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NEWS BRIEFS

Chronicle seeks people who joined military after 9/11

The 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks is approaching. The Chronicle is seeking those individuals who were spurred to join the U.S. armed forces in the wake of the attacks. To share your story, email Jeff Bryan at jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com or Brian LaPeter at blapeter@chronicleonline.com.

Where were you when it happened?

Where were you on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and elsewhere brought our nation to a standstill. The Chronicle is asking readers to share their stories, in 200 words or less, about where you were that fateful September morning. Email your thoughts to community@chronicleonline.com.

COVID spike causes gas prices to fall 4 cents

Florida gas prices have gradually declined, falling a total of 4 cents during the past two weeks, according to AAA — The Auto Club Group. After reaching a 2021 high of \$3.01 earlier this month, drivers are now paying an average price of \$2.97 per gallon. Sunday's state average is 2 cents less than a week ago, yet 3 cents more than last month, and 91 cents more than this time last year.

"With oil prices struggling under the weight of a rise in new COVID cases thanks to the Delta variant and OPEC's increase in oil production, average gas prices in most states finally drifted lower," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

To see gas prices in Citrus County, visit www.gasbuddy.com.

— Michael D. Bates/Staff writer

Register to vote in Lecanto

The Supervisor of Elections Office invites the public to an outreach event from 9 to 11 a.m. July 29 at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path in Lecanto.

This is a convenient way to register to vote, make changes to a voter record or request a vote-by-mail ballot. Information to apply for election worker positions will also be available. To host the elections office staff at an organization or business, contact supervisor, Maureen 'Mo' Baird.

To learn more, visit vote.citrus.gov, email vote@votecitrus.gov or call 352-564-7120.

— From staff reports

Road building firm closing

D.A.B. Constructors, which is in charge of US 19 widening, stops all work

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

D.A.B. Constructors, which has tens of millions of dollars in state and county road projects including U.S. 19 widening in Crystal River and Homosassa, has closed its business doors in Inglis over a dispute with the

state, the company said.

All ongoing projects will be placed with D.A.B.'s bonding companies to bring in other firms to complete the work.

"We very much regret the inevitable inconveniences to the traveling

■ See the company's statement./ Page A6

public as D.A.B.'s ongoing jobs are transitioned to others for completion," the statement from D.A.B. owners Debora and Bill Bachschmidt states.

The fate of the company's 400 employees was unknown.

County and state

officials were caught off guard by the company's announcement.

Kevin Lemieux, the city of Crystal River's capital project manager, sent an email Monday morning to city officials.

"DAB has closed their doors and this has been confirmed," he wrote.

Florida Department of

Transportation spokeswoman Kris Carson said Monday morning she was unaware of D.A.B. closing but was looking into it. Later Monday, she would only say in an email that the state wasn't notified of any changes with D.A.B.

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Service dog prospects learn skills



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Nancy Wittemore fills bags with food items Friday, July 23, as her Labrador Retriever Sunshine patiently waits nearby. Wittemore, Nature Coast area coordinator for the Southeast Guide Dog Association, works with young Labs to socialize the animals in public spaces so they can further train to become full-time companion dogs for those in need.

Before starting careers, pups have to spend months mastering the basics

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

When Sunshine wears her blue jacket, she's on the job as a Southeastern Guide Dogs puppy-in-training.

Even if she's just sitting quietly while her "puppy raiser," Nancy Wittemore, is working at her volunteer job

as Daystar Life Center's pantry manager, she's at work.

At 18 months old, she will return to the SEGDOG school campus in Palmetto for further training, with the goal of becoming a guide dog for people with vision loss or a service dog for a veteran with disabilities, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

But for now, Sunshine is learning how to behave.

"As a puppy raiser, what I do is the basics — getting them out in public, teaching them not to jump on people and commands like 'heel,' 'sit' and 'down,'" Wittemore said. "Basic manners."

When Sunshine goes back to the school in May or June

2022, it will be like college for dogs, Wittemore said, where she will learn advanced skills for her future full-time job as a working guide or service dog.

Sunshine is Wittemore's fifth SEGDOG dog she has raised so far.

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Fritton is county's newest circuit court judge

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

It's starting to sink in for Joel Fritton — he's a circuit court judge for Florida and Citrus County.

"I don't feel different; it feels different," Fritton told the Chronicle from behind his desk at the county courthouse in Inverness. "The job feels different, but I'm still me."

Fritton's feelings were "indescribable" in June when he saw Gov. Ron DeSantis' office calling to tell him he was appointed to a vacant judgeship for the state's fifth judicial circuit, which covers

Citrus and four neighboring counties.

"I saw the phone number come in ... I had to compose myself, and then they said, 'Congratulations, judge,'" he said. "I don't know if I'm

used to it yet."

Mementos from Fritton's time as a state prosecutor and lawyer for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office were

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Whittemore is also the SEGD Nature Coast area coordinator for local puppy raisers.

On Saturday, July 31, the Nature Coast Puppy Raisers will be doing an outreach from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Animalade Inc. Thrifty Dog Thrift Store, 9017 Commercial Way, Weeki Wachee.

SEGD is looking for more volunteer puppy raisers willing to work with a Labrador retriever puppy for about 15-16 months, from about age eight or nine weeks, teaching it basic manners and simple commands.

As Whittemore explained, all the SEGD dogs begin as potential guide dogs for people who are vision-impaired, but not all dogs are suited for that role, only about 30-35%.

Those who don't make it go into one of the other SEGD programs, including programs for veterans: service dogs for veterans with PTSD, emotional support dogs,

military medical facility therapy dogs and Gold Star family dogs that provide comfort for families who have lost a loved one in service to the nation.

"One of the dogs I raised went to a veteran in Bradenton who has PTSD," Whittemore said. "He had nightmares, and they put a tap light at the end of his bed and the dog was taught that, when the man has a nightmare, to tap the light to turn it on and then put its paw on the man's chest to wake him up.

"It's very personalized to what the person needs," she said.

There's no cost to those who receive a SEGD guide or service dog, including lifetime support for the dog — food, veterinary care and preventatives.

Before a person brings a guide/service dog home, there's a two-week training program at the school. Prior to that, there's an extensive evaluation to determine what the person needs, whether they're active or more of a quiet homebody, so they know which of their dogs would be the best match.

Once they're at the school and matched with the right dog — it

might take a few tries to get the right match, sort of like dating — then the person and the dog train together.

Whittemore said when she brought her first puppy back to the school, she cried.

"I was a mess," she said.

But it was a child's question that helped her with her subsequent puppies.

"Whose dog is it?" the child asked.

"The dogs belong to the school and then they belong to the people who need them," she said. "So, it's not MY dog. I get to take care of them for a while, and I never have to see them grow old."

For more information about SEGD or becoming a puppy raiser, go to the website at www.guide-dogs.org.

Contact Chronicle reporter Nancy Kennedy at 352-564-2927 or nkennedy@chronicleonline.com. Read more of Nancy's stories at tinyurl.com/yxt69grh.

Labrador Retrievers are a loyal, smart breed of dog that make for popular companion dogs.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle



JUDGE

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scattered around him on shelves in his chambers. A pair of family photographs bordered a wooden plaque displaying the definition of "father."

"I would be remiss if I didn't include my wife and kids because that's who I am," the father of four and husband since 2009 said. "To me, that's my most important job."

Fritton's first day on the bench was July 1. He replaced Judge Peter Brigham, who left to preside over a quarter of Marion County's felony docket.

Fritton wanted to be a judge at the end of his first legal job as an assistant state attorney for four years, prosecuting misdemeanors up to murders in Pasco and Pinellas counties.

"It was too far out of reach at that point," he said. "I wanted to know more about the legal system. ... When you're prosecuting, you don't have a lot of exposure outside of criminal law ... I didn't like

the idea of being pigeon-holed there."

Fritton left the State Attorney's Office to work for the Shankman Leone law firm in Tampa, handling cases in employment law, commercial civil litigation and criminal defense.

After several months with Shankman Leone, Fritton got an offer he couldn't turn down.

"Then one day I get a call from the Hernando County sheriff, and he asked me to come up and meet," Fritton said about Sheriff Al Nienhuis hiring him in 2013 as the agency's attorney. "You don't get those calls very often."

Fritton believes he was the youngest lawyer — at 29 years old — to be a general counsel for a law enforcement agency in Florida.

Representing the sheriff's office in court for almost nine years exposed Fritton to many more facets of law — from use-of-force lawsuits to Risk Protection Orders taking firearms away from dangerous individuals.

"It was just amazing how many different areas of

law a constitutional office encounters," he said. "It really broadened my horizons, and rounded me out as an attorney."

Becoming a judge was still on Fritton's radar.

"A couple years ago, I thought I was ready to make the next step," he said, "whether it was seeking appointment or running in an election, whatever came up first."

A chance arose for Fritton to apply for a circuit judgeship after Judge Edward Scott retired in April, creating a vacancy.

Following separate interviews with the state's Judicial Nominating Commission and attorneys for DeSantis, Fritton became the governor's pick.

"It took my breath away," he said.

Making the commute from Spring Hill to work in Citrus County hasn't been a problem for Fritton.

"I don't find it to be any different at all than Hernando; the counties are extremely similar," he said. "It's a gorgeous drive up Citrus Way; it's not like driving to Tampa."

Fritton's caseload is made up of probate

matters, injunctions and family law. He hopes he's known as a "fair but firm" judge, and understands everyone won't like his rulings or orders.

"At the end of the day, I have to follow the law — that's all I can do," he said. "You get used to it ... I want folks to understand that when you come to court, it's a courtroom; it's a place to be respected, and I think I've done that thus far."

Fritton's focus will remain to be those he comes home to.

"I've been able to do what I've been able to do because I've got a great support network at home," he said. "My wife has been an absolute advocate for me ... and the kids are supportive; they understand there's going to be some late nights, but I always make time."

Fritton said he has to settle into his latest role before he thinks about his future in it.

"I think I'm kind of taking things one day at a time here, making sure I master this before I look toward that," he said, "whatever that may be."

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Statewide honors for Crystal River

Crystal River Main Street awarded for its impacts in city's downtown

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

State officials recognized the efforts of one of Crystal River's biggest advocates.

Florida Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee on Thursday, July 22, bestowed Crystal River Main Street (CRMS) with three trophies during Florida Main Street's 2021 Secretary of State Awards in New Port Richey.

CRMS placed first — or “outstanding” — in two of 11 categories it could have applied for, and second in another entry.

There are 49 communities statewide with a Main Street program overseen by Florida Main Street, a program administered by the Division of Historical Resources under the Florida Department of State.

Each Main Street tries to spur economic development and

historical preservation within its area's downtown by implementing a number of initiatives.

CRMS won the best public improvement initiative for its involvements with the 2020 development of Crystal River Town Square on the corner of U.S. 19 and Citrus Avenue.

It also took top prize for having the most successful retail sales promotion events — the Shop Local Holiday Challenge in December.

Lee named CRMS second for the best signage or display project due to the organization's move for muralist William Mickey to paint a massive illustration of Crystal River wildlife as town square's backdrop.

Meredith Linley, executive director of CRMS since June 2020, said the honors were a testament to the resilience of Crystal

River and its businesses enduring a pandemic.

“Despite the insanity we've lived through over the past year with COVID, business closing and not being able to have in-person events,” she said, “to be able to submit these projects ... for the state committee to look at them and say, ‘there's some big stuff going on in Crystal River,’ is simply amazing.”

For information about Crystal River Main Street, founded as a nonprofit in August 2015, visit crystalrivermainstreet.com.

Linley is most proud of CRMS winning the top retail sales promotion because the Shop Local Holiday Challenge was a sudden alternative after COVID-19 nixed scheduled holiday events.

“Our First Friday and Christmas Tree Lighting had to cancel ... I was crushed because of my local businesses,” she said. “They're the ones that needed that Christmas shopping traffic.”

During the holiday shopping challenge, roughly 1,100 people submitted gift card entries into

CRMS, claiming they spent at least \$100 in Crystal River's downtown, equating to an economic impact of at least \$110,000.

Along with its monthly First Friday outings, CRMS has other functions planned for the future.

CRMS is looking to start a walking tour centered on murals throughout downtown, like the eight done by Mickey. Cellphone users would be able to scan QR barcodes near the artworks to get information on the creations while enjoying the shops and eateries along the way.

“It can be done simply,” Linley said. “Art is just a big component of downtown, art is something people like to see, and it's something we can add.”

Depending on responses from restaurants and how they're dealing with food prices and staffing shortages, CRMS is hoping to host another Taste of Crystal River this fall.

“We'd like to showcase our restaurants and bring people downtown,” Linley said. “We

have this gorgeous award-winning town square, which is just a wonderful venue and we want to showcase it.”

To keep Crystal River from losing a grip on its past, CRMS is partnering with city staff and leaders to create ordinances establishing historic districts, protecting landmark buildings from hurtful developers.

“There's nothing right now to stop that,” Linley said. “We work so hard to bring vibrancy to our downtown and bring it to life, and now we have to do what we can ... to make sure what we have worked to create, the integrity of it, stays what we want.”

Linley said Crystal River Main Street isn't taking on these endeavors to just benefit businesses.

“We're putting on events for taxpayers who support everything that happens to the city,” she said. “We're bringing added value to the residents; we're giving them something else to do, we're giving them a reason to stay in Crystal River that weekend instead of going out of town.”

Around the COUNTY

Fire destroys Dunnellon-area home Sunday

A fire destroyed a Dunnellon-area home and killed a pair of dogs inside.

Occupants were able to evacuate their burning doublewide mobile home off North Cedar Cove Road uninjured the night of Sunday, July 25, before Citrus County Fire Rescue (CCFR) crews arrived after responding to the blaze at around 7:40 p.m.

Firefighters first to the scene found the residence 50% involved with flames coming through its roof, according to CCFR.

CCFR units from stations in Hernando, Citrus Springs, Pine Ridge, Connell Heights and the Inverness Highlands controlled the fire, which started in a bedroom, by 8:11 p.m.

According to CCFR, the house and a vehicle parked in front of the garage were deemed lost. Firefighters also found two dead dogs during searches of the scene.

CCFR contacted the American Red Cross to assist the displaced residents.

— Buster Thompson/Staff writer

Church to host vaccinations

The Florida Department of Health and First Lutheran Church are offering a COVID-19 vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 29 at the church, 1900 U.S. 44 in Inverness.

They are offering the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson vaccinations. They are also offering Hepatitis A vaccinations. All vaccinations are free of charge and walk-ins are welcome. The second shot will be administered on Thursday, Aug. 26. Call 352-726-1637.

Orange Line to resume service

The Citrus County Transit (CCT) Orange Line (deviated fixed route) will resume service on Monday, Aug. 9. Bus routes and scheduled stops are posted on citruscountyttransit.com.

Fares will continue to be suspended until Friday, Oct. 1, at which time all fares will be reinstated. Applications for the transportation disadvantaged program are available on the CCT website.

Face masks are still required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for all public buses and transfer facilities. Visit citruscountyttransit.com or call Transit Services at 352-527-7630.

— From staff reports



Special to the Chronicle
Earnie Olson, left, and Amy Barbieri accept the anonymous \$25,000 donation to the Citrus County Education Foundation for the Marine Science Station.

Anonymous donor gifts \$25K to CCEF

HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Staff writer

The Citrus County Education Foundation (CCEF) received a welcome surprise when an anonymous donor gifted \$25,000 to be used at the Marine Science Station.

“It's incredible to know that our community — they look at the Education Foundation as the support system for the school district,” said CCEF Executive Director Shaunda Burdette.

CCEF's mission is to provide resources and support to the Citrus County School District by working with volunteers, donors and staff to create better opportunities to students. “We're here to bring those partnerships together,” Burdette said.

“We have to fundraise for every dollar. Our community always steps up.”

Shaunda Burdette
CCEF executive director.



The donation to the Marine Science Station, Burdette said, will be used toward a new motor for their boat, along with other equipment for the station.

