aggressive, a little more assertive and everything else will fall into place," Lowry said.

The six-time All-Star guard scored a season-high 26 points with six 3-pointers and the short-handed Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 113-104.

Nets 110, Timberwolves 105

NEW YORK — Kevin Durant scored 30 points, including the clinching jumper with 11 seconds left, and the Brooklyn Nets held off the Minnesota Timberwolves 110-105.

Durant was 12 of 13 on free throws and Patty Mills added 23 points for the Nets, who won for the fifth time in six games and improved their Eastern Conference-leading record to 16-6.

James Harden finished with 20 points, nine assists and seven rebounds. LaMarcus Aldridge scored 13 points.

Kansas whips St. John's

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New building or old, Kansas looked right at home in the Big Apple again.

Christian Braun had a career-high 31 points, Ochai Agbaji scored 23 and the No. 8 Jayhawks emphatically turned back a second-half charge to beat St. John's 95-75 on Friday night in the first basketball game at UBS Arena.

Senior forward David McCormack, off to a slow start this season, was a force inside with 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Jayhawks (6-1), who have bounced back from a one-point loss to Dayton last week with consecutive double-digit wins.

No. 7 Texas 88, UT Rio Grande Valley 58

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Rio Grande Valley's Matt Figger has been a college basketball coach for nearly 30 years, so he had an idea about what was coming after his team scored 41 points in the first half against the usually defensive-minded Texas.

He was right. No. 7 Texas limited UTRGV to 17 points in the second half while inducing 14 turnovers, enabling the Longhorns to win easily, 88-58.

No. 15 Houston 111, Bryant 44

HOUSTON — Tramon Mark tied a career high with 22 points, Josh Carlton added 17 and No. 15 Houston won its third straight, beating Bryant 111-44.

S.C. State 65, USF 64

TAMPA — Antonio TJ Madlock made an off-balance, turnaround 3-pointer from the corner with a man in his face with one-tenth of a second on the clock to lead South Carolina State to a 65-64 win over South Florida.

Turgeon out at Maryland; Manning interim coach

Mark Turgeon's tenure at Maryland is over, less than a month after the start of his 11th season at the helm.

Again, the Terrapins were struggling to reach their potential — although the abrupt change still came with a jolt, just eight games into the 2021-22 campaign.

"After a series of conversations with Coach Turgeon, we agreed that a coaching change was the best move for Coach Turgeon and for the Maryland men's basketball program," athletic director Damon Evans said in a statement. "He has dedicated over a decade of his life to the University of Maryland, and has coached with distinction and honor."

Maryland announced Friday that Turgeon was stepping down, and the athletic department described the move as a mutual decision. Assistant Danny Manning was made interim coach for the rest of the season.

The Terrapins won at least 23 games in five of the past seven seasons, but Maryland has reached the Sweet 16 just once under Turgeon and hasn't gone further. The Terps began this season ranked in the Top 25, but a loss at home to Virginia Tech on Wednesday night dropped them to 5-3 on the season.

Turgeon went 226-116 at Maryland and is 476-275 overall as a head coach.

— From wire reports

Madlock had 15 points to lead the Bulldogs.

Omer Croskey had 14 points for South Carolina State (2-7). Jemal Davis added 12 points and seven rebounds.

Caleb Murphy had 18 points and seven rebounds for the Bulls (3-4).



Associated Press

Kansas forward David McCormack (33) drives to the basket past St. John's guard Montez Mathis during the first half Friday in Elmont, N.Y.

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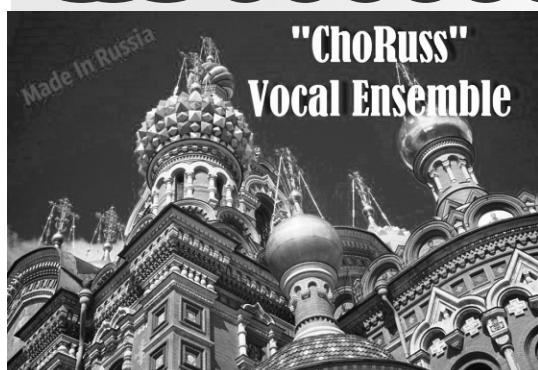
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 L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, late
 Phoenix at Golden State, late
Today's Games
 Denver at New York, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.
 Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
 Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	4	0	.667	336	190
Buffalo	7	4	0	.636	326	182
Miami	5	7	0	.417	234	279
N.Y. Jets	3	8	0	.273	199	334
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	8	4	0	.667	304	290
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	340	283
Houston	2	9	0	.182	164	292
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	173	283
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	263	240
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	309	226
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	.500	224	267
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	254	267
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	281	250
Denver	6	5	0	.545	228	196
L.A. Chargers	6	5	0	.545	273	293
Las Vegas	6	5	0	.545	259	295
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	353	267
Washington	5	6	0	.455	229	282
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	304	273
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	.364	202	253
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	8	3	0	.727	347	253
Atlanta	5	6	0	.455	199	302
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	236	253
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	274	276
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	283	242
Minnesota	5	6	0	.455	281	276
Chicago	4	7	0	.364	179	254
Detroit	0	10	1	.045	174	289
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	9	2	0	.818	310	202
L.A. Rams	7	4	0	.636	299	263
San Francisco	6	5	0	.545	280	248
Seattle	3	8	0	.273	209	226
Thursday's Game						
Dallas 27, New Orleans 17						
Sunday's Games						
Arizona at Chicago, 1 p.m.						
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.						
L.A. Chargers at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.						
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.						
N.Y. Giants at Miami, 1 p.m.						
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.						
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.						
Jacksonville at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.						
Washington at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.						
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m.						
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.						
Denver at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.						
Open: Cleveland, Tennessee, Carolina, Green Bay						
Monday's Game						
New England at Buffalo, 8:15 p.m.						

GOLF

Hero World Challenge

Friday at Albany, Nassau, Bahamas
 Purse: \$3.5 million; Yardage: 7,414; Par: 72

Second Round	
Bryson DeChambeau	69-64=133 -11
Tony Finau	68-66=134 -10
Brooks Koepka	67-67=134 -10
Collin Morikawa	68-66=134 -10
Daniel Berger	66-69=135 -9
Sam Burns	71-65=136 -8
Tyrell Hatton	69-67=136 -8
Viktor Hovland	68-69=137 -7
Rory McIlroy	66-71=137 -7
Patrick Reed	68-69=137 -7
Abraham Ancer	66-73=139 -5
Scottie Scheffler	71-68=139 -5
Webb Simpson	67-72=139 -5
Justin Thomas	67-72=139 -5
Xander Schauffele	70-70=140 -4
Matt Fitzpatrick	71-70=141 -3
Justin Rose	71-70=141 -3
Jordan Spieth	71-72=143 -1
Harris English	75-70=145 +1
Henrik Stenson	72-75=147 +3

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
	GP	W	L	OT	GF GA
Florida	23	16	4	3	35 89 64
Toronto	24	17	5	1	35 74 52
Tampa Bay	22	13	5	4	30 71 62
Detroit	24	12	9	3	27 67 75
Boston	20	12	8	0	24 59 53
Buffalo	23	8	12	3	19 64 84
Montreal	25	6	17	2	14 56 89
Ottawa	21	5	15	11	51 81
Metropolitan Division					

Florida **LOTTERY**

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

PICK 2 (early) 0 - 7	PICK 4 (late) 9 - 3 - 0 - 7
PICK 2 (late) 4 - 0	PICK 5 (early) 3 - 7 - 4 - 6 - 1
PICK 3 (early) 0 - 2 - 5	PICK 5 (late) 7 - 3 - 3 - 8 - 3
PICK 3 (late) 7 - 7 - 9	FANTASY 5 5 - 11 - 24 - 30 - 33
PICK 4 (early) 9 - 5 - 3 - 4	JACKPOT TRIPLE PLAY 2 - 5 - 6 - 27 - 37 - 44
	MEGA MILLIONS - xx - xx - xx - xx
	MEGA BALL x
	CASH 4 LIFE 13 - 26 - 39 - 44 - 47
	CASH BALL 2
	Players should verify winning numbers at www.flalottery.com .

Thursday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 2 - 10 - 13 - 14 - 19
 5-of-5 2 winners \$92,036.98
 4-of-5 286 \$103.50
 3-of-5 8,731 \$9.50
Cash 4 Life: 40 - 45 - 47 - 55 - 58
Cash Ball: 1
 5-of-5 CB No winner
 5-of-5 No winner

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

8:55 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Racing Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, Practice 3

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

12 p.m. (ACCN) Clemson at Miami
12 p.m. (BTN) Nebraska at Indiana
12 p.m. (ESPN2) Memphis at Ole Miss
12 p.m. (ESPNU) Robert Morris at Wisconsin-Milwaukee
12 p.m. (FS1) Saint Joseph's at Villanova
12:30 p.m. (FOX) Marquette at Wisconsin
1 p.m. (CBS) San Diego State at Michigan
2 p.m. (ACCN) Wake Forest at Virginia Tech
2 p.m. (ESPN2) Louisville at NC State
2 p.m. (ESPNU) Yale at Auburn
2 p.m. (FS1) Tennessee at Colorado
4 p.m. (ACCN) Syracuse at Florida State
4 p.m. (ESPNU) Pennsylvania at Temple
4 p.m. (FS1) Loyola-Chicago at DePaul
4 p.m. (SEC) Arkansas-Little Rock at Arkansas
5 p.m. (BTN) Toledo at Michigan State
8 p.m. (ESPN2) Alabama at Gonzaga
9 p.m. (FS1) Iowa State at Creighton

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

3 p.m. (SUN) Mississippi State at Oklahoma
8 p.m. (ESPNU) Missouri at Baylor

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

10 p.m. (ESPN2) St. Vincent's-St. Mary's vs. Sierra Canyon

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

12 p.m. (ABC) Big 12 Championship: Baylor vs Oklahoma State
12 p.m. (ESPN) MAC Championship: Kent State vs Northern Illinois
3 p.m. (FOX) MWC Championship: Utah State vs San Diego State
3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Sun Belt Championship: Appalachian State at Louisiana
4 p.m. (CBS) SEC Championship: Georgia vs Alabama
4 p.m. (ABC) American Conference Championship: Houston at Cincinnati
4 p.m. (ESPN2) SWAC Championship: Prairie View A&M at Jackson State
8 p.m. (ABC) ACC Championship: Pittsburgh vs Wake Forest
8 p.m. (FOX) Big Ten Championship: Michigan vs Iowa
11 p.m. (FS1) USC at California

GOLF

5 a.m. (GOLF) Sunshine Tour SA Open Championship, Third Round
12 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Hero World Challenge, Third Round
2:30 p.m. (NBC) PGA Tour Hero World Challenge, Third Round
12 a.m. (GOLF) Asian Tour Laguna Phuket Championship, Final Round

NHL

7 p.m. (NHL) Montreal Canadiens at Nashville Predators
7 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Lightning at Boston Bruins

SOCCER

5 a.m. (FS1) 2021 FIFA Arab Cup: Jordan vs Morocco
7:25 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League: West Ham United vs Chelsea
8 a.m. (FS1) 2021 FIFA Arab Cup: Lebanon vs Algeria
9:55 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League: Newcastle United vs Burnley
10 a.m. (USA) Premier League: Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Liverpool
12:30 p.m. (NBC) Premier League: Watford vs Manchester City
6:30 p.m. (FS1) MLS Playoffs: Real Salt Lake at Portland Timbers

TENNIS

8 a.m. (TENNIS) Sao Paulo-ATP Challenger, Semifinals & Doubles Final

WINTER SPORTS

1 p.m. (NBCSPT) FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Men's Downhill
5 p.m. (NBC) FIS Alpine Skiing Xfinity Birds of Prey

UFC

7 p.m. (ESPN) UFC Fight Night: Font vs. Aldo - Prelims
10 p.m. (ESPN) UFC Fight Night: Rob Font vs. Jose Aldo

Prep **CALENDAR**

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS WRESTLING

9:30 a.m. Lecanto at Seminole Duals
9 a.m. Citrus and Crystal River at Weeki Wachee Duals

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Anaheim	24	13	8	3	29	81	70
Washington	24	14	4	6	34	85	61	San Jose	24	13	10	1	27	62
N.Y. Rangers	22	15	4	3	33	65	55	Vegas	22	12	10	0	24	71
Carolina	22	15	6	1	31	69	50	Los Angeles	22	9	9	4	22	59
Pittsburgh	23	10	8	5	25	65	66	Seattle	23	8	13	2	18	68
Columbus	21	12	9	0	24	69	68	Vancouver	24	8	14	2	18	59
New Jersey	22	9	9	4	22	69	80	Friday's Games						
Philadelphia	21	8	9	4	20	50	65	N.Y. Rangers 1, San Jose 0						
N.Y. Islanders	18	5	10	3	13	33	54	Winnipeg 8, New Jersey 4						
WESTERN CONFERENCE						Vegas at Arizona, late								
Central Division						Calgary at Anaheim, late								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Edmonton at Seattle, late						
Minnesota	23	16	6	1	33	88	68	Today's Games						
St. Louis	23	12	8	3	27	77	66	St. Louis at Florida, 1 p.m.						
Dallas	21	12	7	2	26	60	58	Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.						
Winnipeg	23	11	8	4	26	72	69	Colorado at Ottawa, 7 p.m.						
Colorado	20	12	7	1	25	80	65	Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m.						
Nashville	23	12	10	1	25	64	65	Montreal at Nashville, 7 p.m.						
Chicago	22	8	12	2	18	49	70	N.Y. Islanders at Detroit, 7 p.m.						
Arizona	23	5	16	2	12	42	82	Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.						
Pacific Division						Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Chicago at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.						
Calgary	23	14	4	5	33	75	45	Pittsburgh at Vancouver,						

A lot on the line for Bearcats

No. 3 Cincinnati hosts
No. 16 Houston for
AAC championship

JEFF WALLNER
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — There are larger implications for No. 3 Cincinnati — namely staying in the College Football Playoff picture — when the Bearcats meets No. 16 Houston in the American Athletic Conference championship.

But the Bearcats certainly need a win Saturday to accomplish their big objective.

“We’ve had one goal and one objective when we walked in the door here five years ago, and it hasn’t changed. And it’s always been to play for championships,” Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell said.

Bearcats quarterback Desmond Ridder has been in the program long enough to remember when winning a conference title wasn’t a realistic goal, let alone reaching the College Football Playoff. The Bearcats went 4-8 in Ridder’s freshman season, which also was Fickell’s first season at the helm.

“It’s something we’ve been striving for since I’ve got here,” Ridder said. “It’s something Coach Fick has preached since he got here. A national championship is on the minds of the big dogs. I’m not sure how much they care about a conference championship, but it’s one of the biggest things in our program.”

Cincinnati is ranked No. 4 in the most recent CFP rankings, putting the Bearcats in position to become the first team from a non-Power 5 conference to reach the playoff. But they need to take care of business against the Cougars, who are ranked No. 21 in the CFP.

“In my opinion they’re just another team, and they’re in our way,” Houston defensive lineman Derek Parish said. “(Rankings) are numbers made by people who watch football on a couch. We aren’t worried about that. Numbers don’t mean nothing. It matters when the ball is put down on the field.”