Marine Science Station supervisor, Earnie Olsen, was present to accept the donation, along with CCEF treasurer, Amy Barbieri.

The donation will ensure that the approximately 2,800 students per year who visit the station will continue to enjoy

their unique learning tools. Burdette said that every student who goes to the station seems to talk about it.

The CCEF relies on the support of the community for the success of their special events and 34 programs that benefit Citrus students. “We have to fundraise for every dollar,” Burdette said. “Our community always steps up.”

To learn more or to donate, visit citruseducation.org.

Boater stopped for dive flag violation, receives BUI

HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Staff writer

A 35-year-old Inverness man was caught drinking and boating when he was stopped for a flag violation, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

Ryan Vandecarr was arrested and charged with boating under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

A deputy on water patrol in Crystal River initiated a stop for a boat, reportedly driven by Vandecarr, which was traveling inland with its dive flag raised. There was one other passenger on board.

The deputy asked Vandecarr if he caught any scallops. He said no, but that he caught two fish and held up a stringer with a 10-inch snapper and 13-inch redfish.

The deputy told Vandecarr that the redfish was

too short and was illegal to possess. An FWC officer was called to assist.

According to the report, the deputy observed that Vandecarr had a flushed face, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. He also smelled of alcohol, appeared nervous and would not stay still on the boat.

Vandecarr was informed that a safety inspection would be



Ryan Vandecarr

conducted. The deputy also requested to board the boat, to which Vandecarr reportedly agreed.

Two empty Smirnoff Ice bottles and several empty beer cans, one being near the cup holder by the throttle controls, were reportedly found.

According to the report, Vandecarr was asked to provide his driver's license, which he did not

have. He was then asked to spell his last name, which he did incorrectly. He also had a difficult time remembering his Social Security number.

At this time, the deputy told Vandecarr that he was concerned that he may be operating the vehicle while impaired and asked that he participate in field sobriety tests.

Vandecarr reportedly said, “When you on a boat you fish and have a few beers and go home.”

When asked again to do

the field tests, Vandecarr said that the passenger could drive and he would not participate in them.

Vandecarr was then placed in handcuffs and a life jacket and was transported to the boat ramp. On the way there, he would not follow commands and stood up on the boat multiple times.

Once ashore, he was transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility, where he reportedly refused to take a breath alcohol test.

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Obituaries

Brenda Brown, 59

Brenda Ann Brown passed away suddenly on July 21, 2021.

Brenda was born on June 13th 1962 in NY to Emmett and Sylvia Hayes.

She graduated from Citrus High school in 1981 and received an AA degree from the College of Central Florida.

She married her high school sweetheart Fred Brown in 1986.

Brenda ran her brother's Irrigation service company and was meticulous with every detail from bookkeeping and scheduling to public relations and everything in between.

Brenda was the heart of her family and made everyone feel special and loved. She is survived by her husband Fred of 35 years (43 years together), Brothers Wayne (Michelle) Hayes and Kurt (Tina) Hayes, Nephew Bryan (Jenny) Brown and their daughter Emma, Niece Christina (Josh) Richardson, Nephews Justin and Jeremy Hayes, Niece and Goddaughter Gabrielle, Aunt Myrt (Doug) Milks, Aunt Shirley (Russ) Karas and many great nephews and nieces, cousins, friends and extended family who she loved dearly.

"Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Carol Nowak, 81

INVERNESS

Carol L Nowak, age 81, of Inverness, FL, passed away July 22, 2021 at the Vitas Hospice Center in Lecanto, FL. Born on December 26, 1939 in Chicago, IL to Stephen and Ruth (Vernich) Klemen. Carol moved to Citrus County 20 years ago from Elk Grove Village, IL. She retired from the Park District and was a member of the Catholic faith.

Survived by her husband Thomas E Nowak; four children, Scott and his wife Betsey Nowak, Jeff Nowak, Lisa and her husband Keven Belke, Kerry Sivertsen; four grandchildren, Rahan Sivertsen, Ken Thomas "KT" Sivertsen, Morgan Card and Maggie Card.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

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Miriam Fagan, 85

BEVERLY HILLS

Miriam Schachner Fagan (z"l) passed on 7/24/21 in Beverly Hills, Florida.

She was born in Haifa, Israel on 6/25/36. She served in the Israeli Defense Forces, then was a kindergarten teacher on a Kibbutz. She met her husband, Walter Fagan, while he was teaching at the Technion University in Haifa. They were married from 1960 until his death in 2013 in Pine Ridge, Florida.

She is survived by her younger sister, Aviva, her beloved niece Sheila, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by three children and MaLee, her precious granddaughter.

Miriam was proud to be a member of the Hadassah Women's Organization and Congregation Beth Shalom in Beverly Hills where she was a long-time congregant. Her spiritual leader, Cantor Alisa Forman, gave her great strength through the years, along with many friends from the Congregation, whom she deeply loved.

She was grateful for her wonderful longtime companions, Rita Labarbara and Elba Jimenez, as well as her generous neighbor, Barbara Wheat, for her kindness. Am Yisrael Chai to her cousins Malka Ron, Shulamit Gottfried, Chana Bahat, Julie Grau, and Dina Knapp (z"l).

In lieu of cards and flowers, please remember Congregation Beth Shalom in Beverly Hills, Florida and the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) to help victims who suffer domestic violence.

Graveside services will be held Thursday 7/29/21 11 am at Fero Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens, 5891 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, FL 34465.

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OBITUARIES

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Nancy Sepe, 75

BEVERLY HILLS

Nancy Leigh Sepe of Beverly Hills, Florida, 75, passed away Sunday July 25, 2021 at home.

Nancy was born June 1, 1946 in Shawmut, Alabama. She was the daughter of the late Homer and Edna Smedley.

Nancy began a career in Real Estate during the 1970's and through that experience she began a successful career in Government Service as a Housing Specialist for the US Military in various locations including Virginia, Utah, South Carolina, and Hawaii. As a teenager Nancy's passion for horses and equestrian knowledge gave her the opportunity to teach riding lessons at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. She was blessed to own horses most of her adult life. After retirement her dream was to own a home in Florida giving her the space and time to ride daily and training her two horses Morocco and Savvy in the Parelli Natural Horsemanship method.

Nancy is survived by her devoted husband George Hulse, her beloved daughter Natasha Leigh Fry (Frederick MD), a grandson Conner Clement (Frederick MD), a stepdaughter Sheila Sepe Maples (Florida), a granddaughter Addison Bailey, sister-in-law Barbara Smedley, niece Donna McAtee, and many dear friends. Along with her parents and previous husband, Colonel Alan M. Sepe, she was preceded in death by a brother Vann Smedley and a sister Jenny Smedley. She was a member of Seven Rivers Church.

The family will receive friends from 4pm-7pm on Tuesday July 27, 2021 at Fero Funeral Home in Beverly Hills, FL. A service will be held at Fero Funeral Home on Wednesday July 28, 2021 at 11AM and the graveside service to follow immediately at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in memory of Nancy Sepe may be made to VITAS Hospice of Citrus County, Lecanto, Florida (www.vitas.com)

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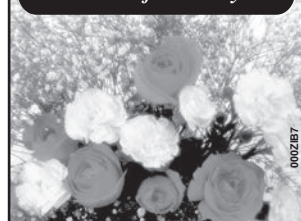
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Around the COUNTY

Air conditioning at county detention facility still under repair after over a week

Repairs continue to be made on an air-conditioning system at the Citrus County Detention Facility that's been broken for over a week, impacting almost a quarter of the jail's inmate housing units.

CoreCivic, which manages the facility, and the county have been working since July 16 to fix a malfunctioning cold water chiller, which has affected six of the facility's 30 housing pods.

Ryan Gustin, a CoreCivic spokesman, told the Chronicle Monday, July 26, work was ongoing.

To help impacted inmates combat the heat during repairs, facility staff brought them fans, ice and water. Based in Lecanto, the county

detention facility can house around 760 inmates.

Vehicle crash into power pole hospitalizes driver, causes around 130 outages

A motorist was hospitalized the afternoon of Monday, July 26, after their vehicle struck a utility pole, causing almost 130 people to lose power in northwest Citrus County.

According to Citrus County Fire Rescue and Florida Highway Patrol, the crash occurred at around 2 p.m. near the intersection of West Riverwood Drive and West Acacia Drive north of Crystal River.

Duke Energy's outage map reported 128 customers without power in the area by 4:30 p.m.

— From staff reports

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests

■ **Peter Lawrence Nulph**, 43, Homosassa, arrested July 22 for felony battery – domestic – by strangulation and felony batter – commit battery with one prior conviction. No bond.

■ **Christopher Michael Lowery**, 35, Lakeland, arrested July 22 for retail petit theft (\$100 or more but less than \$750) and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$2,000.

■ **Terrence Lee Sterbenz**, 25, Homosassa, arrested July 22 for sell/purchase/manufacture/deliver 10 grams or more of listed drug and sell/manufacture/deliver with intent to sell controlled substance. Bond \$35,000.

■ **Gary Lee Foss Jr.**, 33, Hernando, arrested July 22 for possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$3,000.

■ **Labron Richard Craig Geoghagan**, 39, Beverly Hills, arrested July 22 for cruelty to animals.

■ **John Preston Howard**, 57, Floral City, arrested July 23 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Monique Elizabeth Quattromani**, 45, Lecanto, arrested July 23 for failure to appear. No bond.

■ **David Wayne Miller**, 46, Homosassa, arrested July 23 for petit theft (value less than \$100) and burglary

ON THE NET

■ For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the Public Information link, then on Arrest Reports.

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– conveyance – unoccupied. Bond \$3,000.

■ **William Andre Dale Mellott**, 36, Crystal River, arrested July 23 for failure to appear. No bond.

■ **John Edward Rhodes**, 73, Inverness, arrested July 23 for battery. Bond \$1,000.

■ **Laura Ann Kellogg**, 34, Crystal River, arrested July 23 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Destiny Nichole Beasley**, 34, Hernando, arrested July 23 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

■ **Michael Anthony Vryhof**, 32, Ocala, arrested July 23 for possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$5,000.

■ **Matthew Joseph Clarkson**, 38, Homosassa, arrested July 23 for failure to appear. Bond \$6,000.

■ **Catherine Marie Hunter**, 49, Dunnellon, arrested July 23 for domestic battery. No bond.

■ **Victor Ryan Vandecarr**, 35, Inverness, arrested July 24 for BUI. Bond \$500.

■ **Ryan Robert Lutz**, 46, Crystal River, arrested July 24 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Keith Louis Marko**, 36, Brooksville, arrested July 24 for resist officer without violence and domestic battery. No bond.

■ **Justine Marie Boulrice**, 31, Lecanto, arrested July 24 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Gregory Allan Schell**, 37, Homosassa, arrested July 24 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly – first offense). Bond \$500.

■ **Joshua Gabriel Moretz**, 31, Inglis, arrested July 24 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly – second offense). Bond \$1,000.

■ **Davon Donell Edouard**, 19, Crystal River, arrested July 24 for possession schedule I, II or III drugs with intent to sell, possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$5,000.

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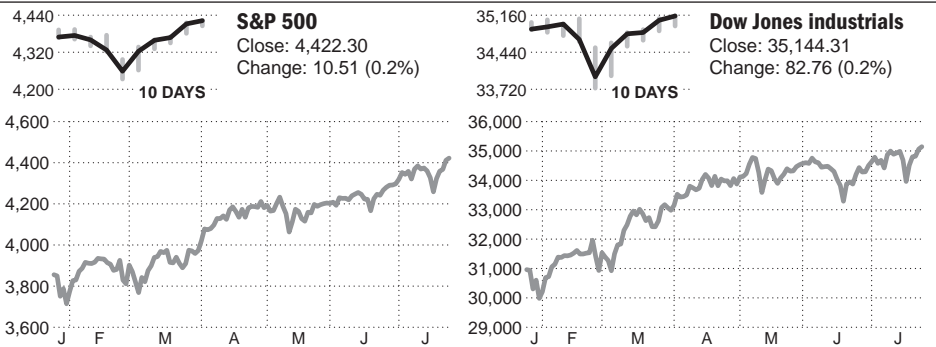
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StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD		HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,907	4,050	DOW	35,150.37	34,950.19	35,144.31	+82.76	+0.24%	+14.83%
Pvs. Volume	4,230	3,630	DOW Trans.	14,841.00	14,695.61	14,772.70	+16.63	+0.11%	+18.12%
Advanced	1504	1522	DOW Util.	906.89	899.22	904.40	-0.14	-0.02%	+4.60%
Declined	965	1788	NYSE Comp.	16,571.49	16,513.36	16,565.31	+12.93	+0.08%	+14.05%
New Highs	105	98	NASDAQ	14,863.65	14,791.62	14,840.71	+3.72	+0.03%	+15.15%
New Lows	34	129	S&P 500	4,422.64	4,405.45	4,422.30	+10.51	+0.24%	+17.74%
			S&P 400	2,690.18	2,669.06	2,675.93	+3.19	+0.12%	+16.01%
			Wilshire 5000	46,039.81	45,897.61	46,039.64	+98.86	+0.22%	+16.68%
			Russell 2000	2,232.22	2,207.54	2,216.92	+7.27	+0.33%	+12.26%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	52-WK RANGE		◇CLOSE		HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD	%RTN	1YR	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	26.35	◆	33.88	28.18	+0.3	+0.1	▲	▼	▼	-2.0	-0.2	19	2.08				
Ametek Inc	AME	91.48	◆	139.07	137.25	-5.8	-0.4	▼	▲	▲	+13.5	+47.3	36	0.80f				
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	51.45	◆	79.67	69.01	+8.5	+1.2	▲	▼	▼	-1.3	+26.3	33	1.10e				
Bank of America	BAC	22.95	◆	43.49	38.13	+4.3	+1.1	▲	▼	▼	+25.8	+59.1	16	0.84f				
Capital City Bank	CCBG	17.55	◆	28.98	23.90	...	...	—	▼	▼	-2.8	+26.0	11	0.60f				
Citigroup	C	40.49	◆	80.29	67.77	+1.06	+1.6	▲	▼	▼	+9.9	+33.5	9	2.04				
Disney	DIS	113.37	◆	203.02	178.74	+2.6	+1.5	▲	▲	▲	-1.3	+47.1		1.76				
Duke Energy	DUK	78.95	◆	108.00	104.58	+1.1	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	+14.2	+26.9	59	3.94f				
EPR Properties	EPR	20.62	◆	56.07	52.58	-3.1	-0.6	▼	▲	▼	+61.8	+65.0		4.32				
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.72	◆	29.29	26.44	-0.9	-0.3	▼	▼	▲	-3.1	-5.0	cc	2.50e				
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	31.11	◆	64.93	58.48	+1.44	+2.5	▲	▼	▼	+41.9	+38.9	75	3.48				
Ford Motor	F	6.41	◆	16.46	14.03	+2.1	+1.5	▲	▼	▼	+59.6	+103.4	14	...				
Gen Electric	GE	5.93	◆	14.42	12.92	+2.1	+1.7	▲	▲	▼	+19.6	+80.5	37	0.04				
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	114.38	◆	254.45	245.76	-2.70	-1.1	▼	▲	▲	+49.4	+102.4	22	1.92				
Home Depot	HD	246.59	◆	345.69	331.18	-1.66	-0.5	▼	▲	▲	+24.7	+25.6	24	6.60				
Intel Corp	INTC	43.61	◆	68.49	54.31	+1.31	+2.5	▲	▼	▼	+9.0	-6.1	11	1.39f				
IBM	IBM	105.92	◆	152.84	142.77	+1.43	+1.0	▲	▼	▼	+13.4	+14.4	24	6.56f				
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	26.73	◆	51.68	50.98	+2.2	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	+44.7	+75.8	29	...				
Lumen Cos	LOW	146.61	◆	215.22	197.74	-3.10	-1.5	▼	▲	▲	+23.2	+34.2	26	3.20f				
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	8.51	◆	16.60	12.92	+2.9	+2.3	▲	▼	▼	+32.5	+38.8		1.00				
McDonalds Corp	MCD	191.64	◆	245.05	243.98	+1.02	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	+13.7	+22.7	35	5.16f				
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	196.25	◆	289.99	289.05	-6.2	-0.2	▼	▲	▲	+30.0	+36.2	39	2.24				
Motorola Solutions	MSI	135.78	◆	225.01	222.67	+9.7	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	+30.9	+57.9	39	2.84f				
NextEra Energy	NEE	66.79	◆	87.69	76.91	-2.9	-0.4	▼	▲	▲	-0.3	+10.7		1.54f				
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	11.26	◆	20.35	18.97	+1.0	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	+16.9	+23.8	10	0.84				
Regions FncI	RF	10.45	◆	23.81	19.34	+2.4	+1.3	▲	▲	▲	+20.0	+81.3	13	0.68f				
Smucker, JM	SJM	107.43	◆	140.65	130.69	+1.9	+0.1	▲	▼	▲	+13.1	+23.5	16	3.96f				
Texas Instru	TXN	125.43	◆	197.58	188.26	+1.41	+0.8	▲	▼	▼	+14.7	+41.8	29	3.60				
UniFirst Corp	UNF	160.70	◆	258.86	216.23	-7.7	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	+2.1	+18.9	32	1.00				
Verizon Comm	VZ	53.83	◆	61.95	55.78	-1.0	-0.2	▼	▼	▼	-5.1	+4.9	12	2.52				
Vodafone Group	VOD	13.14	◆	20.36	16.51	+0.1	+0.1	▲	▲	▼	+0.2	+4.3	cc	0.97e				
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	◆	153.66	142.63	+2.0	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	-1.1	+8.1	33	2.20f				
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	33.36	◆	57.05	47.25	+7.2	+1.5	▲	▼	▼	+18.5	+18.9	18	1.91f				

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. d - Loss in last 12 months.