Houston and Cincinnati are among four FBS teams ranked in the top 10



Associated Press

Cincinnati quarterback Desmond Ridder throws a pass Nov. 20 against SMU in Cincinnati. The undefeated Bearcats host Houston today for the American Athletic Conference championship.

nationally in both scoring offense and total defense. The similarities don’t stop there.

The Bearcats average 39.6 points per game, the Cougars average 38.8. Houston is ranked sixth in total defense, Cincinnati is eighth. Ridder has passed for 3,000 yards and 27 TDs. Cougars QB Clayton Tune has passed for 3,013 yards and 26 TDs. They have each thrown eight interceptions.

“Houston is as well-balanced and complete a football team as we’ve played all year,” Fickell said. “We’ve got a challenge ahead of us.”

NO RESPECT

Despite having won 11 straight games since losing to Texas Tech in the season

opener, the Cougars didn’t move into the national rankings until the end of October and didn’t join the College Football Playoff rankings until mid-November.

“Really all year we feel like we haven’t been getting the respect we deserve,” Cougars linebacker Deontay Anderson said. “I just feel like we’re disrespected, and we really have a chip on our shoulder from that. We can’t wait to go out there and keep proving people wrong.”

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Cincinnati has 18 players who already have earned their degrees, making it the fifth straight season with 10 or more senior graduates on the Bearcats roster. Ridder has hung around long enough to amass 43 wins as a starter, third-most in

college football history.

“Being old is the only way you can win in college football,” Houston coach Dana Holgorsen said.

TOUGH AT HOME

The AAC championship game is played at the home stadium of the top seed. While both Cincinnati and Houston finished 8-0 in the league, the Bearcats earned a home game since they had the higher CFP ranking. The Bearcats have won 26 straight games at Nippert Stadium, the second-longest home winning streak in the nation behind Clemson (34). Houston has beaten the Bearcats just once on the road since 1972.

“Not going to lie, I wish this was at a neutral site,” Holgorsen said.

Utah thumps Oregon, wins Pac 12 title game



Associated Press

Utah quarterback Cameron Rising (7) celebrates next to wide receiver Britain Covey after scoring on a 2-point conversion against Oregon during the second half of the Pac-12 Conference championship game Friday, in Las Vegas. Utah won the game 38-10 to clinch a spot in the Rose Bowl.

Cowboys, Bears for Big 12 title

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP sports writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy feels his team has been in playoff mode for several weeks.

With one more win and a little help, the fifth-ranked Cowboys could be one of the four teams in the actual College Football Playoff. A victory in their first conference championship game also would give them their second Big 12 title.

“Essentially, we’ve been in a playoff run week to week or Big 12 championship run the last four weeks,” Gundy said. “If you don’t win these last three or four, win enough of them, you don’t get in the game anyway.”

A week after a rivalry win in Bedlam that knocked six-time defending Big 12 champion Oklahoma out of contention, Oklahoma State (11-1, No. 5 CFP) plays ninth-ranked Baylor (10-2, No. 9 CFP) in the Big 12 championship game Saturday at the home stadium of the NFL’s Dallas Cowboys.

When Oklahoma State won the Big 12 title in 2011, it was the first of six consecutive seasons the league didn’t have a championship game. That was also three years before the debut of the four-team playoff. With a win on Saturday, the Cowboys could be positioned to make the CFP, depending on what happens with Georgia, Michigan, Alabama and Cincinnati in their conference title games.

“It’s hard not to look at it,” Oklahoma State safety Tanner McCalister said. “I want to sit up here and say I’m thinking about this game, which obviously we are, but we know what’s at stake.”

The Cowboys were going to be in the Big 12 title game no matter what happened against the Sooners in the Bedlam game. But winning prevented back-to-back games against their in-state rival and put Baylor in the

championship game.

Baylor lost 24-14 loss at Oklahoma State on Oct. 2 in its lowest-scoring game of the season.

“The first thing that pops out, that was our first really road environment,” Baylor coach Dave Aranda said. “Pressure creates abnormal behavior ... there were a lot of unforced errors in that game, things unfortunately that we could control that we didn’t do a very good job with.”

Still, the Bears are in their second Big 12 title game in three seasons. They made it in coach Matt Rhule’s final season before he went to the NFL, and they have returned. They went 2-7 last year in Aranda’s pandemic-altered debut, then added offensive coordinator Jeff Grimes.

“When I got here, I saw the talent and the work ethic, and then with the new staff coming in I knew there was a different mindset going on, and everyone was moving in the same direction,” transfer receiver Drew Estrada said. “When you have that going on and start winning games and have the momentum, you see what’s happened this year.”

This is the first time Oklahoma State will play the same team twice in a season since 1908. Baylor lost twice to Oklahoma two seasons ago.

CENTURY BACKS

Oklahoma State senior Jaylen Warren, a transfer from Utah State, has averaged 108.8 yards rushing in his 10 starts. He is fifth overall in the Big 12 with his 94.5 yards per game, and has 11 TDs.

Baylor’s Abram Smith is the Big 12’s second-leading rusher and averages 113.8 yards per game to go along with 12 TDs. He had 97 yards on 10 carries, including a 55-yard run, two months ago against Oklahoma State. The Cowboys have the nation’s sixth-best rushing defense, allowing only 93.6 yards per game, and they have allowed just nine rushing touchdowns.

Up by 1 entering the weekend

DeChambeau leads a holiday event shaping up to be much more

DOUG FERGUSON
AP golf writer

NASSAU, Bahamas — This holiday event in the Bahamas is taking on a little more meaning for Bryson DeChambeau seeking a small measure of revenge and for Collin Morikawa pursuing a more noble goal of reaching No. 1 in the world.

One week after getting whipped by Brooks Koepka in Las Vegas at their made-for-TV match, DeChambeau made five birdies in a six-hole stretch around the turn at Albany and overcame a late double bogey from a wild drive for an 8-under 64. That was good for a one-shot lead going into the weekend at the Hero World Challenge.

The group one shot behind included Koepka, of course, who made a 12-foot par putt on the final hole for a second straight 67.

They won't be in the final group on Saturday, though DeChambeau would appear to relish that chance. "That would be sweet," he said to Golf Channel.

Koepka shrugged and said, "I already proved everything."

Morikawa, newly engaged and not one for petty battles, made a strong move on the back nine with a birdie-birdie-eagle sequence until falling victim to the tough 18th, playing into a strong breeze. His bogey led to a 66, but he was right where he needed to be.

"Just got to use that momentum for tomorrow," he said.

A victory against this 20-man field is the only way Morikawa can reach No. 1 in the world, and only then for a week



Bryson DeChambeau reacts to his putt on the 18th hole Friday during the second round of the Hero World Challenge at the Albany Golf Club, in New Providence, Bahamas.

before Jon Rahm — not playing this week — is projected to return to the top based on the two-year rolling formula.

Not to be overlooked is Tony Finau, who seems to be in the mix most weeks. He made one of only two birdies on the 18th, rolling in a 15-foot putt for a 66 to finish one shot back.

Daniel Berger also made birdie on the 18th and was two shots behind.

DeChambeau's one big miss on the 16th led to a double bogey, and he answered with a tee shot to 3 feet on the par-3 17th to keep ahead. He was at 11-under 133.

DeChambeau, who spoke on a 30-minute conference call last week

when trying to promote his TV match with Koepka, returned to his practice of only giving interviews to the network covering the tournament.

His big run started with a birdie on the par-5 sixth, and the only hole he didn't birdie over the next hour was the par-3 12th. He nearly drove the green on the reachable par-4 14th and caught a break when it was rolling off the steep slope and went into a sprinkler hole, slowing the ball's momentum and leaving him a simple up-and-down.

He wound up with the low score of the tournament, and Sam Burns wasn't too far behind with a 65 that got him into the mix at 8-under 136, along with Tyrrell

Hatton (67).