Interest rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.27% Monday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

	PRIME	FED
LAST	3.25	.13
6 MO AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Commodities

Natural gas prices climbed 1%, while heating oil and wholesale gasoline prices rose slightly less. U.S. crude oil slipped 0.2%. Gold prices were nearly unchanged while silver inched 0.3% higher.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.05	.05	...	.10
6-month T-bill	.06	.05	+0.01	.13
52-wk T-bill	.08	.07	+0.01	.13
2-year T-note	.22	.22	...	.15
5-year T-note	.73	.72	+0.01	.27
7-year T-note	1.04	1.04	...	.44
10-year T-note	1.27	1.28	-0.01	.58
30-year T-bond	1.92	1.92	...	1.24

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	4.06 ▼	4.12	4.11	4.02
Money market account	0.08 —	0.08	0.08	0.10
1 year CD	0.29 —	0.29	0.30	0.34
\$30K Home equity loan	4.64 ▼	4.68	4.68	4.75
30 year fixed mortgage	3.03 ▲	2.98	3.13	2.86
15 year fixed mortgage	2.31 ▼	2.33	2.43	2.36

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	71.91	72.07	-0.22	+48.2
Ethanol (gal)	2.32	2.32	...	+61.9
Heating Oil (gal)	2.15	2.13	+0.80	+45.0
Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.10	4.06	+1.03	+61.6
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.31	2.29	+0.74	+62.1
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1798.70	1801.40	-0.15	-5.0
Silver (oz)	25.30	25.22	+0.31	-3.9
Platinum (oz)	1068.70	1059.60	+0.86	-0.6
Copper (lb)	4.59	4.41	+1.14	+30.6
Palladium (oz)	2676.30	2660.60	+0.59	+9.3
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.23	1.22	+1.60	+9.3
Coffee (lb)	2.11	1.92	+9.77	+64.3
Corn (bu)	5.50	5.47	+0.46	+13.6
Cotton (lb)	0.90	0.90	-0.07	+14.7
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	628.00	634.00	-0.95	-28.2
Orange Juice (lb)	1.37	1.37	-0.33	+11.1
Soybeans (bu)	14.13	14.01	+0.84	+7.4
Wheat (bu)	6.77	6.84	-1.02	+5.7

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	TOTAL RETURN			
				YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmcrnBalA m	33.02	+0.3	+10.6	+20.5	+11.2	+10.8
	CptWldGrInlcA m	65.26	-1.3	+10.8	+30.1	+11.9	+12.7
	CptInlcBlDrA m	68.51	+1.0	+10.0	+20.4	+7.9	+6.9
	FdmTlInvsA m	77.56	+1.3	+15.8	+36.3	+14.5	+15.5
	GrfAmrcA m	76.27	+1.1	+12.9	+39.4	+19.8	+20.6
	IncAmrcA m	25.87	+0.4	+11.3	+22.7	+9.4	+8.7
	InvCAmrcA m	51.00	+2.0	+16.5	+34.1	+13.8	+14.1
	NwPrspctvA m	67.85	-1.4	+12.2	+39.4	+19.2	+18.7
	WAMTInvsA m	56.52	+1.1	+17.0	+33.7	+13.4	+14.1
	Stk	14.42	...	0.0	+2.3	+6.5	+4.5
Dodge & Cox	Stk	237.78	+1.10	+25.2	+53.0	+13.8	+16.1
	500IdxInsPrm	153.54	+3.36	+18.7	+39.7	+18.1	+17.5
Fidelity	BCGrowth	190.40	-0.7	+16.8	+53.3	+29.8	+28.9
	Contrafund	19.47	+0.1	+18.8	+38.5	+20.6	+21.8
	GroCo	38.75	-1.8	+17.9	+52.8	+30.8	+30.3
	TtlMktIdxInsPrm	126.77	+2.5	+17.8	+42.0	+17.9	+17.5
	USBldIdxInsPrm	12.21	-0.1	-0.9	-1.0	+5.7	+3.1
	SP500Idx	67.98	...	+18.4	+38.4	+18.4	+17.4
	BCGr	195.69	-3.9	+18.2	+37.4	+21.7	+24.1
	500IdxAdmrl	408.48	+9.7	+18.7	+39.6	+18.1	+17.5
	DivGrInl	37.71	-0.4	+14.9	+31.9	+16.6	+14.9
	GrIdAdmrl	154.31	+1.2	+18.6	+43.5	+25.5	+23.2
Schwab	IntTrTEAdmrl	14.91	...	+1.6	+3.4	+5.0	+3.2
	IntlGrAdmrl	167.59	-2.63	+4.6	+37.5	+21.6	+22.2
	MdCpIdxAdmrl	296.41	...	+16.3	+41.7	+15.4	+14.9
	PrmCpAdmrl	180.44	+1.2	+17.3	+42.3	+15.5	+18.9
	STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.98	...	+0.5	+1.9	+4.2	+2.8
	SrnCpIdxAdmrl	105.71	+2.1	+14.0	+48.8	+12.8	+14.4
	TlBMlIdxAdmrl	11.39	-0.1	-0.9	-0.8	+5.7	+3.1
	TlInSlIdxAdmrl	34.74	-1.8	+8.1	+28.6	+8.3	+10.1
	TlInSlIdxInl	20.77	-1.0	+8.1	+28.5	+8.2	+10.1
	TlISlIdxAdmrl	110.91	+2.2	+17.8	+42.1	+18.0	+17.6
T. Rowe Price Vanguard	TlISMlIdxInl	110.87	+2.1	+17.7	+42.0	+17.9	+17.4
	WlIngtAdmrl	85.40	+0.5	+12.7	+24.6	+13.1	+11.9
	WlslYIncAdmrl	71.91	+0.4	+6.0	+11.5	+9.5	+7.5

* - Annualized; d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. x - fund paid a distribution during the week.

Stocks up after shaky beginning

Associated Press

Wall Street capped a wobbly day for stocks with modest gains Monday, nudging the major indexes further into record territory.

The S&P 500 shrugged off an early slide and gained 0.2%. Consumer-oriented companies, banks and energy and communications stocks helped lift the market. Those gains were kept in check by a pullback in health care and technology companies. Treasury yields mostly rose.

The modest gains follow a turbulent week for the market. A week ago, stocks fell sharply amid worries that fast-spreading variants of the coronavirus could threaten the economic recovery. But the swoon was short-lived, and the major stock indexes rallied to record highs on Friday.

Trading was more muted Monday, as investors monitored a steady flow of corporate earnings and looked ahead to Wednesday, when the Federal Reserve is due to deliver an update on the economy and its interest rate policy.

► “Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”

Marie Curie, 1867-1934

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UNVACCINATED PANDEMIC

US has proven powerful tool to fight COVID

COVID-19 infections and deaths are on the rise across the globe as a result of a highly infectious variant of the original virus combined with a decrease in the rate of vaccinations and relaxation of more rigorous mask and social distancing mandates.

And this rise in infections is acute in Florida. During the last week, the state accounted for one in five new infections in the U.S., and Florida leads the nation in new cases, recording more this past week than California, Texas, New York and Illinois combined. Like elsewhere, nearly all of those hospitalized are unvaccinated.

With the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus fueling outbreaks in the U.S., Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has warned that “this is becoming a pandemic of the unvaccinated.”

She said that with 98 to 99% of the deaths from COVID-19 coming from unvaccinated individuals, almost every COVID-19 death is preventable by vaccination, which significantly reduces the chance of infection, and reduces the severity of infections should they occur.

According to the CDC, about 63% of all vaccine-eligible Americans — those 12 and older — have received at least one dose of vaccine and 53% are fully vaccinated. The highest rate of vaccination is among seniors, with about 87% of Americans over 65 having received at least

one dose.

However, Citrus County is below the national average in both percentage vaccinated and percentage of those over 65 vaccinated. About 44% of

county residents are fully vaccinated, and about 74% of residents over 65 are fully vaccinated.

With the Delta variant spreading rapidly in areas of low vaccination rates, it is important to get more of our population vaccinated.

But unfortunately, the rate of vaccinations nationwide has been declining. Nationally, over 3,000 shots a day were being given in April and May. That has declined to just a little over 500 a day now.

When virus cases, hospitalizations and deaths were going up last year and earlier this year, the only tools we had were masks, social distancing and lots of hand washing. Today, we have a highly effective tool that is offered without cost and at the convenience of the person protected, but half our population has not taken advantage of it.

As a result, emergency rooms and hospitals are again being filled with COVID-19 patients, but this year the patients are younger and healthier than those filling hospitals last year, because many seniors have been vaccinated.

We cannot wish this away, and it will not go away on its own any time soon. We have a very powerful tool to fight this terrible disease: vaccination. We need to use it, or we will lose the war with this tenacious enemy.

THE ISSUE:

COVID-19 infections on the rise among unvaccinated.

OUR OPINION:

Get vaccinated.

River showing signs of ecosystem overuse

Is Chassahowitzka River overuse the next environmental casualty?

A few years ago, the popular Weeki Wachee River ecosystem and water quality was damaged by recreational overuse, prompting a comprehensive Carrying Capacity Study. The study verified a direct link of number/type of recreational activities to a negative environmental impact.

To save their river and the wildlife that calls it home, they had taken drastic measures to limit use. The visitors that used to enjoy Weeki Wachee are now coming to the beautiful Chassahowitzka River because it currently has no capacity use restrictions. To answer the demand, entrepreneurs are flocking with kayaks to rent since the park 100 kayaks are reserved several days ahead.

If you have spent time on the river recently, you will see the signs of this growing overuse. This once pristine and remote river is now overcrowded; shorelines and natural vegetation has transformed to campsites and party stops, a slick of sunscreen can be seen, and trash can be found all along

LETTERS to the Editor

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the riverbed.

The river abuts to two protected wildlife preserves that provides food, shelter, nesting and denning to a vast range of wildlife. They rely on a clean and flourishing river ecosystem. If unabated, the effects of overuse will go beyond environmental impacts. River home values and commercial fishing/scalloping economy will eventually suffer.

Not long ago, and prior to this sudden escalation in river use, the Chassahowitzka

River was designated an Outstanding Florida Waterway by the state of Florida. Maintaining this designation at current levels of use seems unlikely.

Today, more attention seems to be directed to the Homosassa and Crystal Rivers, but for all the reasons above we see the Chassahowitzka River also deserves priority.

Us residents to this once pristine river believe we can right this ship with proactive solutions to achieve the right balance for all before it becomes environmentally dire. To seek what needs to be done today to ensure that tomorrow our wildlife, residents and visitors will still enjoy all that a healthy Chassahowitzka River can provide. Is that a Carrying Capacity Study, like done for Weeki Wachee? Is it stricter vendor regulations and guidelines for vehicle rentals on our river? Something else?

We just ask study and solutions are pursued, because it is predictable what will happen if nothing is done to manage growing recreational use on the beautiful Chassahowitzka River. Let's learn from history, not repeat it.

Terri Ray
Homosassa

Clean up the springs with coordination

Kudos, kudos to Gerry Mulligan and the guest editorial (in Sunday, July 25's Commentary Section C). Please coordinate with FWC and U.S. Coast Guard, Sheriff Prendergast, and let's clean up the springs. I was there with my grandchildren yesterday and was appalled.

Visitors are overwhelming

Please save Citrus County from a lot of tourists and people that are overwhelming here now. The waters are full of people. In the streets, there's a lot of waste on the ground — you know, like trash. Let's save Citrus County for the future.

Tranquil, clear waters a treasure to lose

I'm calling to agree with the Commentary in Sunday's paper about the massive overcrowding on the Crystal and Homosassa rivers and springs (July 18's Page C2 letter to the editor, “Goodbye to what we once knew, loved,” by Kenneth J. Clark, and the Sound Off, “Crowds at Three Sisters appalling”). Twenty years ago, there were no big boats and tourists; just kayaks and inner

tubes and you could see 30 feet down the crystal-clear water. Now it's just a vulgar assembly of massive boats. ... The manatees are starving at an astounding rate as a direct result of these crowds. Give us back our manatees and our springs. It is too great a treasure to lose.

You got what you wished for

Well, here we go, I guess we're complaining already. “More patrols needed on local rivers” (Tuesday, July 20's Page A9 editorial). Well, people wanted tourists, tourists, tourists. Now you're complaining there's too much congestion and making too much noise. Wow, imagine that. You wished for it and you got it. You wanted tourists on your waterways and you got what you wanted. It's only going to get worse.

Looking for beginner Spanish lessons

Is there any place in Inverness where an elderly person can learn Spanish?

Help get shelter through crisis

It is gratifying that our current BOCC has seen the need for an adequate and modern



Hot Corner: ROWDY BOATERS

■ (Re Wednesday, July 21's front-page story headlined, “Davis: Rein in rowdy boaters”): I read where Commissioner Davis wants to reconsider the sheriff's request to spend over \$1 million to police rowdy boaters at the Homosassa Springs during the 13-week scallop season. Seems like a big overdoing it, especially since the area in question is pretty well restricted for much recreational boating between the months of October through April because of manatee protection. And what exactly happens before and after the scallop season with all this personnel and equipment? I think the sheriff's request is way out of line. Perhaps maybe one boat and two deputies could do the trick for such a short period of time.

■ I'm responding to the (July 21, front-page story sub-headlined) “Commissioner says she supports sheriff's request to ramp up marine patrols.” Why don't the sheriff show his budget to the citizens of Citrus County? Let's see where his money's going to. I'd like to see where the drug

vehicles that they confiscated, which they've been confiscating by law — if they've done so — where does that money go? That's a lot of money, I believe. ... so let's see it in black and white.

■ After spending part of last weekend on the Homosassa River, I tell Commissioner Davis, go for it and I would almost want to say money is no object. I'm a taxpayer, a resident of Citrus County, pay my taxes and I say go for it. Something needs to take place. Thank you.

■ I think it's great that Homosassa is getting extra deputies to help rein in the rowdy boaters. Could we in Gospel Island just get one deputy to help rein in the out-of-control, horribly loud airboats?

■ Stat cop here, reference the problem with the water areas where people are partying in boats. With that one in Homosassa, I'm sure you can kill two birds with one stone. Somebody there has to know about that manatee, when they wrote on the back of that manatee — which is still pending,

as far as I know. Good luck, everybody. Keep your doors locked.

■ Now the people in Homosassa at Blue Waters are complaining about all the noise from the boaters. Now you want more deputies and water law enforcement with taxpayers' money. Use the tourists' tax dollars to pay for it. There's your money right there. No taxes. You wanted to live along the water.

■ Glad to see that our county commission is interested in revisiting the idea of increasing funding for the sheriff's department to increase patrols on the waterways on the west side of Citrus County. Homosassa, Crystal River and Chassahowitzka — they've all become so out of control with too many boaters and too many rowdy people. It's at the point where most locals don't even want to go on those waterways on weekends. People just aren't behaving like they used to. Our county is growing. Boat ramp fees are a great idea. Increase enforcement to keep people from misbehaving.

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March



Associated Press

A member of the gang led by Jimmy Cherizier, alias Barbecue, a former police officer who heads a gang coalition known as "G9 Family and Allies," joins a march Monday to demand justice for slain Haitian President Jovenel in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Winds stoke California's largest fire

INDIAN FALLS, Calif. —

Erratic winds and the potential for dry lightning added to the challenges facing firefighters battling California's largest wildfire, one of numerous blazes burning Monday across the U.S. West.

Over the weekend, the massive Dixie Fire merged with the smaller Fly Fire and tore through the remote Northern California community of Indian Falls.

Flames spread in remote areas with steep terrain crews can't easily reach, Matlow said. Gusty winds also hindered containment efforts and the problem could get worse with the predicted arrival later Monday of pyrocumulus clouds — literally meaning "fire clouds" — which can bring lightning and the risk of new ignitions.

— From wire reports

Get vaccine or be tested

California, NYC to require employees to get COVID-19 vaccine

PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

California and New York City announced Monday that they would require all government employees to get the coronavirus vaccine or face weekly COVID-19 testing, and the Department of Veterans Affairs became the first major federal agency to require health care workers to receive the shot.

Meanwhile, in a possible sign that increasingly dire health warnings are getting through to more Americans, vaccination rates began to creep up again, offering hope that the nation could yet break free of the coronavirus if people who have been reluctant to receive the shot are finally inoculated.

In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that all municipal workers — including teachers and police officers — will be required to get vaccinated by mid-September or face weekly COVID-19 testing, making the city one of the largest employers in the U.S. to take such action.

California said it will similarly require proof of vaccination or weekly testing for all state workers and health care employees starting next month.

The VA's move came on a day when nearly 60 leading medical and health care organizations issued a call through the American Medical Association for health care facilities to require their workers to get vaccinated.

Elsewhere, St. Louis became the second major city to mandate that face masks be worn indoors, regardless of vaccination status, joining Los Angeles in re-imposing the orders.

"For those who are vaccinated, this may feel like punishment, punishment for doing the right thing," St. Louis County Executive Sam Page, a Democrat, said Monday. "I've heard that, and I feel that frustration."

Dr. Leana Wen, a former Baltimore health commissioner, applauded the moves but called on President Joe Biden to "lead by example" and impose similar mandates on federal employees and in public venues where the government has jurisdiction, like on planes, trains and government buildings.



Associated Press

In this June 15, 2020, file photo, an Assembly Sargent-at-Arms wears a face mask as he disinfects the lectern between use by Assembly members at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif. California will require state employees and all health care workers to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or get tested weekly in an effort to slow the rising coronavirus infections, mostly among the unvaccinated. The new rule will take effect next month.

She also said all hospitals and nursing homes need to require all employees get vaccinated.

"We need vaccine mandates and vaccine verification," Wen said. "We're well past the time for the Biden administration to get on board with this. What we're doing is not working. Doing more of the same is not the answer here."

Wen, who is also an emergency physician and public professor at George Washington University, said public health experts have been worrying for months about this very scenario.

"We were worried the honor system would not work, the unvaccinated would be behaving as if they're vaccinated and people would think the pandemic is over," she said. "That's precisely what has happened, and it's

incredibly frustrating."

Dr. Albert Ko said the U.S. should not have been caught off guard after watching the delta variant ravage India in May and then land in the United Kingdom, Israel and other highly vaccinated nations with force last month.

"We have learned multiple times to not take anything for granted with COVID," he said.

Vaccinations ticked up over the weekend, with about 657,000 vaccines reported administered Saturday and nearly 780,000 on Sunday, according to CDC data. The 7-day rolling average on Sunday was about 583,000 vaccinations a day, up from about 525,000 a week prior.

The U.S. is around 67% immune from COVID-19 when prior infections are factored, but it will need to get closer to 85% to crush the resurgent virus, said Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health.

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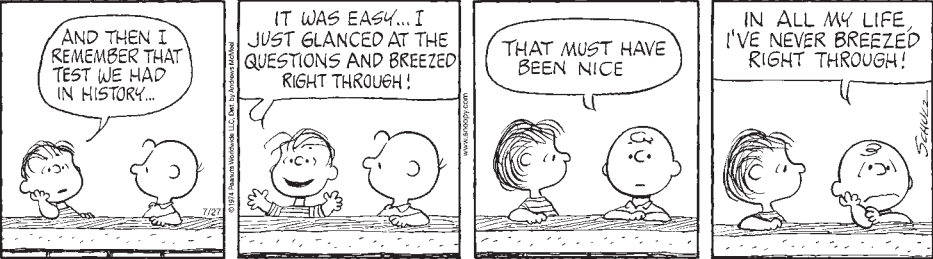
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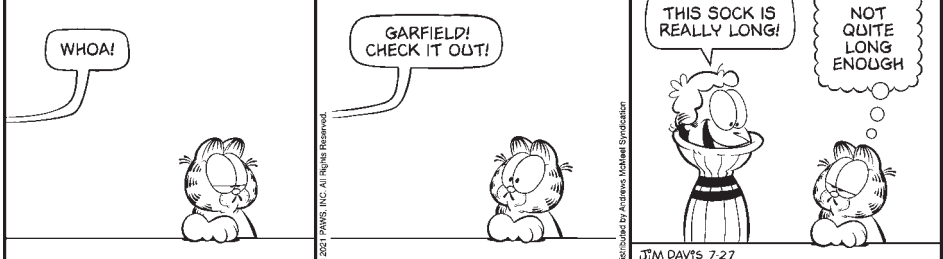


TUESDAY EVENING JULY 27, 2021										C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights													
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2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	Holly	Olympic	2020 Tokyo Olympics	Women's Gymnastics, Swimming.	(N)	(In Stereo Live) ￼										
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) ￼		In Their Own Words "Chuck Berry" 'PG'	American Masters The career of blues guitarist Buddy Guy. '14'			Beyond		The War Newsreels of troops killed. '14'							
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	BBC	PBS NewsHour (N)		In Their Own Words	American Masters (N) '14'			Beyond		BBC	Old						
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Olympic Zone	2020 Tokyo Olympics	Women's Gymnastics, Swimming. Coverage of the women's gymnastics team final. Also, swimming finals (men's and women's). (N) (In Stereo Live) ￼												
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	Home Econ.	The Conners '14'	black-ish 'PG' ￼	To Tell the Truth 'PG' (DVS)		Eyewit. News	Jimmy Kimmel						
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' ￼ (DVS)		Love Island (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼		Bob-Abishola	10 Tampa Bay	Late-Colbert							
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	News	Ac. Hollywood	TMZ (N) 'PG'	LEGO Masters "Hero Shot!" (In Stereo) 'G'		Mental Samurai "Episode 201" 'PG'		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) ￼		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) ￼							
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			News	ABC	ET	Inside Ed.	Gold	Home E.	Conners	black-ish 'PG' ￼	To Tell the Truth		News	J. Kimmel						
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Kenneth Hagin		Great Awakening with Word Excellence		Contending Faith	Andrew Wom	Perry Stone 'G'	Watch Therefore	Purpose for Life	The Great Awake						
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash 'G'	Citrus Today		Business Brew	Al Bernstein un	In This Corner	Last Stand	The 900 Series 'G'	Citrus Court	Citrus Today						
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Inside Edition	The List (N) 'PG'	The Goldbergs	Home Econ.	The Conners '14'	black-ish 'PG' ￼	To Tell the Truth 'PG' ￼ (DVS)		ABC Action News	Jimmy Kimmel						
62 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'						
63 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Noticias	Seinfeld	Chicago P.D. '14'		Chicago P.D. '14'							
40 (WACK) TBN	21		21			Vic Show	The 700 Club ￼		Babers	SkyWatch	P. Stone	Action	Paid Prq.	A. Courte	Jewish	Faith	Prince						
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Penn & Teller: Fool Us 'PG' ￼		Superman & Lois (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼		CW44 News (N)	CW44 News (N)	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls 'PG'						
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe		Diseñando tu amor		Si nos dejan (N)		La hija		Noticias	Noticiero						
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	LEGO Masters 'G'		Mental Samurai 'PG'		FOX 51 News		Dateline '14' ￼							
66 (WXPX) ION		17				Chicago Fire '14'		Chicago Fire '14'		Chicago Fire '14'		Chicago Fire '14'		Chicago Fire '14'		Chicago Fire '14'							
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	** "Pain & Gain" (2013, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Ed Harris. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				America's Top Dog (N) 'PG' ￼				An Animal Sav	An Animal Sav	Storage Wars 'PG' ￼	Storage Wars 'PG' ￼	Storage Wars 'PG' ￼	Storage Wars 'PG' ￼				
(ACCN)		99				College Soccer (Taped)				In Play				In Play	In Play	Women's College Soccer Teams TBA.							
(AMC)	55	64	55			** "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (2009) Shia LaBeouf. 'PG-13' ￼				** "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" (2011, Action) Shia LaBeouf. The Decepticons renew their battle against the Autobots. 'PG-13' ￼							"The Matrix" 'R'						
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	*½ "Jaws III" (1983, Suspense) Dennis Quaid, Bess Armstrong. (In Stereo) 'PG'				* "Jaws the Revenge" (1987, Suspense) Lorraine Gary. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'				Extinct or Alive: The Lost Shark 'PG, L'				Extinct or Alive (In Stereo) 'PG'					
(BET)	96	71	96			***½ "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" (2008) talk-show star returns to his Southern hometown.				Martin Lawrence. A 'PG-13'				Tyler Perry's The Oval (N) '14' ￼				Celebrity Family Feud 'PG' ￼	Celebrity Family Feud 'PG' ￼				
(BIGTEN)	742	809				Michigan	The B1G Moment	Iowa Football Classic ￼	The B1G Moment	Ohio State Football Classic ￼		The B1G Moment		Penn State Football Classic ￼		The B1G Moment ￼							
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Vanderpump Rules		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC			Housewives/NYC		Chrisley						
(BSFL)	35	39	35			Inside	Pregame	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Baltimore Orioles.	(N) (Live)				Postgame				Marlins	World Poker					
(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼	(In Stereo)	The Office '14' ￼	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	The Office '14' ￼	The Office '14' ￼						
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Mom '14' ￼	Reba 'PG' ￼	Reba 'PG' ￼						
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room		Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		Don Lemon Tonight		Don Lemon Tonight							
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)		The Basketball Tournament Teams TBA.				The Basketball Tournament Teams TBA.				SportsCenter (N)							
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	Daily Wager (N)		TBA	Woj	Baseball				Sports.		NFL Live ￼							
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)	Kudlow ￼		Kennedy (N) ￼		Fox Business			The Evening Edit	Kudlow ￼								
(FLIX)		118	170			***½ "Liberal Arts" (2012) Josh Radnor, Elizabeth Olsen. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼				** "America's Sweethearts" (2001) Julia Roberts. 'PG-13'				** "28 Days" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Sandra Bullock. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼				***½ "Sinister"					
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report	FOX News Primetime		Tucker Carlson	Hannity (N) ￼		The Ingraham Angle		Gutfeld! (N) ￼									
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Chopped 'G' ￼		Chopped 'G' ￼		Chopped 'G' ￼		Chopped (N) 'G'		Chopped 'G' ￼		Chopped 'G' ￼							
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "Cast Away" (2000) Tom Hanks.				*** "X-Men: First Class" (2011, Action) James McAvoy. The early years of Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr. 'PG-13' ￼				Motherland: Fort Salem (N) '14' ￼									
(FS1)	732	112	732			NASCAR Race Hub				NHRA Drag Racing NHRA Sonoma Nationals. ￼				*** "Hoosiers" (1986) Gene Hackman.									
(FX)	30	60	30		51	***½ "The Martian" (2015) ￼				***½ "Bohemian Rhapsody" (2018) Rami Malek. Singer Freddie Mercury and Queen find success in the 1970s. 'PG-13' ￼				***½ "Bohemian Rhapsody" (2018) Rami Malek. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼									
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Olympics	PGA	PGA	PGA	Live From the Olympics Coverage of the golf tournaments, from the Tokyo Olympics. (N)													
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe" 'NR'				"Coming Home for Christmas" (2017 Romance-Comedy) Danica McKellar. 'NR' ￼				"Christmas Wishes & Mistletoe Kisses" (2019) Jill Wagner. 'NR' (DVS)				"Christmas by Starlight" (2020) 'NR'					
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	** "The Little Things" (2021) Denzel Washington. 'R' ￼				Catch and Kill	Catch and Kill	*½ "Snake Eyes" (1998) Nicolas Cage. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼		REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel 'PG'		The White Lotus 'MA' ￼							
(HBO2)	303	202	303			***½ "The Aviator" (2004, Biography) Leonardo DiCaprio. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼				Music Box The infamous three-day music festival. (In Stereo) 'MA' ￼				Last Week To.	***½ "Judas and the Black Messiah" (2021) 'R' ￼								
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Home Town "Color Psychology" 'G'		Home Town 'G' ￼		Good Bones (N) 'G' ￼		Good Bones (N) 'G' ￼		House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l						
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	America's Book of Secrets: Special 'PG'				America's Book of Secrets: Special Threats within America's own borders. 'PG'				Man vs. History (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼				America's Book of Secrets 'PG'					
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles "Boston Keltic" '14' ￼				Rizzoli & Isles "Lost & Found" '14' ￼				Rizzoli & Isles "14" ￼				Rizzoli & Isles "Burden of Proof" '14'					
(LMN)	119	50	119			"Adopted in Danger" (2019, Suspense) Allison Paige, Sarah Aldrich. 'NR' ￼				"Twisted Twin" (2020, Suspense) Jennifer Taylor, Lorynn York, Rory Gibson. 'NR' ￼				"Birthmother's Betrayal" (2020, Suspense) Monica Rose Betz, Tanya Clarke. 'NR' ￼									
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			The Beat With				The ReidOut (N)				All In With				Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The 11th Hour			
(NBCSN)	448	26	730			2020 Tokyo Olympics Women's Volleyball -- U.S. vs China. (N Same-day Tape)				2020 Tokyo Olympics Women's Basketball -- Nigeria vs U.S.				2020 Tokyo Olympics Softball, Gold Medal Game: Teams TBA.					Tokyo Olympics				
(NGEO)	109	65	109			When Sharks Attack '14' ￼				When Sharks Attack: Deep Dives (N) '14'				Shark Attack Files: Extra Bite (N) ￼				Killer Shark vs. Killer Whale: Extra Bite (N)	When Sharks Attack: Deep Dives '14'				
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Patrick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends						
(NWSNTN)	18	18	18	18	20	NewsNation: Rush				The Donlon Report				On Balance				NewsNation Prime	Banfield (N) ￼	The Donlon Report			
(OWN)	125	24	103			Dr. Phil 'PG' ￼				The Haves, Not				The Haves, Not				David Makes Man	The Haves, Not	The Haves, Not			
(OXY)	123	44	123			Snapped 'PG' ￼				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' ￼				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' ￼					Dateline: Secrets				
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Two and Half Men ***½ "The Guardian" (2006, Drama) Kevin Costner, Sela Ward. A Coast Guard trainer makes a swimming champ his protege. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼								*** "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼									
(SEC)	745	72				The Paul Finebaum Show (N) (Live)				SEC Now (N) (Live)				SEC Now				SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now		
(SHOW)	340	241	340			**** "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War) Tom Hanks. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				"The Exception" (2016, Historical Drama) Lily James. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				The Chi "Space Jam" 'MA' ￼				Black Monday	Flatbush Mis				
(SUN)	36	31	36			Baseball's Rays Pregame		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. (N) (Live)					Rays Postgame				Rays All-Access	Rays All-Access	Rays All-Access				
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	** "London Has Fallen" (2016, Action) Gerard Butler. 'R' ￼ (DVS)				WWE NXT (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' ￼				*½ "Hellboy" (2019, Action) David Harbour, Milla Jovovich, Ian McShane. 'R' ￼									
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(TMC)	350	261	350			***½ "Hart's War" (2002, War) Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell. (In Stereo) 'R' ￼				***½ "Sahara" (2005) Matthew McConaughey. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' ￼				*½ "Texas Rangers" (2001) James Van Der Beek. 'PG-13'					"Mohicans" 'R'				
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	*½ "Geostorm" (2017) Gerard Butler. A world-wide storm threatens humanity.				** "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" (2016, Action) Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders. 'PG-13' ￼ (DVS)				** "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" (2016) Tom Cruise.									
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(USA)	47	32	47	17	18	2020 Tokyo Olympics Women's Soccer -- U.S. vs Australia. 'PG' ￼				2020 Tokyo Olympics				2020 Tokyo Olympics Table Tennis.				2020 Tokyo Olympics Men's Volleyball -- U.S. vs Tunisia.				Tokyo Olympics	
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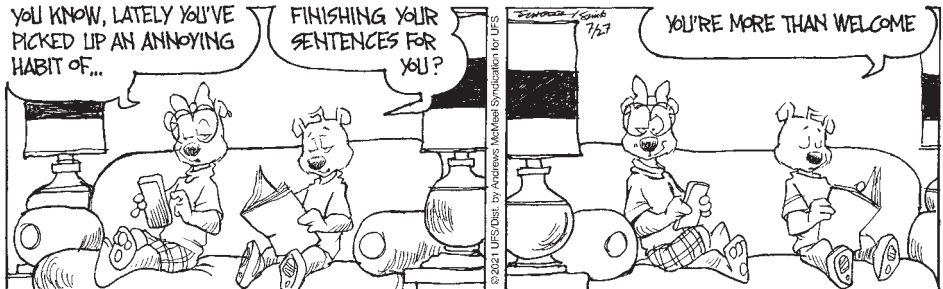
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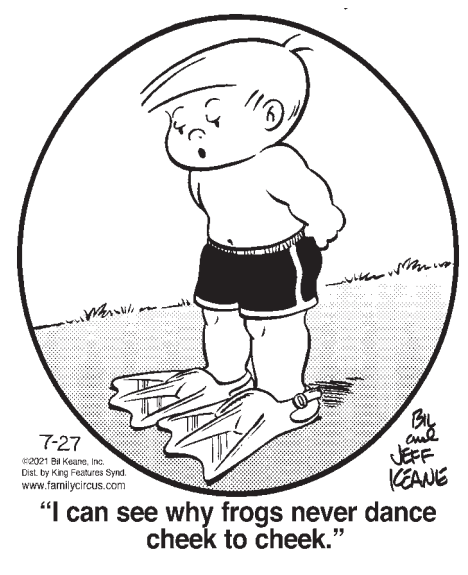
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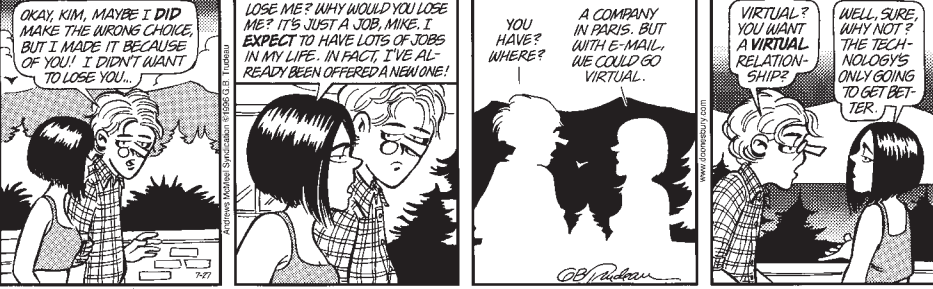
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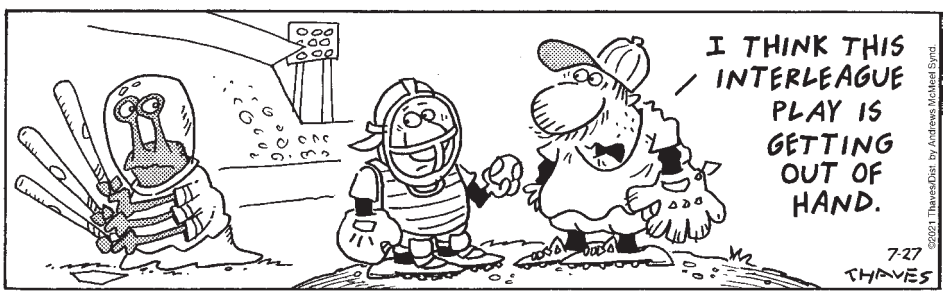
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“Snake Eyes” (2021) PG-13 — 1:15, 3:30, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30 p.m.