Rory McIlroy couldn't keep up. He was in range of the leaders until a double bogey on the 14th. He bounced back with a pair of birdies, only to drop a shot on the 18th for a 71. McIlroy, going for his second win in his last three starts, was four back along with Viktor Hovland (69) and Patrick Reed (69).

Reed and McIlroy will play together. Their most famous pairing was the Ryder Cup singles match at Hazeltine that Reed won, and the more significant pairing was two years later in the final round of the Masters, which Reed also won.

Morikawa and DeChambeau present a sharp contrast in their games and personalities. DeChambeau is all about bulk and speed and power. Morikawa is more about a consistent strike, particularly with his irons. In an era of power, the two-time major champion is used to seeing the long ball without getting overly concerned.

"There hasn't been one style of golf that has won every tournament out here, right?" Morikawa said. "Look, Bryson's changing the game and he's doing what he thinks is going to help and I'm doing what I think is going to help. I think when it comes down to it, who's going to put the ball in the hole with the least amount of strokes? And we're all trying to figure that out."

Koepka is making strides in that department.

The four-time major champion was sidelined again by a knee surgery just before the Masters, and not long after winning the Phoenix Open. He missed consecutive cuts in the fall before his win over DeChambeau in a 12-hole match (that lasted only nine holes). And while this is an unofficial event, Koepka at least is starting to see results.

"The last two months it's been constant grinding," he said. "But every day, I'm finding something. I'm super pumped."

The most powerful man in college sports?

Power, influence growing for SEC Commissioner Sankey

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DALLAS — Greg Sankey recalls a toast former Southeastern Conference Commissioner Roy Kramer gave at a gathering in 2015 to commemorate the tenure of Mike Slive, who was retiring after deftly leading the SEC for 13 years.

As Sankey was preparing to succeed his mentor, Kramer told the athletic directors in attendance the new commissioner would need their help more than anyone who had ever occupied that office to "navigate uncharted waters."

"And that is so true," Sankey said during an hour-long interview at a hotel in Dallas ahead of yet another meeting on College Football Playoff expansion.

Sankey, a 57-year-old native of upstate New York who cut his teeth at small schools and jumped to the SEC from the Southland Conference, has certainly been up for the job so far. In his six years as commissioner, the SEC has become bigger, stronger and more imposing. He has also been an agent of change, viewed warily by some as he wields extraordinary sway.

On Saturday, Sankey will be in Atlanta for the SEC's pinnacle event: No. 1 Georgia vs. No. 4 Alabama for the conference title in — as so often happens in the SEC — one of the biggest games of the college football season. One or both will wind up in the playoff.

Over the past two years alone, Sankey has helped the SEC land a new \$350 million television rights deal with ESPN and guided it through the uncertainty of the pandemic. He was part of the four-person group that crafted a proposal to expand the wildly popular and lucrative playoff to 12 teams while also planning to grow SEC membership to 16 schools with the landscape-shifting additions of Texas and Oklahoma. And, most recently, Sankey was appointed co-chairperson of a committee that will lead efforts to reconstruct the NCAA's top division.

Sankey could easily be called the most powerful person in college sports, though he would very much prefer not to be. That title, to him, connotes leading by force or demand.

"I use the words influence and effectiveness," Sankey said. "I have been in other commissioner's positions and people listened to me, but not like now. And I fully recognize that and that's why I think effectiveness has to be included. But you can occupy a role and not be terribly effective. Influence wanes quickly."

Even before taking over for Slive, Sankey was both effective and influential beyond the SEC.

He is the NCAA policy wonk who wrote the legislation that resulted in the five wealthiest and most successful conferences (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC) being given the autonomy to make and pass rules in some areas with no say from the rest of the membership.

In some ways, that move in 2015 was a precursor to where college sports is heading: A restructuring of Division I, decentralizing governance and



Greg Sankey, commissioner of the Southeastern Conference, speaks during a news conference on March 12, 2020, in Nashville, Tenn. Over the past two years Sankey has helped the conference land a new \$350 million television rights deal with ESPN and guided it through the uncertainty of the pandemic.

de-emphasizing the role of the NCAA itself. It has taken considerable time, even if the process is speeding up now. Fitting, perhaps, for Sankey, a marathon runner who was named by the Division I Board of Directors co-chair of a transformation committee along with Ohio athletic director Julie Cromer in October.

The autonomy model was Sankey's idea but he said he doesn't have fully formed ideas for a new Division I nor does he believe that is necessary for the task.

"I would encourage everybody to bring their thoughts, but not a hardened vision," he said. "I think those thoughts help challenge perspectives, help us think more deeply about what put us here."

Among many of his peers, Sankey is an ideal person to help lead this change as the NCAA under President Mark Emmert hands more power and responsibility to its 1,200 schools.

"If you're sitting in a chair and that chair comes with power, then it's a responsibility to use it to the best of your ability for the good of the cause," ASun Conference Commissioner Ted Gumbart said. "And for him the cause is the SEC — and that means the NCAA."

Can Sankey provide leadership and direction that is in the best interest of both a conference with almost unmatched wealth, reach and resources and the rest of college sports?

"That's not keeping me up at nights right now," Mid-American Conference Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher said. "I really am very comfortable with the people we have leading the transformation committee and then a number of the people on that committee."

Emmert said he has heard some in college sports express concern with

Sankey's growing influence, but recognizes the value he brings.

"He's got a lot of skills and knowledge and he's obviously a bright guy who can help find solutions," Emmert said. "As the head of what many would argue is the dominant football conference right now, he's put in a position that can be polarizing. And that would be true of anybody sitting there right now."

For those who might be skeptical about whether Sankey can execute the balancing act, he says: "I can answer people's questions. I can't answer your suspicions. I think when people are fair, they ask the questions."

He also notes: "College sports doesn't need me to save it."

Sankey uses his push for playoff expansion as an example of his willingness to work for the greater good. He often says the current four-team model works well for the SEC and he's right: An SEC team has made the CFP championship game in six of its seven seasons and won it four times.

"We're asking Alabama, Georgia, LSU and I think other teams in the future to participate in more games to achieve a national championship," he said. "Does the Southeastern Conference truly need that? We don't."

"We're not the ones who've been left out five of the first seven, probably six of the first eight," he said, referring to the Pac-12. "Yet, I look and I shared with our membership: College football's a national sport. We have an obligation not simply to defend our own circumstance, but to look at how do you bring people in so that the strength of college football can be magnified."

Maybe the biggest reason the expansion process has dragged on throughout the fall was the SEC's realignment

bombshell dropped in July.

After news leaked Texas and Oklahoma were talking with Sankey about leaving the Big 12 and joining the SEC, both sides moved quickly to make it official. The Longhorns and Sooners are scheduled to join in 2025, but the move could happen quicker.

The domino knocked over by the Sankey and SEC threw multiple conferences into turmoil for months, trickling down to Conference USA, which nearly fell apart altogether.

Sankey said he was well aware of the effects adding Oklahoma and Texas would have on other conferences and that it did "weigh" on him. He also noted the ACC and Big Ten have caused similar disruptions.

In response to the SEC's move, the Big Ten, ACC, and Pac-12 formed an alliance they hope will lead to more collaboration on the field and off.

"I was and still am curious," Sankey said of the alliance.

Sankey said he often thinks back to Kramer's prescient toast and a conversation he had with Slive the day he moved into his now late friend's office at SEC headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama.

Both predecessors understood Sankey was stepping into a job that was becoming more complex — and more influential.

"And until you sit in the chair, you don't understand the expectations or the tensions and the pressures," he said. "I wanted the leadership challenge. And I still want that leadership challenge. But there is nothing easy about what we're facing. And I think we all need to be honest about that reality in college sports. It doesn't mean we can't meet the challenges."