“Space Jam: A New Legacy” (2021) PG — 4, 7 p.m.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: E equals G

“B’UP GPN HPFHVP TRF CWP
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NRFDER NRPI TPWP SPUPW
JRBVZWPS NRPGXPUVUX.”
— GCIC WDZFBVHR

Previous Solution: “Don't take life too seriously and always remember: It is just a passing fad.” — Mick Jagger

Geriatric patients, Otolaryngology (ENT)

The number of people over 65 years of age, considered seniors and geriatric, are increasing due to rise in life expectancy. When I was born in 1954 the life expectancy was 48 years. Today the 2020 life expectancy is 68 years. These are worldwide statistics and numbers are higher in the United States.

Just like pediatric patients geriatric patients need a targeted approach specific to their age and needs which are different than younger and middle-age patients. This would suggest that there could be a need for ENT gerontologist, just as there is a need for pediatric doctors for juvenile patients.

Within our ENT Society there is a subspecialty devoted to ENT problems related to the elderly. Elderly patients visiting a specialist

need special attention because of the issues that are unique to their population. Ear problems composed nearly half of the need for visits with an ear nose and throat doctor.



Dr. Denis Grillo
EAR, NOSE & THROAT

They include hearing and ear disorders such as balance problems, noises in the ear, foreign bodies (insects, Q-tips and hearing aid parts to name a few) and simple wax impactions.

The second most common presentation that is nearly 25% of ENT visits are related to the throat, voice and respiratory

pathology which include infections, growths, speech and swallowing problems, and salivary gland problems to name a few.

Nasal sinus problems comprise about 20% of visits to the otolaryngologist. This includes epistaxis (nosebleed) which can be related to trauma.

However the most common

presentation is secondary to high blood pressure and anticoagulation (blood thinning) medications prescribed by other physicians. Acute and chronic nasal sinus issues can also include nasal polyps and allergies.

Head and facial trauma make up about 5% of visits to the office and half of them are nasal bone fractures as a result of balance disorders, unsteadiness and tripping and falling.

Living alone as a result of outliving a spouse/companion is a known risk factor for all sorts of trauma in the geriatric patient population. Although these above-mentioned issues are not exclusive to the elderly patient population, there is a uniqueness about the geriatric ENT patient that needs to be and should be addressed.

Denis W. Grillo, D.O., FOCOO, is an ear, nose and throat specialist in Crystal River. Call him at 352-795-0011 or visit CrystalCommunityENT.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Hernando weight loss group to meet weekly

TOPS 401 will meet every Wednesday at the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Hernando, 3790 E. Parsons Point Road. Weigh-ins begin at 7:45 a.m. and the meeting begins at 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome. For information, call Nancy at 352-637-7196.

Lecanto weight loss group to meet weekly

TOPS 387 will meet every Monday except holidays at the Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, room 114, in Lecanto.

Weigh-in is from 2:30 to 3:20 p.m. and a meeting will follow from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information, call Susan at 352-270-0032 or Penny at 352-249-7780. To learn more, visit tops.org.

HEALTH NOTE GUIDELINES

- To submit information about upcoming seminars, health-related events open to the public or support group meetings, email community@chronicleonline.com attn: Health Notes.
- Information relating to professional training or seminars attended by those in the health care industries are considered business briefs, and would appear in the Business Digest listings of Sunday's Business section.

Join the Grief Toolbox support group

Welcoming new and continuing attendees, the Grief Toolbox support group will start a new session of meetings from 2 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning July 28, at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

Sponsored by Brown Funeral Home and Crematory, the group helps participants acquire the essential tools they need to deal with their grief through video presentations, handouts and group discussions.

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to preregister, call 352-249-1470. Support groups observe CDC guidelines and space may be limited.

To learn more about grief services, friendsforcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

Attend an ABC of Dementia workshop

Citrus County Libraries and Coping with Dementia LLC announced an expanded schedule of free ABC of Dementia workshops.

The workshops provide an overview of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, how they affect the individuals and how their care partners can use this

knowledge and techniques of voice, approach and appropriate touch to provide more effective care.

Citrus County's Libraries provide this training for their personnel and encourage the public to attend. All workshops are from 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Monday, Aug. 16, Central Ridge Library.

■ Friday, Sept. 17, Coastal Region Library.

■ Monday, Oct. 18, Central Ridge Library.

■ Friday, Oct. 29, Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road in Inverness, call 352-726-2357.

■ Friday, Nov. 19, Coastal Region Library.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 8, Lakes Region Library.

■ Monday, Dec. 20, Central Ridge Library.

CDC guidelines will be observed and seating may be limited. To reserve seats, call 352-422-3663 or email deb@coping.today.

Coping with Dementia LLC plans fundraisers

Coping with Dementia LLC announced that an expanded schedule of fundraising events is being planned for 2021, including the return of the popular Walk in Floral City and Citrus County

Virtual Wellness Challenge, which was introduced when COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation of public events.

"We are planning to host a Walk in Floral City on Nov. 13. In addition, last year's popular Citrus County Virtual Wellness Challenge will return for the month of Oct. 3 through Oct. 30," said Coping with Dementia president Debbie Selsavage.

Individuals and companies interested in becoming sponsors for 2021 fundraising events should call Coping with Dementia LLC marketing and communications director, Ed Youngblood, at 614-519-2843.

Attend Dr. Bennett's 'Fireside Chats'

Dr. Joseph Bennett offers monthly "Fireside Chats" beginning noon the first Wednesday of each month at the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (RBOI), 522 N. Lecanto Highway.

Sessions often feature guest speakers, as well as open discussion regarding health and cancer care. A light lunch is provided, therefore RSVP is requested. Bennett welcomes questions and open discussion, so bring your questions or email them ahead of time to cjbenett@rboi.com.

Call Shawn at 352-527-0106 to make a reservation.

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Should vaccinated people still wear masks?

CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

Should vaccinated people mask up with COVID-19 cases rising?

It depends on your situation, but masking in public can provide another layer of protection and help prevent the virus from spreading to others who aren't protected.

An easing of safety precautions and the large number of people who remain unvaccinated in many regions are contributing to the spread of cases around the world.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has not changed its advice that fully vaccinated people can safely go without masks in most situations. But Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the agency's director, said local decisions on mask mandates could vary depending on vaccination levels and whether there's a surge.

Los Angeles County recently started requiring residents to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status, for example, and officials in New Orleans are urging people to do the same.

Though COVID-19 vaccines greatly reduce the chance of severe illness and death and remain effective against variants, some experts said wearing a mask is a reasonable precaution since it's still possible to get infected.

Masking could also help prevent the spread of the virus to children too young for vaccination and people with weak immune systems.

"Personally, I continue to wear a mask when going into public spaces outside of my household, both for my own protection and for the sake of my community," said virus researcher Angela Rasmussen of the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization at the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease expert at Vanderbilt University, said a "belt-and-suspenders" approach also makes sense for people who are older or have health issues and are more vulnerable to getting severely ill if infected.

"I'm pretty healthy, but I do have gray hair. So when I go out to the supermarket, I'm masked," Schaffner said.

Building healthy habits

Ideas for your daily routine
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A person's habits can have a strong impact on his or her overall health.

Unhealthy habits like smoking and living a sedentary lifestyle can increase a person's risk for various conditions and diseases. On the flip side, healthy habits like eating a nutritious diet and getting enough sleep can bolster a person's immune system and reduce his or her risk for various ailments.

Some healthy habits, like daily exercise, can be time-consuming. Busy adults may not have time to exercise vigorously each day, though the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services urges men and women to find time for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week. But not all healthy habits take up time. In fact, adults can incorporate various healthy practices into their daily routines without skipping a beat.

■ Take the stairs. Taking the stairs instead of the elevator can have a profound effect on overall health.

According to Duke University, climbing just two flights of stairs combined per day can contribute to six pounds of weight loss over the course of a single year.

In addition, a study from the North American Menopause Society found that stair climbing can help postmenopausal women reduce their risk for osteoporosis and help them lower their blood pressure.

■ Drink more water. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that



Adults can incorporate various healthy practices into their daily routines without skipping a beat.

water helps the body maintain a normal temperature, lubricates and cushions joints, protects the spinal cord and other sensitive tissues, and helps to rid the body of waste through urination, perspiration and bowel movements.

Adults who are thirsty can choose water over soda or other sugary beverages.

The CDC notes that sugary beverages like soda and sports drinks contain calories but little nutritional value, making water a healthier way for individuals to quench their thirst.

■ Go for daily walks. Walking benefits the body in myriad ways. For example, the Harvard School of Public Health notes that women who walk 30 minutes per day can reduce their risk of stroke by 20%

and potentially by 40% if they walk briskly.

In addition, researchers at the University of Virginia Health System found that men between the ages of 71 and 93 who walked more than a quarter mile per day had half the incidence of dementia and Alzheimer's disease as men who walked less.

A 15-minute walk around the neighborhood each morning coupled with a 15-minute walk after dinner can help adults dramatically improve their overall health.

■ Eat more greens. Eating more greens is another healthy habit that doesn't require a major overhaul of an individual's lifestyle.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture notes that dark green

leafy vegetables, such as spinach, are rich in vitamins A, C, E and K. The Mayo Clinic notes that vitamin E alone can help people maintain their vision and promote a healthy reproductive system while also improving the health of the blood, brain and skin.

The USDA also notes that green vegetables contain very little carbohydrates, sodium and cholesterol.

Adults won't have to reinvent the dietary wheel to incorporate more greens into their diets, and the results of doing so can have a significant, positive effect on their overall health.

The right habits can help people live healthier lives, and such habits need not require any major life changes.

Health officials: 'Superbug' fungus spread in 2 cities

Reported in D.C. and Dallas

MIKE STOBBE
AP medical writer

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials said Thursday they now have evidence of an untreatable fungus spreading in two hospitals and a nursing home.

The "superbug" outbreaks were reported in a Washington, D.C. nursing home and at two Dallas-area hospitals, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. A handful of the patients had invasive fungal infections that were impervious to all three major classes of medications.

"This is really the first time we've started seeing clustering of resistance" in which patients seemed to be getting the infections from each other, said the CDC's Dr. Meghan Lyman.

The fungus, *Candida*

auris, is a harmful form of yeast that is considered dangerous to hospital and nursing home patients with serious medical problems. It is most deadly when it enters the bloodstream, heart or brain. Outbreaks in health care facilities have been spurred when the fungus spread through patient contact or on contaminated surfaces.

Health officials have sounded alarms for years about the superbug after seeing infections in which commonly used drugs had little effect. In 2019, doctors diagnosed three cases in New York that were also resistant to a class of drugs, called echinocandins, that were considered a last line of defense.

In those cases, there was no evidence the infections had spread from patient to patient

— scientists concluded the resistance to the drugs formed during treatment.

The new cases did spread, the CDC concluded.

In Washington, D.C., a cluster of 101 *C. auris* cases at a nursing home dedicated to very sick patients included three that were resistant to all three kinds of antifungal medications. A cluster of 22 in two Dallas-area hospitals included two with that level of resistance. The facilities weren't identified.

Those cases were seen from January to April. Of the five people who were fully resistant to treatment, three died — both Texas patients and one in Washington.

Lyman said both are ongoing outbreaks and that additional infections have been identified since April. But those added numbers were not reported.

Investigators reviewed



Shawn Lockhart/CDC via AP

This 2016 photo made available by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows a strain of *Candida auris* cultured in a petri dish at a CDC laboratory. On Thursday, July 22, 2021, the CDC said they now have evidence of the untreatable fungus spreading in a Washington, D.C., nursing home and at two Dallas-area hospitals.

medical records and found no evidence of previous antifungal use among the patients in those clusters. Health officials say that means they spread from person to person.

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Age of skateboarder Momiji Nishiya of Japan, who became her country's youngest ever Olympic medalist with her victory.



Momiji Nishiya

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Titmus, Doncic make memorable debuts



Ariarne Titmus of Australia, right, leaves the pool after winning the final of the women's 400-meters freestyle as Katie Ledecky of the United States watches at the 2020 Summer Olympics, Monday in Tokyo, Japan.

Dressel wins first gold in quest for six in pool

JOSH DUBOW
AP sports writer

TOKYO — Ariarne Titmus and Luka Doncic made memorable Olympic debuts. Titmus lived up to the billing of her nickname the “Terminator” when she chased down Katie Ledecky in the 400 freestyle Monday to win one of the most anticipated races of the Summer Games. Doncic scored 48 points in his first Olympic appearance to tie for the second most ever in men's basketball history, leading Slovenia to a 118-100 victory over Argentina. Titmus trailed by nearly a full body-length at the halfway mark of the eight-lap race before erasing the gap and finishing in 3 minutes, 56.69 seconds. It was the second-fastest

time in history, surpassed only by Ledecky's world record of 3:56.46 from the 2016 Rio Games. “It's probably the biggest thing you could pull off in your sporting career,” Titmus said, “so I'm over the moon.” Ledecky lost an individual Olympic final for the first time after winning the 800 free at the 2012 London Games, then capturing three more golds in the 200, 400 and 800 free at Rio de Janeiro five years ago. Doncic scored 31 points in the first half, putting him on pace to break the Games' scoring record of 55 points by Brazilian Hall of Famer Oscar Schmidt in 1988. He ended



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Important first step



Oklahoma head football coach Lincoln Riley speaks from the stage with mannequins in the background during NCAA college football Big 12 media days Wednesday, July 14, in Arlington, Texas. Oklahoma and Texas took the first formal step Monday toward moving to the Southeastern Conference, notifying the Big 12 they would not be renewing an agreement that binds the league's members through 2025.

With eye on SEC, Oklahoma and Texas move toward leaving Big 12

RALPH D. RUSSO
AP college football writer

Oklahoma and Texas took the first formal step Monday toward moving to the Southeastern Conference and leaving the Big 12 behind. The only schools to win college football national championships during the Big 12's 27-year history notified the conference they would not be renewing an agreement that binds its members through 2025. In a joint statement, the schools made no mention of the SEC and said “the universities intend to

honor their existing grant of rights agreements.” “However, both universities will continue to monitor the rapidly evolving collegiate athletics landscape as they consider how best to position their athletics programs in the future,” the schools said. Texas and Oklahoma have been in discussions with the SEC about joining the league, though neither school nor the powerhouse conference has acknowledged that publicly. The “grant of rights” gives the conference control of the school's media rights and runs concurrent with the Big 12's television contracts with ESPN

and Fox, which expire in 2025. “Although our eight members are disappointed with the decisions of these two institutions, we recognize that intercollegiate athletics is experiencing rapid change and will most likely look much different in 2025 than it does currently,” Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said in a statement. The remaining eight Big 12 schools — Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State, Oklahoma State, TCU, Baylor, Texas Tech and West Virginia — had been

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Tebow opens Jaguars training camp as ‘1 of 90’

MARK LONG
AP pro football writer

JACKSONVILLE — Tim Tebow is one of the first to arrive at Jacksonville Jaguars practice. He jogs onto the field, stretches a little, catches footballs from a JUGS machine, then finds his usual spot in the team's warmup lines. He's waaaay in the back, just in front of a rookie. Tebow's far from the spotlight, right where coach Urban Meyer wants the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner for now. “It's one of 90 trying to make the team,” Meyer says. Tebow will open training camp Wednesday as Jacksonville's fourth- or fifth-string tight end, not all that surprising given he's closing in on his 34th birthday; started playing the position five months ago; and is trying to return to the NFL after spending the previous five years in the New York Mets' organization. He hit .223 with 18 home runs and 107 RBIs while never making it to the big leagues. He asked Meyer, his college coach at nearby Florida, for a tryout after retiring from baseball in

January. Meyer obliged and ended up giving him a one-year contract worth \$920,000, the minimum for a player with three accrued NFL seasons. The low-risk deal includes no guaranteed money, so Tebow would have to make the team to earn a dime. And that's the uncertain part. Jacksonville already has three tight ends essentially locked into roster spots: run-blocking specialist Chris Manhertz who was a top target in free agency; fellow veteran James O'Shaughnessy, whose one-year, \$1.59 million contract is mostly guaranteed; and fifth-round draft pick Luke Farrell, who played for Meyer at Ohio State. Jacksonville also has Tyler Davis, a sixth-round selection in 2020, and second-year pro Ben Ellefson, whom Meyer calls one of the most improved at the position. The Jaguars have offered little information about Tebow's transition, partly because they don't want the former star quarterback becoming a daily distraction.



Jacksonville tight end Tim Tebow catches a pass May 27 during practice in Jacksonville.

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Walk-off HR lifts US over Japan

Finishes pool play 5-0; rematch for gold

RONALD BLUM
AP baseball writer

YOKOHAMA, Japan — Kelsey Stewart has a knack for walk-off hits in Japan. Stewart hit a game-ending home run leading off the seventh inning, and the United States rallied late to beat Japan 2-1 Monday and win the Olympic softball group stage — and with it the right to bat last in the gold medal game.

“It’s like you dream about when you’re a little kid, about hitting a home run at the Olympics, let alone a walk-off,” Stewart said.

In August 2018, Stewart’s single capped a three-run 10th inning off Japan ace Yukiko Ueno that gave the U.S. a 7-6 win at the Women’s Softball World Championship in Chiba, earning the Olympic berth.

She had been 1 for 12 with no RBIs at the Olympics before she drove the 98th pitch from Yamato Fujita (0-1) for the first U.S. home run of the tournament. Yuka Ichiguchi climbed the right field wall trying for a spectacular grab.

“She was starting to wear down because she had so many pitches on her arm,” Stewart said.

American players ran onto the field to celebrate their second straight walk-off win.

“I knew she was strong,” Fujita said through an interpreter, remembering Stewart from 2018. “I think the ball was too easy for her.”

Trying to bounce back from their 3-1 loss to Japan in the 2008 gold medal game, the Americans finished the group stage 5-0 while Japan dropped to 4-1.

Stewart’s first-inning error had led to Japan’s run. She bobbled Saku Yamazaki’s leadoff grounder to third, and following a sacrifice and Hitomii Kawabata’s single, Yamazaki scored on Aubree Munro’s passed ball.

Japan rested Yukiko Ueno, the 39-year-old who beat the U.S. in the 2008 gold medal game started by Cat Osterman, and Miu Goto. Fujita and catcher Yukiyo Mine lost track of the outs, starting to run off the field after Michelle Moultrie struck out for the second out of the third.

Fujita, a 30-year-old right-hander who



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The United States’ Kelsey Stewart celebrates her game winning home run against Japan in the seventh inning Monday at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Yokohama, Japan. The teams are scheduled to meet again in the gold medal game today at 7 a.m. EDT.

had pitched just once before in the tournament, didn’t allow a hit until Haylie McCleney (an Olympic-best 9 for 14) singled to left leading off the sixth.

Janie Reed, whose husband, Jake, was claimed by Tampa Bay off waivers from the Los Angeles Dodgers earlier in the day, reached on an infield hit with a bouncer to shortstop for just her second hit in 13 at-bats, and Valerie Arioto hit a two-out RBI single.

Ally Carda, a 28-year-old right-hander, allowed an unearned run and four hits over 5 1/3 innings in her Olympic mound debut, striking out nine and walking none.

Monica Abbott and Osterman had combined to throw all 29 innings in the first four games.

“Ally Carda has had tremendous

success against them,” U.S. coach Ken Eriksen said of Japan. “Ally was scheduled for this game as soon as the Olympic team was named, because we knew the schedule. ... If we had to win this game to get into the gold medal game, Ally Carda was still going to get the ball.”

Osterman, a 38-year-old lefty, faced two lefties in the sixth and struck out both.

Abbott (3-0) pitched a perfect seventh, adding to two complete game wins and two saves.

“It was a great opportunity for us to be able to experience all three pitchers today before the gold medal game tomorrow,” Japan coach Reika Utsugi said through an interpreter.

A 6-foot-3 lanky left-hander, Abbott is likely to start the gold medal game scheduled for Tuesday, a day before her 36th

birthday. Rain is in the forecast.

“I wouldn’t doubt that you might see four pitchers tomorrow,” Eriksen said.

CANADA 8, ITALY 1

Danielle Lawrie and Lauren Regula, sisters of former Major League Baseball players, combined on a four-hitter in a game shortened to six innings under a rout rule.

Larissa Franklin drove in three runs for Canada (3-2), which headed to a bronze medal game against Mexico.

MEXICO 4, AUSTRALIA 1

Dallas Escobedo (2-2) pitched a five-hitter, a day after the 29-year-old right-hander beat Italy with a one-hit shutout, and Mexico (2-3) advanced with a tournament-high 11 hits.

Russia edges Japan, China for gold in men’s gymnastics

Americans fifth

WILL GRAVES
AP sports writer

TOKYO — Nikita Nagornyy huddled with the rest of the Russian men’s gymnastics team, stared at the scoreboard and waited.

And waited.

And waited.

What in reality was only a few moments seemed like forever to the group representing the Russian Olympic Committee.

In a way it was.

For a quarter-century, the Russians had ceded the top of the medal stand at the Olympics to rivals. Japan. China. The United States.

No more.

When the score for Nagornyy’s floor routine finally flashed — 14.600, just enough to slide past Japan and into first — the reigning world champion erupted in joy, tears and gleeful shouts of his country’s name.

“Everyone here deserves this medal,” Nagornyy said. “I knew we’d win all along and we just confirmed it.”

Just barely.

Russia’s team total of 262.500 was just ahead of Japan’s 262.397 and China’s 261.8934. The Russians took the lead after the third rotation, though their grasp on gold appeared tenuous when Abliazin stepped out of bounds on floor exercise. Dalaloyan, competing on a heavily taped left Achilles tendon just three months removed from surgery, bounded out of bounds too.

Rising Japanese star Daiki Hashimoto drilled a 15.1 on high bar to slip by China into first. Russia’s hopes of gold fell to Nagornyy, who was born just five months before the 1996 Olympic team triumphed in Atlanta. An early wobble forced him to scrub his initial routine. He improvised brilliantly, avenging a loss to Japan in Brazil five years ago.

“At the Olympics in Rio, we were weaker than the Japanese,” said Abliazin, who was on the 2016 team alongside Nagornyy and Belyavskiy. “Now we are already stronger. We proved it at the world championships (in 2019) and proved it again.”

The fact the Russian flag and the country’s national anthem weren’t part of the ceremony — part of the International Olympic Committee’s penalty for doping problems in the country — hardly mattered. It didn’t change the way the gold felt hanging around their necks. Or the validation the performance provided for a



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Russian Olympic Committee’s artistic gymnastics men’s team members Denis Abliazin, right, David Belyavskiy, on ground, Nikita Nagornyy, center, celebrate Monday after winning the gold medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

team that is now the best in the world.

“To beat Japan at their home is a great result,” Abliazin said. “I think we can do even more.”

They just might if they can get healthy. Two days after sobbing at the end of qualifying, Dalaloyan pushed aside the ache in his leg and was perhaps even better. He stuck the dismount on his vault, his feet seemingly suction-cupped to the mat.

Even though the momentum from a tumbling pass during his floor routine carried him onto the blue carpet, he recovered to post a 14.066, vital during a meet where every hundredth of a point counted.

“The emotions covered all the pain I felt,” Dalaloyan said. “So I

feel fantastic. The emotions of the victory and the medal are great. We started calmly, but there were nerves at the end. It became very passionate.”

Great Britain came in fourth. The U.S. appeared poised to come in fourth before a messy floor exercise in the final rotation, the only real mistake in an otherwise solid meet for the Americans in three-time Olympian Sam Mikulak’s final meet before retiring.

“Throughout this whole experience these guys were rock solid,” Mikulak said of teammates Shane Wiskus, Yul Moldauer and Brody Malone. “Just really cool to see these first-timers go out and shine like that. We really have a strong future for Team USA.”

Osaka and Djokovic raise profile of tennis

ANDREW DAMPF
AP sports writer

TOKYO — Naomi Osaka has the hopes of the entire host nation resting on her.

Novak Djokovic is attempting to accomplish something that no man has done before in tennis.

Both players are after something special at the Tokyo Olympics and both produced convincing victories Monday to reach the last 16 at Ariake Tennis Park.

Osaka crushed winners off both wings — forehand and backhand — seemingly at will in a 6-3, 6-2 victory over 49th-ranked Viktorija Golubic of Switzerland. Then Djokovic dispatched 48th-ranked Jan-Lennard Struff of Germany 6-4, 6-3.

“There’s a lot of attention towards tennis as a sport in this Olympic Games,” Djokovic said. “We are grateful, because we are representing our country, ourselves, but also our sport in the Olympic Village.”

It was similar to the way Osaka overwhelmed Zheng Saisai of China a day earlier and it extended her momentum after carrying out the ultimate honor at the Games’ opening ceremony by lighting the Olympic cauldron.

The Japanese superstar, who grew up in the United States, was asked in March to handle the flame honors but said she “didn’t feel pressure” about the assignment.

If Djokovic can win four more matches, he’ll not only have won his first Olympic title, he’ll also be four-fifths of the way to a Golden Slam — victories in all four Grand Slam tournaments and Olympic gold in the same calendar year.

The Serb already won the Australian and French Opens as well as Wimbledon this year. Now he needs the Tokyo title and the U.S. Open trophy to complete the unique collection.

Steffi Graf was the only tennis player to achieve the Golden Slam in 1988.

“I’m obviously very pumped and inspired to make history,” Djokovic said. “I have that guiding star that is there and I see it and it gives me light and it gives me energy but at the same time I better stick to the stuff that I know works well on a daily basis for me.”

Djokovic’s next opponent will be 16th-seeded Alejandro Davidovich Fokina of Spain, who defeated John Millman of Australia 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3.

The second-ranked Osaka will next face 2019 French Open runner-up Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic, who beat Mihaela Buzarnescu of Romania 6-1, 6-2.

A few other top women struggled.

Donna Vekic of Croatia beat third-seeded Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (3) and Alison van Uytvanck of Belgium rallied past 2016 bronze medalist Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic 5-7, 6-3, 6-0.

Also, Paula Badosa eliminated sixth-seeded Iga Swiatek of Poland 6-3, 7-6 (4) to improve the record of Spanish women at the Games to nine wins in nine matches in singles and doubles.

In men’s action, second-seeded Daniil Medvedev of ROC and fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev of Germany each advanced quickly. Medvedev beat Sumit Nagal of India 6-2, 6-1 and Zverev eliminated Daniel Elahi Galan of Colombia 6-2, 6-2.