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2	(WESH) NBC	19	19	News	NBC News	Entertainment Tonight (N)	**** "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart. (In Stereo) 'PG'							News	SNL
3	(WEDU) PBS	3	3	Il Volo -- Tribute to Ennio Morricone 'G'		Doo Wop to Pop Rock: My Music Celebrates 20 Years My Music Celebrates 20 years. 'G'				Celtic Thunder Ireland Celtic Thunder hits and fan favorites. (In Stereo) 'G'				Bee Gees: One Night Only (In Stereo) 'G'	
5	(WUFT) PBS	5	5	The Big Band Years (My Music)	Big Band hits. 'G'			Il Volo -- Tribute to Ennio Morricone 'G'		Burt Bacharach's Best				Eat Your Medicine	
8	(WFLA) NBC	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Bucs All Access	Bucs Bruce Arians Show	**** "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946, Comedy-Drama) James Stewart. An angel saves a distraught businessman from suicide. (In Stereo) 'PG'						NewsChannel 8	Saturday Night Live
9	(WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	College Football	Coll. Football	Coll. Football	College Football ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live)							News Saturday
10	(WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	College Football SEC Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live)		Jeopardy! 'G'	CSI: Vegas (In Stereo) '14'		48 Hours (N) (In Stereo)		48 Hours (N) (In Stereo)		10 Tampa Bay	Storm of Suspicion
13	(WTVT) FOX	13	13		College Football	College Extra	FOX College Football Pregame (N)			College Football Big Ten Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live)					To Be Announced
20	(WJTB) ABC			11	College Football	Football	Football	College Football ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live)							WJTB TV20
22	(WCLF) IND	2	2	2	Turning Point With David Citrus	R. Jeffress Bible Say?	The Three Chasing M Vegas	Gaither Homecoming	Leslie Hale			Healing Tch Christian Church			Passion
23	(WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Citrus	Bible Say?	Chasing M Vegas	Your Citrus County Court				Macabre Theater			
23	(WFTS) ABC	11	11		College Football	Football	Football	College Football ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live)							News
32	(WMDR) IND	12	12		Sheldon	Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	MacGyver '14'			Family Guy	Family Guy
33	(WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	Extra (N) 'PG'		Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8	Bucs All	Bucs	S.W.A.T. '14'			Ring of Honor Wrestling
40	(WACX) TBN	21	21		Shake the Roots	Jim Raley	Healing Touch		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gospel	Paid Prog.	S.Channel	Victory Gospel Hour	
44	(WTOG) CW	4	4	4	** "Sabrina" (1995) Harrison Ford. 'PG'	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Silent Night: A Song for the Christmas carol. (In Stereo) 'PG'		The World's Creation of the Christmas carol. (In Stereo) 'PG'		SEAL Team "Pattern of Life" (In Stereo) '14'		SEAL Team "Unbecoming an Officer" (In Stereo) '14'	
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51	(WOGX) FOX			13	Football	Extra	FOX College Pregame			College Football Big Ten Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live)					News
66	(WXPX) ION			17	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU
A&E	54	48	54		*** "John Wick: Chapter 2" (2017) 'R'			*** "John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum" (2019) Keanu Reeves. 'R'						*** "John Wick" 'R'	
ACCN	99				College Basketball			College Basketball		College Basketball Louisville at NC State.				All ACC	All ACC
AMC	55	64	55		** "Four Christmases"		*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"			*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) 'PG-13'				Four Chris	
ANI	52	35	52		The Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Zoo: Bronx Tales (N)		The Zoo (N) 'PG'		The Zoo (N) 'PG'	Secret Life-Zoo	
BET	96	71	96		** "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" (2008)			"The Jenkins Family Christmas" (2021, Drama) 'NR'			** "Meet the Blacks" (2016) Mike Epps. 'R'			Drive	
BIGTEN	742	809			To Be Announced			To Be Announced			Campus	The Final Drive (N)		Drive	
BRAVO	254	51	254		"The Green Mile" (1999)		*** "Cast Away" (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. 'PG-13'					*** "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks. 'PG-13'			
BSFL	35	39	35		American Ninja Warrior	Icons	Football	NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Florida Panthers.					Panthers	Panthers	Panthers
CC	27	61	27		The Office	The Office	"A Clüsterfünke Christmas" (2021) 'NR'			"A Clüsterfünke Christmas" (2021) 'NR'				To Be Announced	
CMT	98	45	98		*** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989) Harrison Ford. 'PG-13'			*** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981, Adventure) Harrison Ford. 'PG'							
CNN	40	29	40		CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom			The History of Comedy			The History of Comedy	
ESPN	33	27	33		Football	Scoreboard	UFC Fight Night: Font vs. Aldo - Prelims (N) (Live)					UFC Fight Night: Font vs. Aldo (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	37	28	34		College Football	Football Scoreboard	College Basketball Alabama at Gonzaga. (N) (Live)					High School Basketball			
FBN	106	149	106		American	American	American	American	Kennedy	How America Works		Mansion	Mansion	Mansion	Mansion
FLIX		118	170		*** "The War of the Roses" (1989) 'R'		*** "American Beauty" (1999) Kevin Spacey.			*** "Secretary" (2002) James Spader. 'R'					
FNC	44	37	44		Fox Report	Gutfeld!		Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Unfiltered with		Watters' World	
FOOD	26	56	26		Guy's Grocery Games 'G'	Guy's Grocery Games 'G'	Holiday Wars 'G'		Holiday Wars 'G'		Holiday Wars 'G'		Holiday Wars 'G'	Holiday Wars 'G'	
FREEFORM	29	52	29		Santa Is Comin' to Town	Frosty	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer 'G'			*** "Home Alone" (1990, Children's) Macaulay Culkin. 'PG'				Home 2	
FS1	732	112	732		Hoops Extra	MLS Soccer Conference Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Iowa State at Creighton. (N)				College Football	
FX	30	60	30		*** "The Santa Clause" (1994) Tim Allen. 'PG'		** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. 'G'			** "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause"					
GOLF	727	67	727		PGA Tour Golf Hero World Challenge, Third Round. 'G'				Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Hero World Challenge, Third Round. 'G'					
HALL	59	68	39		"The Christmas Contest" (2021) 'NR'		"A Very Merry Bridesmaid" (2021) Emily Osment.			"Eight Gifts of Hanukkah" (2021) Inbar Lavi. 'NR'					
HBO	302	201	302		** "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters" (2013) 'PG'		** "Space Jam: A New Legacy" (2021) 'PG'			Red Blue Green				Succession 'MA'	
HBO2	303	202	303		*** "Judas and the Black Messiah" (2021)		*** "Thelma & Louise" (1991) Susan Sarandon.			** "The Transporter" (2002) Jason Statham.					
HGTV	23	57	23		Love It or List It 'PG'	Love It or List It 'PG'	Love It or List It 'PG'	Holmes Family Rescue	Outgrown (N) 'G'	Outgrown (N) 'G'				Property Brothers	
HIST	51	54	51		Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars An original Eastman Kodak camera. 'PG'					Pawn Stars 'PG'	
LIFE	24	38	24		"Miracle in Motor City" (2021) Tia Mowry. 'NR'		"Kirk Franklin's A Gospel Christmas" (2021) 'NR'			"Reba McEntire's Christmas in Tune" (2021) 'NR'					
LMN	119	50	119		"Secrets in the Woods" (2020) Brittany Underwood.		"Secrets in the Wilderness" (2021) 'NR'			"Secrets in the Snow" (2020) Aubrey Reynolds. 'NR'					
MSNBC	42	41	42		Voices-Alicia Menendez	Voices-Alicia Menendez	Ayman (N) (Live)		Ayman (N) (Live)		Voices-Alicia Menendez			Ayman	
NBCSN	448	26	730		NASCAR Burnout	NASCAR Cup Series Awards Show (Taped)		Snowboarding Visa Big Air. (N Same-day Tape)		Snowboarding				Snowboarding	
NGEO	109	65	109		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14'	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14'	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14'	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14'	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix '14'	Trafficked-Darker Deals				Trafficked With Mariana	
NICK	28	36	28		Hotel 2	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob SquarePants 'Y7'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'
NWSNTN	18	18	18		Last Man	Last Man	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	Dan Abrams Live		Banfield			On Balance	
OWN	125	24	103		"A Christmas for Mary" (2020) Morgan Dixon. 'NR'		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		Family or Fiancé (N) '14'			Love & Marriage	
OXY	123	44	123		Cold Justice	Cold Justice '14'		Cold Justice (N) '14'		911 Crisis Center (N) 'PG'	911 Crisis	911 Crisis	911 Crisis	911 Crisis	911 Crisis
PARMT	37	43	37		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'			*** "Rocketman" (2019) Taron Egerton. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R'							
SEC	745	72			TrueSouth	TrueSouth	SEC Football Final (N)	SEC Football Final	SEC Football Final	SEC Football Final	SEC Football Final	SEC Football Final	SEC Football Final	SEC-Final	
SHOW	340	241	340		"Last Call" (2021) 'R'	Dexter: New Blood 'MA'		*** "Django Unchained" (2012) Jamie Foxx. 'R'						Yellowjackets 'MA'	Yellow
SUN	36	31	36		MLB Baseball			Postgame	Rays	Fight Sports: Boxing					
SYFY	31	59	31		*** "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. 'R'			*** "Die Hard 2" (1990, Action) Bruce Willis. 'R'						Fantastic	
TBS	49	23	49		*** "A Christmas Story" (1983) 'PG' (DVS)		*** "A Christmas Story" (1983) 'PG' (DVS)		Harry Potter: Hogwarts		Wipeout (In Stereo) 'PG'				
TCM	169	53	169		** "It Happened on 5th Avenue" (1947) 'NR'		*** "Leave Her to Heaven" (1945) Gene Tierney.			*** "Dance, Girl, Dance" (1940) 'NR'					
TDC	53	34	53		Expedition Unknown 'PG'	Expedition Unknown 'PG'	When Buildings Collapse (In Stereo) '14'			Expedition Unknown 'PG'				Expedition Unknown 'PG'	
TLC	50	46	50		1000-Lb. Sisters '14'	Hoarding: Buried Alive	1000-Lb. Sisters '14'		1000-Lb. Sisters '14'		1000-Lb. Sisters '14'			1000-Lb. Sisters '14'	
TMC	350	261	350		*** "Ain't Them Bodies Saints" 'R'	** "Gamer" (2009) Gerard Butler. 'R'	*** "American Psycho" (2000) 'R'		*** "American Psycho" (2000) 'R'		** "American Psycho 2" (2002) 'R'				
TNT	48	33	48		*** "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017) Chris Hemsworth.		*** "Ready Player One" (2018) Tye Sheridan. 'PG-13' (DVS)							"Central Intelligence"	
TOON	38	58	38		"Teenage Mutant Ninja"	"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: Secret of Ooze"		King of Hill	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	'Rick, Morty
TRAV	9	106	9		Unexplained: C	Unexplained: C	Unexplained: C		Destination Fear (N) '14'	Tidings of Terror: Night	Tidings of Terror: Night	Tidings of Terror: Night	Tidings of Terror: Night	Tidings of Terror '14, 'V'	
truTV	25	55	25		Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokes	Jokes	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokes	Jokes	Tacoma FD	
TVL	32	49	32		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	47	32	47		** "A Bad Moms Christmas" (2017) Mila Kunis. 'R' (DVS)		"Psych 2: Lassie Come Home" (2020) 'NR'			** "A Bad Moms Christmas" (2017)					
WE	117	69	117		NCIS '14' (DVS)	NCIS '14' (DVS)	NCIS 'Recovery' 'PG'		NCIS 'Phoenix' 'PG'		NCIS 'Lost at Sea' 'PG'			NCIS 'PG' (DVS)	