OLYMPICS
Monday's Olympic medalists

ARCHERY
Men's Team
GOLD — South Korea (Je Deok Kim, Woojin Kim, Jinhyek Oh)
SILVER — Taiwan (Yu-Cheng Deng, Chih-Chun Tang, Chun-Heng Wei)
BRONZE — Japan (Takaharu Furukawa, Yuki Kawata, Hiroki Muto)

CANOE SLALOM
Men's Canoe
GOLD — Benjamin Savsek, Slovenia
SILVER — Lukas Rohan, Czech Republic
BRONZE — Sideris Tasiadis, Germany

DIVING
Men's Synchronised 10m Platform
GOLD — Britain (Thomas Daley, Matty Lee)
SILVER — China (Aisen Chen, Yuan Cao)
BRONZE — Russia (Aleksandr Bondar, Viktor Minibaev)

FENCING
Men's Foil Individual
GOLD — Ka Long Cheung, Hong Kong
SILVER — Daniele Garozzo, Italy
BRONZE — Alexander Choupenitch, Czech Republic

Women's Sabre Individual
GOLD — Sofia Pozdniakova, Russia
SILVER — Sofya Velikaya, Russia
BRONZE — Manon Brunet, France

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
Men's Team
GOLD — Russia (Denis Ablyazin, David Bel'yavskiy, Artur Dalaloyan, Nikita Nagornyy)
SILVER — Japan (Daiki Hashimoto, Kazuma Kaya, Takeru Kitazono, Wataru Tanigawa)
BRONZE — China (Chaopan Lin, Wei Sun, Jingyuan Zou, Ruoteng Xiao)

JUDO
Men -73 kg
GOLD — Shohei Ono, Japan
SILVER — Lasha Shavdatuashvili, Georgia
BRONZE — Changrim An, South Korea
BRONZE — Tsogtbaatar Tsend-Ochir, Mongolia

Women -57 kg
GOLD — Nora Gjakova, Kosovo
SILVER — Sarah Leonie Cysique, France
BRONZE — Tsukasa Yoshida, Japan
BRONZE — Jessica Klimkait, Canada

CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKE
Men's Cross-country
GOLD — Thomas Pidcock, Britain
SILVER — Mathias Flueckiger, Switzerland
BRONZE — David Valero Serrano, Spain

SHOOTING
Skeet Men
GOLD — Vincent Hancock, United States
SILVER — Jesper Hansen, Denmark
BRONZE — Eric Delaunay, France
BRONZE — Abdullah Alrashidi, Kuwait

Skeet Women
GOLD — Amber English, United States
SILVER — Diana Bacosi, Italy
BRONZE — Meng Wei, China

SKATEBOARDING
Women's Street
GOLD — Momiji Nishiya, Japan
SILVER — Rayssa Leal, Brazil
BRONZE — Funa Nakayama, Japan

SWIMMING
Men's 100m Breaststroke
GOLD — Adam Peaty, Britain
SILVER — Arno Kamminga, Netherlands
BRONZE — Nicolo Martinenghi, Italy

Men's 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay
GOLD — United States (Brooks Curry, Blake Pieroni, Bowen Becker, Zach Apple, Caeleb Dressel)
SILVER — Italy (Alessandro Miressi, Santo Condorelli, Lorenzo Zazzeri, Manuel Frigo, Thomas Ceccon)
BRONZE — Australia (Cameron McEvoy, Zac Incerti, Alexander Graham, Kyle Chalmers, Matthew Temple)

Women's 100m Butterfly
GOLD — Margaret Macneil, Canada
SILVER — Yufei Zhang, China
BRONZE — Emma McKeon, Australia

Women's 400m Freestyle
GOLD — Ariarne Titmus, Australia
SILVER — Kathleen Ledecky, United States
BRONZE — Bingjie Li, China

TAEKWONDO
Men -80kg
GOLD — Maksim Khramtcov, Russia
SILVER — Saleh Elsharabaty, Jordan
BRONZE — Toni Kanaet, Croatia
BRONZE — Seif Eissa, Egypt

Women -67kg
GOLD — Matea Jelic, Croatia
SILVER — Lauren Williams, Britain
BRONZE — Ruth Gbagbi, Ivory Coast
BRONZE — Hedaya Wahba, Egypt

TRIATHLON
Men's Individual
GOLD — Kristian Blummenfelt, Norway
SILVER — Alex Yee, Britain
BRONZE — Hayden Wilde, New Zealand

TABLE TENNIS
Mixed Doubles
GOLD — Japan (Jun Mizutani, Mima Ito)
SILVER — China (Xin Xu, Shiwen Liu)
BRONZE — Taiwan (Yun Ju Lin, I Ching Cheng)

WEIGHTLIFTING
Women's 55kg
GOLD — Hidilyn Diaz, Philippines
SILVER — Qiuyun Liao, China
BRONZE — Zulfiya Chinshanlo, Kazakhstan

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent LHP Bruce Zimmermann to Florida Complex League (FCL) on a rehab assignment.
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Yonfi Rodriguez on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned 3B Jake Burger to Charlotte (Triple-A East). Reinstated LF Eloy Jimenez from the 60-day IL. Agreed to terms with RHPs Zach Cable, Everhett Hazelwood, Kohl Simas, C Nick Thornquist and LHP Garrett Schoenle on minor league contracts.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Claimed LHP Alex Young off waivers from Arizona. Transferred RHP Aaron Civale from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Dylan Smith on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Reinstated 2B Aledmys Diaz from the 10-day IL. Optioned 2B Robel Garcia to Sugar Land (Triple-A West). Sent 3B Alex Bregman to Sugar Land on a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Chase Petty on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent RHP Clarke Schmidt to Florida Complex League (FCL) on a rehab assignment. Acquired RHP Clay Holmes from Pittsburgh in exchange for 3B Diego Castillo and 2B Hoy Park. Optioned C Rob Brantly to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (Triple-A East).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with OF Denzel Clarke, SS Zack Gelof and C C.J. Rodriguez on minor league contracts.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Sean Poppen to Durham (Triple-A East).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Selected the contract of LHP Kirby Sneed from Buffalo (Triple-A East). Designated RHP Jacob Barnes for assignment.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Recalled RHP Bryse Wilson from Gwinnett (Triple-A East).
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent C Austin Romine to Arizona Complex League (ACL) on a rehab assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned 2B Alejo Lopez to Louisville (Triple-A East). Reinstated

Florida **LOTTERY**

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

PICK 2 (early)
5 - 2
PICK 2 (late)
7 - 0
PICK 3 (early)
5 - 4 - 1
PICK 3 (late)
3 - 5 - 2
PICK 4 (early)
4 - 2 - 2 - 0
PICK 4 (late)
8 - 0 - 0 - 0

PICK 5 (early)
6 - 7 - 1 - 7 - 9
PICK 5 (late)
8 - 8 - 0 - 6 - 4
FANTASY 5
7 - 8 - 19 - 23 - 27
CASH 4 LIFE
9 - 16 - 25 - 27 - 32
CASH BALL
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Sunday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 1 - 5 - 6 - 9 - 33
5-of-5 2 winners \$84,738.96
5-of-5 290 \$94
3-of-5 8,345 \$9
Cash 4 Life: 16 - 34 - 39 - 42 - 51
Cash Ball: 1
5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-5 No winner
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On the **AIRWAVES**

TODAY'S SPORTS MLB

7 p.m. (BSFL) Miami Marlins at Baltimore Orioles
7 p.m. (MLB) Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox or New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays
7 p.m. (SUN) New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays

THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

7 p.m. (ESPN) Columbus Regional, Game 13: Category 5 vs Blue Collar U
9 p.m. (ESPN) Columbus Regional, Game 14: Men of Mackey vs Carmen's Crew

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6 a.m. (USA) Swimming. Heats in the men's 100m freestyle, women's 200m butterfly and more
6:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) 3x3 Basketball (Same-day Tape)
7 a.m. (NBCSPT) Softball, Gold Medal Game: Japan vs United States
8:30 a.m. (USA) 3x3 Basketball
9:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Women's Beach Volleyball (Same-day Tape)
10 a.m. (NBCSPT) Women's Handball: France vs Spain (Same-day Tape)
10:45 a.m. (NBCSPT) Archery
11:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Badminton (Same-day Tape)
12 p.m. (NBC) Canoe Slalom, Beach Volleyball, Mountain Biking, Diving, Swimming, 3x3 Basketball (Same-day Tape)
12 p.m. (NBCSPT) Equestrian (dressage grand prix special and team final) (Same-day Tape)
12 p.m. (USA) Women's Soccer: Canada vs Great Britain (Same-day Tape)
1:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Fencing (Same-day Tape)
2 p.m. (USA) Men's Rugby, Quarterfinal: Teams TBA (Same-day Tape)
2:30 p.m. (USA) Weightlifting (Same-day Tape)
3 p.m. (USA) Judo, Taekwondo, Boxing (Same-day Tape)
4:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Table Tennis (Same-day Tape)
5:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Surfing (Same-day Tape)
6 p.m. (NBCSPT) Women's Volleyball: U.S. vs China (Same-day Tape)
8 p.m. (NBC) Women's Gymnastics, Swimming
8 p.m. (USA) Beach Volleyball
9 p.m. (USA) Table Tennis
10 p.m. (USA) Men's Volleyball: U.S. vs Tunisia (Same-day Tape)
11:30 p.m. (USA) Men's Rugby (Same-day Tape)
11:45 p.m. (NBCSPT) Women's Soccer: U.S. vs Australia (Same-day Tape)
12:30 a.m. (USA) Archery (Same-day Tape)
12:35 a.m. (NBC) Women's cycling time trial, U.S. women's water polo vs. Hungary
1 a.m. (USA) Canoe Slalom
2 a.m. (USA) Diving
3 a.m. (USA) Canoe Slalom
3:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Women's Beach Volleyball (Same-day Tape)
4 a.m. (NBCSPT) Men's Soccer: Germany vs Ivory Coast
4 a.m. (USA) Women's 3x3 Basketball, Semifinal: Teams TBA
4:30 a.m. (USA) Men's Rugby

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

LHP Amir Garrett from the paternity list. Agreed to terms with OF Blake Dunn on a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned 2B Sheldon Neuse to Oklahoma City (Triple-A East). Reinstated 1B Max Muncy from the paternity list. Sent RHP Corey Knebel to Oklahoma City on a rehab assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with OF Tristan Peters and RHP Carlos Rodriguez on minor league contracts.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with OF Lonnie White Jr. on a minor league contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Acquired INF/OF Adam Frazier and cash considerations from Pittsburgh in exchange for INF/OF Tucupita Marcano, RHP Michell Miliano and OF Jack Suwinski. Agreed to terms with C Colton Bender, SSs Marcos Castanon, Jackson Merrill, 2Bs Lucas Dunn, Max Ferguson and 3B Cole Cummings on minor league contracts.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated RHP Joe Ross from the 10-day IL. Optioned OF Yadiel Hernandez to Rochester (Triple-A East).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed OL Marcus Henry and CB Daryl Worley to one-year contracts.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed OL Jason Spriggs and LB Emmanuel Ellerbe. Waived RB Tony Brooks-James.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed TE Jesse James.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed WR Reece Horn.
DENVER BRONCOS — Placed S Jamar Johnson and CB Kary Vincent on the reserve/COVID-19 list.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed OT Marcus Cannon and G Lane Taylor on the physically unable to play (PUP) list. Waived LS Mitchell Fraboni. Acquired WR Anthony Miller via a trade with Chicago.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Named Kevin Rogers director of player personnel, Brian Decker director of team development, John Park director of football research, Jon Shaw director of pro scouting, Anthony Coughlan area scout, Mitch Chester college scouting coordinator/travel coordinator, Andrew Hoyle and Kasia Omilian scouting assistants, Kyle Davis associate athletic trainer and Thomas Byrd, Andrew Dees and Ty McKenzie coaching fellows.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed DE Alex Okafor and LS Drew Scott. Waived WR Chris Finke with an injury designation. Placed LS James Winchester on reserve/COVID-19 list.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Placed WR Tutu Atwell on the reserve/COVID-19 list.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed P Corliss Waitman. Waived K Dominik Eberle.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed TE Hunter Long to a four-year contract. Signed TE Carson Meier. Waived TE Jibri Blount with an injury settlement.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WRs Dede Westbrook and LB Chazz Surratt, G Wyatt Davis and DE Patrick Jones II. Waived DT Jaylen Twyman. Placed K Riley Patterson on the PUP list.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed WR Michael Thomas on the PUP list. Placed OL Derrick Kelly on the non-football injury list. Signed WR Chris Hogan and LB Kendall Demerson.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed OL Landon Dickerson to a four-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed CB Ambry Thomas to a four-year contract. Released DL Daeshon Hall.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed DLs Kyle Peko and Anthony Rush. Waived DL Bruce Hector.
WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Signed DL Jonathan Allen to a four-year contract extension.

Canadian Football League
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Named Courtney Stephan director of community partnerships.
MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Released WR Naaman Roosevelt.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released LB Robbie Lowes, OL Dino Boyd and DBs Ranthony Texada, Sam Williams, Hakeem Bailey, Jhavornte Dean, Prince Robinson and Josh Allen.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Acquired Ds Anton Stralman and Vladislav Kolyachonok and a 2024 second round draft choice from Florida in exchange for a 2023 seventh round draft choice.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed D Frederic Allard to a one-year, two-way contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Acquired D Christian Jaros on a one-way, two-year contract from San Jose in exchange for F Nick Merkley.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Yankees star Aaron Judge takes BP, nearing return
TAMPA — New York Yankees All-Star outfielder Aaron Judge and catcher Kyle Higashioka took another step in returning from the COVID-19 injured list by taking batting practice Monday at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa.
First baseman Luke Voit, on the IL with left knee inflammation, also took part in the workout at the Yankees' spring training complex.
With manager Aaron Boone present, Judge also did defensive drills in right field.
New York was off Monday before opening a key series Tuesday night in nearby St. Petersburg against the Tampa Bay Rays. Judge and Higashioka, placed on the IL July 16, are expected back during the three-game set.
The Yankees (51-47) started Monday nine games behind AL East-leading Boston and eight back of the second-place Rays.
Right-hander Clarke Schmidt, out since spring training with an elbow strain, allowed one hit and struck out five over three innings for the rookie-level Florida Complex League Yankees against the FCL Tigers West.
The Yankees acquired right-hander Clay Holmes from the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday for minor league infielders Diego Castillo and INF Hoy Park.
— From wire reports

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hoping to persuade the conference's flagship schools to stay put.
Bowlsby, who was part of a video conference this weekend with the university presidents of Oklahoma and Texas, acknowledged the future of the league will not include the Longhorns and Sooners.
“Like many others, we will use the next four years to fully assess what the landscape will look like in 2025 and beyond,” he said. “The remaining eight institutions will work together in a collaborative manner to thoughtfully and strategically position the Big 12 Conference for continued success, both athletically and academically, long into the future.”
Oklahoma State President Kayse Shrum wasn't as diplomatic as Bowlsby in a series of tweets about the pending departures. She said actions of Texas and Oklahoma come after months of planning with the SEC.
“We believe these conversations, which developed over a long period of time, are in clear breach of the bylaws of the Big 12 Conference and broke a bond of trust between our universities in existence for decades,” Shrum said, and then took aim at Oklahoma State's Bedlam rivals.
“It is difficult to understand how an Oklahoma institution of higher education would follow the University of Texas to the detriment of the State of Oklahoma,” she added.
The next step for Oklahoma and Texas would be applying for SEC membership in a conference that has produced 12 national champions in football since 2003 and is positioned to distribute as much as \$70 million annually to its members in the coming years.
Big 12 distributed \$345 million to its 10 members this year (\$34.5 million apiece), down from the previous year because of the pandemic. Most of that revenue comes from the Big 12's TV deals.

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up tied with Eddie Palubinskas, who had 48 for Australia in the 1976 Games in Montreal.
“I don't care about records,” he said. “We got a win and that's what we came here for.”