Annie offers advice

Dear Readers: Thank you for all your responses to "Letting Go Is Hard to Do." We have undeniably wonderful parents among our readership. Here are two of my favorite letters.



DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Letting Go Is Hard to Do," who was worried about the choices her daughter might be making at college after seeing a questionable bank transaction.

I am also the mom of a college-age student. We have had a joint account ever since my son was a senior in high school.

I made a promise to myself to not allow our joint checking accounts to be a way to peek into his world. Trust me, it is very hard not to look — especially when I am transferring money to his account. If his spending info pops up, I look away and put my hand over so I cannot see.

It is a don't-see-don't-tell trust that I never told him I had in place. He is very independent, and if I'd have questioned things, he would have started to mistrust me. There is always a way teens get around roadblocks; it's called taking cash out of the account and spending it that way or buying a Visa gift card with the cash.

It gets easier as they get older to not look. I encourage you to think about why you need to look at how she spends her money. My son was no angel for a good four to five years. But he trusts me now, and when the really hard/big things come up, he comes to me for comfort and direction, and to ease his fears. Let a little more of the string go, and when your bird flies, you will be rewarded with trust and honesty. — **Money and Trust**

Dear Annie: I want to be as polite as I can in this reply to the mom who's concerned about her 18-year-old daughter essentially just being an 18-year-old away at college.

With all due respect, Letting Go — because you sound like a great mom and you seem to have a good bond with your daughter — maybe drop the "God's gift" talk, stop thinking about what your religion teaches about birth control and just ask your kid if she's OK and let her know you're there to talk.

She may not be as interested as you are in what God and your religious community's leadership thinks about her sex life. Meanwhile, here on Earth, you're both humans who love each other. Lead with that.

In terms of sex addiction and so-called addictive behaviors, aka symptoms of a disease called addiction, which aren't "behaviors" in an addict but rather compulsions, again, be honest. Talk about it head-on. Don't minimize it if you're truly worried.

And if you're not, let her live her life and keep your opinions to yourself. You can either have a relationship that is close, honest and real or have some mix of hope, denial and religious idealism. But the half-measure of trying to have both almost guarantees the first will be lost, which would be a shame.

Keep your life between you and God, her life between you and her, and trust God to know how to handle the rest. God is too busy caring for billions of souls to really care much about birth control and sex toys. Take God's lead. — **Dad of a Teen, Too**

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Bridge

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Some 50 years ago, everyone learned how to play bridge while in college, if not before. Then, almost all of the men gave up the game to have a career and raise a family. Now they are retiring and thinking about returning to bridge. However, they say to me, "But all the rules have changed!"

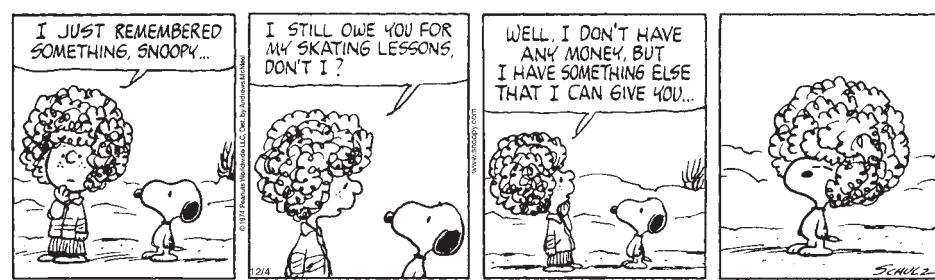
By "rules," they mean bidding methods. It is true that back then,

everyone used the eponymous Goren system. This came from Culbertson, whose hand evaluation employed honor tricks, which few understood. Goren preferred high-card points, which everyone could handle. That system had a lot of flaws, though, which have been corrected over the decades. But restarting bridge isn't the Herculean task many fear. To help, there is a new book available, "Coming Back to Bridge" by Paul Goldfinger (Master Point Press).

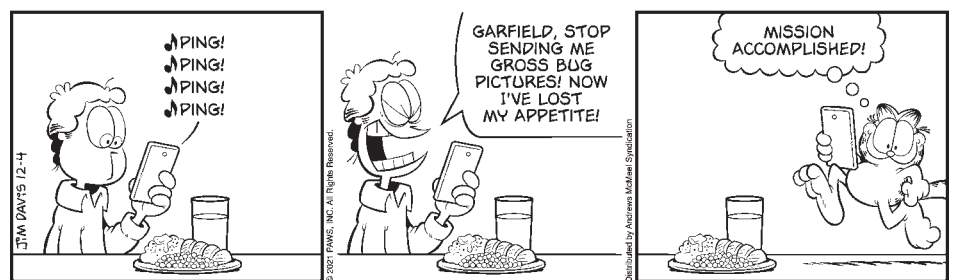
Since it is only 112 pages long, the reader receives a skeletal introduction to Standard American. (There are five paragraphs about two-over-one.) So, some useful topics are skimmed over, and there is one convention that should have been omitted! But a former player should feel comfortable.

Goldfinger gives no deals, so here is one from my beginner's book, which was published in England. How many tricks should South take in three no-trump after West leads a spade?

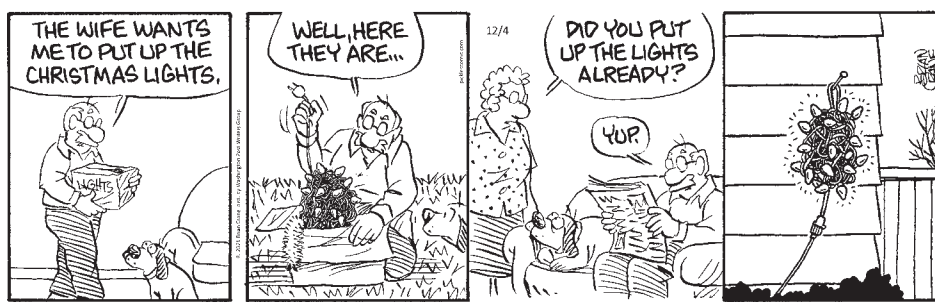
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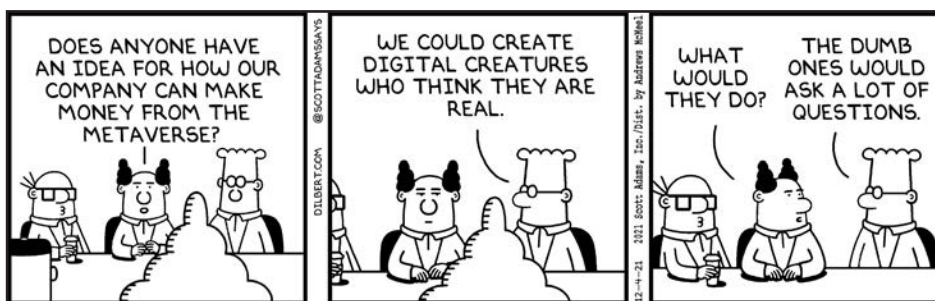
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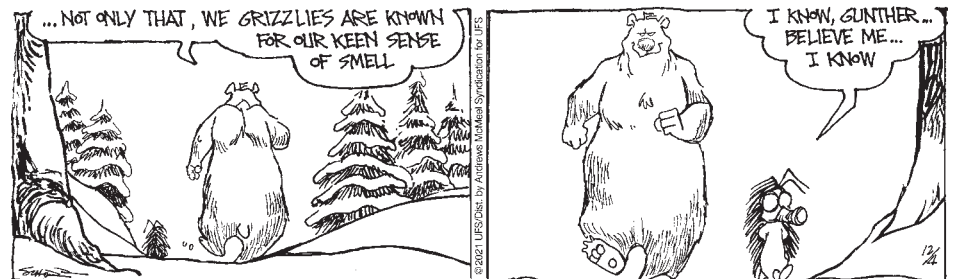
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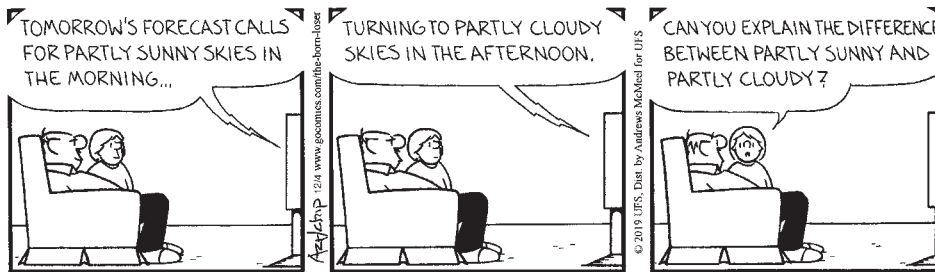
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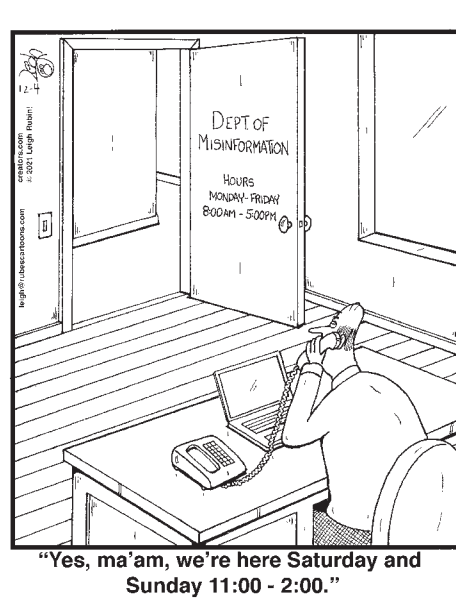


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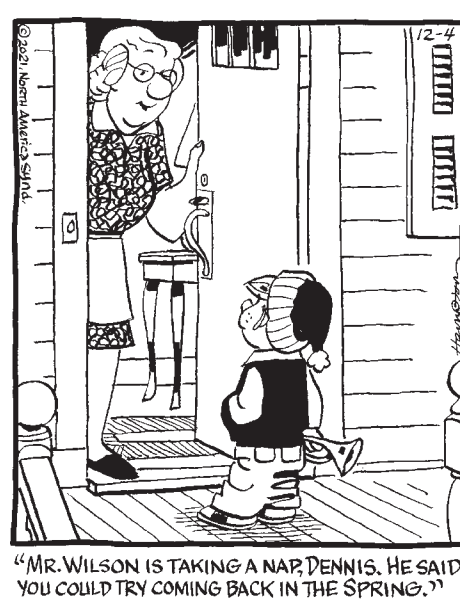


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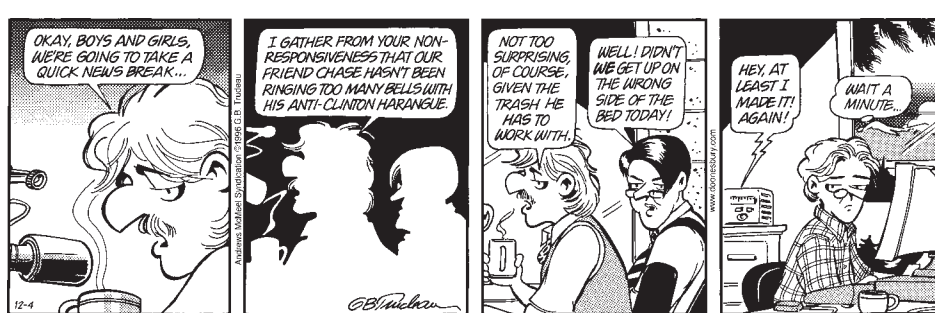
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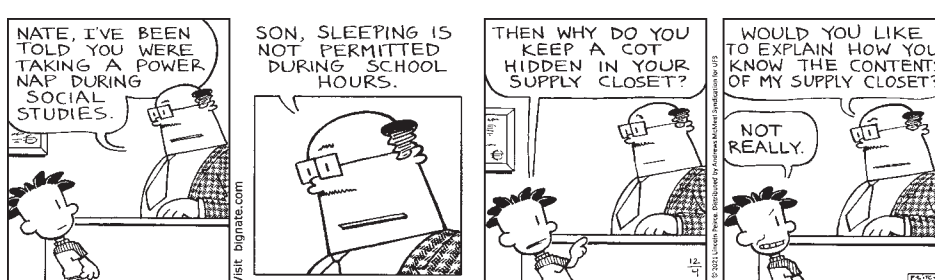
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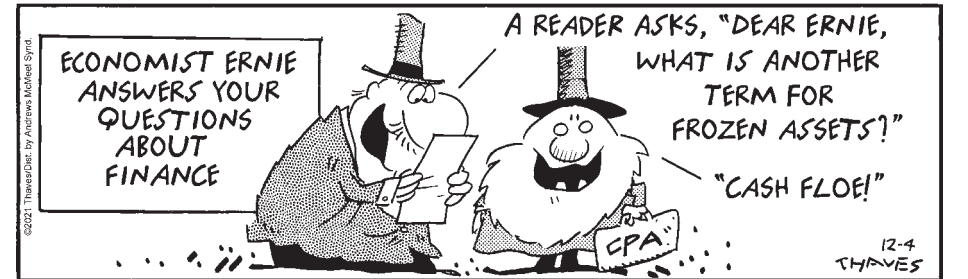
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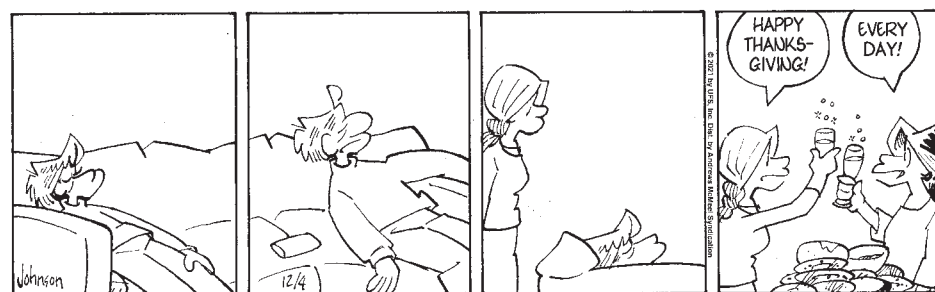
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Today's MOVIES

Movie listings for Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness, Valerie Theatre, and Nutcracker Suite.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos. Clue: L equals C. Cryptogram: "U MYJH PMUV KABC TAB FILM AT KMYP U CA UZ GUTH: 'WGABXUZO.' U'F ZAP WGYSUZO YZC U'F ZAP KABXUZO, U'F WGABXUZO." Previous Solution: "What's the point in hating anyone? There's enough hate in the world as it is, without me adding to it." — Ozzy Osbourne

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SALON UPDATE!

Nature Coast Hair Salon. Homosassa's local hair salon for many years, closed their doors due to severe shoulder injuries to the owner Kim and seasoned Hair technician, Brooke. Hopefully in 3-4 months both Kim and Brooke will return to what is their new home now at **Changes Hair Salon!** While recovering from the shoulder surgery, Kim, made sure that most of Nature Coast's loyal clients were taken care of for their hair color, cut and style needs at the Changes Hair Salon.

Changes Hair Salon owners, Sheryl and Neil ensured that they have the appropriate hair color cards and the products for Nature Coast Hair clients so there is seamless transition for all the clients.

Changes Hair Salon is located in the Homosassa Publix Plaza and has won the Neighborhood Favorite Award for three years in a row. Changes Hair Salon offers a clean, healthy and friendly environment along with a delicious cup of beverage with cookies!! We are open **Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm, Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm.** Please call us at **352-382-HAIR(4247)** for an appointment and our friendly experienced hair experts will be happy to make your hair the best look it deserves.

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BW Changes Hair Salon is expanding, so if you are a passionate hair stylist looking to join a fun, well paying hair salon family, (whether part time or full time), give us a call at **352-382-HAIR(4247).**
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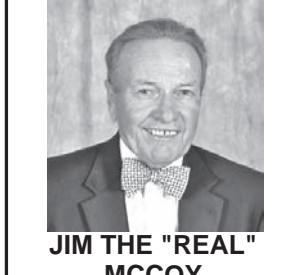
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Solution to Friday's puzzle 12/4/21

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

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

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Saturday, December 4, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- REMINISCE

(REMINISCE: rem-ih-NIS: To recall past experiences or events.)

Average mark 33 words
Time limit 60 minutes

Can you find 52 or more words in REMINISCE?
The list will be published Monday.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- DESTINED

deed	diet	seen	snit	tide
deet	dine	seine	steed	tidied
deist	dint	send	stein	time
denied	distend	sent	teddies	indeed
denies	eddies	side	teed	inset
dense	edit	sine	teen	need
dent	ended	site	tend	nest
died	seed	snide	tense	

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 Nope opposite
- 4 Jumps
- 8 Munitions
- 12 Rower's need
- 13 Roasting chamber
- 14 Give a big smile
- 15 Like the desert
- 16 Historic ship
- 17 Actor Alan
- 18 Wed in haste
- 20 Rainspout
- 22 Ancient instruments
- 23 Sunburned
- 24 Saunter
- 28 IOU part
- 31 Plumbing problem
- 34 Type of poem
- 35 Bleaters
- 36 Air France hub

- 37 Heir, often
- 38 Emmets
- 39 Part of TNT
- 40 Nulls
- 42 Sentimental drivell
- 44 Tan
- 48 Earl "the Pearl"
- 51 Rectangular
- 52 Name in essays
- 53 Ride-seeker's shout
- 55 Kind of poodle
- 56 Left
- 57 "You said it!"
- 58 Elec. unit
- 59 Mezzanine
- 60 Refreshing taste
- 61 Harden

DOWN

- 1 Alpine refrain
- 2 In good time

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	H	A	P			I	C	H		F	A	D
A	U	D	I	O		S	R	A		E	V	A
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- 3 "Stir Crazy" star
- 4 Sincere
- 5 Roman poet
- 6 Endorser's need
- 7 Ruin a nylon
- 8 Lessen
- 9 Go on a rant (2 wds.)
- 10 Fabricated
- 11 General - Bradley
- 19 Bothersome
- 21 Web address
- 25 Ascended
- 26 Hound's track
- 27 Comedian Jay
- 29 Drench
- 30 Superman's emblem
- 31 Fortune
- 32 Miscalculate
- 33 Straightening
- 35 Palette adjunct
- 40 Chaotic scene
- 41 On the wane
- 43 Take the dais
- 45 Minute amounts
- 46 Troll's cousin
- 47 Nile's land
- 48 Whimper
- 49 Muffin spread
- 50 "L'—, c'est moi"
- 51 Slow-moving beasts
- 54 GP group

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BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

- 1. Ailing "King Richard" star Smith (1)
- 2. Sky-colored gunky stuff (1)
- 3. Dossier stack (1)
- 4. Scrumptious chewy candy bear (2)
- 5. Keepsake holder aboard a spaceship (2)
- 6. Burnt-black broken pottery piece (1)
- 7. Impeding interfering with, as evidence (3)

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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