QUEST FOR SIX
Caeleb Dressel started his quest for six gold medals in swimming by leading the United States to victory in the men's 4x100-meter freestyle relay.
Dressel, who has been hailed as the successor to Michael Phelps, gave the U.S. the lead in the opening leg and his teammates made sure it stood up.
“I felt good the whole way, I knew I had to get my hand in the wall first and get some clean water,” Dressel

TEBOW
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The rebuilding team didn't make Tebow or any other tight end available for media interviews during organized team activities and canceled position coach Tyler Bowen's scheduled session at the last minute in June.
Offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell, meanwhile, mentioned four tight ends — just about everyone but Tebow — when asked about competition at the spot.
“Some of the things that the tight end position is asked to do is really not going to show up in a camp like this,” he said following a three-day minicamp last month. “It's a physical position. It's part offensive line and it's part wide receiver. So some of the stuff is not going to be able to show up, but it's a much-improved room from top to bottom.”
No doubt Tebow will have a better chance of standing out when players start practicing in full pads next week. The 6-foot-3, 245-pounder has always been one of the more imposing guys on the field — big, strong and eager to run over anyone in his path.
It's one of the reasons Meyer believes his best position could be tight end. But to make the Jaguars, Tebow might need to be more versatile than ever: a dependable backup tight end, a

The SEC announced an average payout to each of its members of \$44.6 million in January. The conference signed a new deal with ESPN last year worth \$300 million annually that would add another \$20 million per year to that figure when it goes into effect in 2024.
But before Texas and Oklahoma can relocate, they'll need to extricate themselves from the Big 12's grant of rights or wait until it expires following the 2024-25 school year.
Joining another conference with the grant of rights still in effect is a nonstarter. Texas and Oklahoma would bring no media rights value to their new conference and it would cost the schools tens of millions of dollars per year.
Without Texas and Oklahoma, the Big 12 is in danger of falling apart. Even if it were to stay together by adding other schools, the value of the league would likely be severely diminished when it goes looking for its next television contract.
Five years ago, the Big 12 went through the process — fairly publicly — of evaluating other schools as candidates for a possible expansion of the conference.
The Big 12 received plenty of interest from schools throughout FBS. If the eight remaining Big 12 schools can stick together, they would likely go back to many of the same candidates — many of which compete in the American Athletic Conference (Cincinnati, UCF, Houston, SMU, Memphis, USF) and Mountain West, home to Boise State.
Those conferences are not planning to sit back and wait to be poached.
Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson said in a statement the conference has already begun gathering information and its athletic directors and university presidents and chancellors had met Monday to discuss next steps.
“Our intent is to actively appraise various scenarios, identify potential opportunities and take actions which can positively impact the trajectory of the conference and our member institutions,” Thompson said.

said. “And everyone did their job. It's a relay for a reason, it's four guys for a reason, it's certainly not just me. It's certainly not just one guy.”
Dressel is competing in three individual events and two more relays in Tokyo.
The other winners in the pool on Monday were Britain's Adam Peaty in the men's 100-meter breaststroke, Canada's Maggie MacNeil in the women's 100-meter butterfly.

TEEN SPIRIT
Youth was served at the debut of the Olympic skateboarding event for women.
Three teenagers swept the podium at the street event with 13-year-old Momiji Nishiya of Japan taking the gold medal, 13-year-old Rayssa Leal of Brazil getting silver and 16-year-old Funa Nakayama of Japan winning bronze.

core special teams player, a wildcat option in short-yardage and goal-line situations. Maybe even an emergency QB.
Although some question how such a polarizing figure, one who already failed to stick as a quarterback and as an outfielder, fits in an NFL locker room, teammates have publicly welcomed Tebow.
“He's attacking special-teams drills. He's attacking every drill. He's running drill to drill. Everything is high energy with him,” Jaguars quarterback Gardner Minshew said on former NFL defensive end Chris Long's podcast last week. “If he messes something up ... it affects him. He doesn't like it. He wants to get it right. He's going to go to the side, get a couple reps, get it right and come back in. And he's just a guy that genuinely wants it, man. It's awesome to see.”
How Tebow's comeback story ends will be determined over the next five weeks — or maybe longer. He has practice squad eligibility, so he could land there to start the 2021 season and work to better hone his new position. In the meantime, Minshew, for one, will enjoy the opportunity to play alongside a guy whose No. 15 jersey (Tebow is wearing 85 now) he wore growing up.
“He's a pretty bad dude,” Minshew said. “It's so cool, man. And you meet him and he's everything you'd want him to be and more. Like, it's so cool.”

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Boston	62	39	.614	—	—	7-3	W-2	32-20	30-19	
Tampa Bay	60	40	.600	1½	—	7-3	L-1	30-18	30-22	
New York	51	47	.520	9½	3½	5-5	L-1	27-23	24-24	
Toronto	49	47	.510	10½	4½	5-5	L-2	22-22	27-25	
Baltimore	34	64	.347	26½	20½	6-4	W-3	16-30	18-34	
Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Chicago	59	41	.590	—	—	5-5	L-1	35-17	24-24	
Cleveland	49	48	.505	8½	5	4-6	W-1	25-22	24-26	
Detroit	47	54	.465	12½	9	7-3	L-3	28-22	19-32	
Kansas City	43	55	.439	15	11½	7-3	W-6	26-24	17-31	
Minnesota	42	58	.420	17	13½	3-7	L-2	23-28	19-30	
West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Houston	61	39	.610	—	—	7-3	W-3	34-20	27-19	
Oakland	56	45	.554	5½	—	5-5	L-3	30-24	26-21	
Seattle	54	46	.540	7	1½	6-4	W-3	32-21	22-25	
Los Angeles	49	49	.500	11	5½	5-5	W-2	27-22	22-27	
Texas	35	65	.350	26	20½	0-10	L-12	22-25	13-40	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
New York	53	45	.541	—	—	6-4	W-1	31-16	22-29	
Philadelphia	50	49	.505	3½	6½	5-5	W-2	30-19	20-30	
Atlanta	49	51	.490	5	8	4-5	L-1	26-25	23-26	
Washington	45	54	.455	8½	11½	3-7	L-5	27-25	18-29	
Miami	43	57	.430	11	14	4-6	W-2	24-23	19-34	
Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Milwaukee	58	42	.580	—	—	5-5	L-1	29-24	29-18	
Cincinnati	51	48	.515	6½	5½	4-6	L-1	26-26	25-22	
St. Louis	50	50	.500	8	7	6-4	W-1	28-20	22-30	
Chicago	49	51	.490	9	8	5-5	W-1	30-18	19-33	
Pittsburgh	38	61	.384	19½	18½	5-5	L-1	21-26	17-35	
West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
San Francisco	62	37	.626	—	—	5-5	W-1	31-15	31-22	
Los Angeles	61	40	.604	2	—	5-5	W-2	33-18	28-22	
San Diego	58	44	.569	5½	—	5-4	L-2	33-19	25-25	
Colorado	43	56	.434	19	13½	5-5	L-2	33-20	10-36	
Arizona	31	70	.307	32	26½	5-5	L-1	19-30	12-40	

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Braves 2, Mets 0; Mets 1, Braves 0: Jeff McNeil laced his second go-ahead hit in two days, when his RBI double in the fifth inning sent the Mets over the Braves and a doubleheader split. Kyle Muller threw five sharp innings to earn his second big league victory in the opener.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4: Alex Verdugo hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the AL East-leading Boston Red Sox rallied late for the second straight game. Boston star Rafael Devers added a solo homer on the four-year anniversary of his first major-league shot. Bo Bichette hit a two-run homer for fourth-place Toronto, which fell to 10½ games behind in the East.

Phillies 6, Nationals 5: Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Phillies a victory over the sinking Nationals. Rhys Hoskins also had a

three-run homer for the second-place Phillies, who are 3 1/2 games behind the New York Mets in the NL East.

Royals 4, White Sox 3: Jorge Soler hit two home runs for the second straight game and the Kansas City Royals extended their winning streak to six games. Mike Minor (8-8) gave the Royals their fifth quality start in the last six games. He allowed two runs on three hits over six innings

LATE
Detroit at Minnesota
Colorado at L.A. Angels
Houston at Seattle
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs

TODAY'S GAMES
Miami (Alcantara 5-9) at Baltimore (Watkins 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 2-5) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Fedde 4-7) at Philadelphia (Moore 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Morton 9-3) at N.Y. Mets (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 3-5) at Tampa Bay (McClanahan 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 7-6) at Cleveland (Quantrill 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Ray 8-2) at Boston (Richards 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Widener 1-0) at Texas (Dunning 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Gutierrez 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Alzolay 4-10), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Cease 7-6) at Kansas City (Keller 7-9), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Alexander 1-1) at Minnesota (Maeda 4-4), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Gomber 7-5) at L.A. Angels (Suarez 4-3), 9:38 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Urias 12-3) at San Francisco (Webb 4-3), 9:45 p.m.
Houston (McCullers Jr. 7-2) at Seattle (Flexen 9-4), 10:10 p.m.
Oakland (Kaprielian 5-3) at San Diego (Paddock 6-6), 10:10 p.m.

BOX SCORES

Atlanta 2, N.Y. Mets 0

Atlanta					New York				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	rh	bi	
Pederson rf	4	0	1	1	Villar ss	1	0	1	0
Albies 2b	4	0	1	0	Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0
Freeman 1b	3	0	2	0	Conforto rf	3	0	0	0
Riley 3b	3	0	1	0	Davis 3b	3	0	0	0
Swanson ss	4	1	1	0	Do.Smith lf	3	0	0	0
Vogt c	3	0	1	0	Pillar cf	3	0	1	0
Arcia lf	3	0	0	1	Nido c	3	0	1	0
Almonte lf	0	0	0	0	Guillorme 2b	2	0	0	0
Heredia cf	3	1	2	0	c-McCann ph	1	0	0	0
Muller p	2	0	1	0	Stroman p	1	0	1	0
Sandoval ph	1	0	0	0	Drury ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	30	2	10	2	Totals	24	0	5	0
Atlanta	001 100				0—2				
New York	000 000				0—0				
DP—Atlanta 2, New York 1. LOB—Atlanta 9, New York 5. 2B—Heredia (22), Pederson (2), Swanson (24), Drury (2).									
IP H R ER BB SO									
Muller, W, 2-3	5	4	0	0	2	3			
Matzek, H, 10	1	0	0	0	0	1			
W.Smith, S, 20-22	1	0	0	0	0	0			
New York									
Stroman, L, 7-9	5	8	2	2	1	4			
Castro	2	2	0	0	1	4			
Umpires—Home, Brian Knight; First, Malachi Moore; Second, Jose Navas; Third, Doug Eddings.									
T—2:12.									

N.Y. Mets 1, Atlanta 0

Game 2										
Atlanta	ab r h bi				New York	ab rh bi				
Pederson rf	3	0	1	0	Nimmo cf	2	1	1	0	
Albies 2b	2	0	0	0	Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0	
Freeman 1b	3	0	0	0	McNeil 2b	3	0	2	1	
Riley 3b	3	0	2	0	Pillar pr-lf	0	0	0	0	
Swanson ss	3	0	1	0	Do.Smith lf	1	0	0	0	
Heredia cf	3	0	0	0	Lugo p	0	0	0	0	
Almonte lf	3	0	0	0	E.Diaz p	0	0	0	0	
K.Smith c	2	0	0	0	Davis 3b	3	0	1	0	
Wilson p	1	0	0	0	Conforto rf	3	0	1	0	
Chavez p	0	0	0	0	Villar ss	3	0	0	0	
Adrianza ph	1	0	0	0	McCann c	3	0	1	0	
					Blankenhorn ph	1	0	0	0	
					Guillorme ph	1	0	0	0	
Totals	24	0	4	0	Totals	23	1	6	1	
Atlanta	000 000				0—0					
New York	000 010				x—1					
DP—Atlanta 1, New York 1. LOB—Atlanta 4, New York 7. 2B—Davis (5), McNeil (7).										
IP H R ER BB SO										
Atlanta										
Wilson	3	4	0	0	1	2				
Chavez	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Jackson, L, 1-2	1	2	1	1	1	1				
Newcomb	1	0	0	0	0	1				
New York										



Associated Press

New York Mets' Jeff McNeil reacts Monday after hitting an RBI double in the fifth inning of the second game of a doubleheader against Atlanta in New York. The Mets won 1-0 for a split.



Associated Press

Boston's Hunter Renfroe scores in the second inning Monday against Toronto at Fenway Park in Boston.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

1918 — Brooklyn rookie Henry Heitman completed one of the shortest careers in major league history. Heitman appeared on the mound against the St. Louis Cardinals, gave up four consecutive hits and then left the game, never to play a major league game again.

1930 — Ken Ash of Cincinnati got his last major league victory by throwing one pitch. Ash came into relieve in the fifth inning and got Chicago's Charlie Grimm to hit into a triple play. Ash was removed for a pinch hitter and the Reds beat the Cubs 6-5.

1946 — Rudy York of Boston hit two grand slams and drove in 10 runs as the Red Sox beat the St. Louis Browns 13-6.

1978 — Duane Kuiper of Cleveland tied a major league record by becoming the third player in the 20th century to hit two triples in a game. Both came with the bases loaded as the Indians beat the New York Yankees 17-5.

1984 — Montreal's Pete Rose passed Ty Cobb for the most singles in a career with No. 3,053, against the Philadelphia Phillies.

1986 — Two 300-game winners faced each other , with Don Sutton going six strong innings to outpitch Tom Seaver and give the California Angels a 3-0 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

2008 — Oakland reliever Brad Ziegler recorded six outs to set a major league record with 27 scoreless innings

to begin his career. Ziegler broke the previous mark of 25 innings set by Philadelphia Phillies right-hander George McQuillan in 1907.

2009 — Washington's Josh Willingham became the 13th player to hit two grand slams in a game, doing so in the Nationals' 14-6 win at Milwaukee.

2011 — Ervin Santana pitched the first solo no-hitter for the Angels in nearly 27 years, striking out 10 and leading Los Angeles over Cleveland 3-1.

2011 — The Tampa Bay Rays broke one of baseball's oldest records when they played their 705th consecutive game with a starting pitcher younger than 30 years old. The Rays lost to Oakland 13-4.

2013 — Tampa Bay Rays rookie Chris Archer helped American League teams pitch a trio of 1-0 games, the first time that's happened on the same day in nearly a half-century. The last time three AL games ended 1-0 on the same day was Sept. 4, 1965. Archer and Tampa Bay edged New York at Yankee Stadium, Justin Masterson and the Cleveland bullpen blanked Texas and Wade Davis and Royals relievers shut out the Chicago White Sox by the same 1-0 score.

2017 — The Nationals tied a franchise record with eight home runs, including two apiece by Bryce Harper and Ryan Zimmerman, in a 15-2 rout of the Milwaukee Brewers.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Guerrero Jr., Toronto, .328; Brantley, Houston, .326; Mullins, Baltimore, .317; Gurriel, Houston, .313; Bogaerts, Boston, .309; D.Fletcher, Los Angeles, .307; T. Anderson, Chicago, .303; Martinez, Boston, .299; Bichette, Toronto, .296; T.Hernández, Toronto, .296.

RUNS—Bichette, Toronto, 77; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 77; Semien, Toronto, 74; Altuve, Houston, 73; Haniger, Seattle, 70; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 68; Devers, Boston, 67; Martinez, Boston, 67; Olson, Oakland, 65; J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 64. RBI—Devers, Boston, 81; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 80; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 75; J.Abreu, Chicago, 75; Meadows, Tampa Bay, 71; Bichette, Toronto, 67; Olson, Oakland, 66; Walsh, Los Angeles, 66; Martinez, Boston, 64; Alvarez, Houston, 63; Grichuk, Toronto, 63.

HITS—Mullins, Baltimore, 118; Bichette, Toronto, 116; D.Fletcher, Los Angeles, 115; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 114; Schoop, Detroit, 109; Bogaerts, Boston, 108; Martinez, Boston, 108; T.Anderson, Chicago, 107; Perez, Kansas City, 107; Semien, Toronto, 107.

DOUBLES—Bogaerts, Boston, 29; Martinez, Boston, 28; Mullins, Baltimore, 28; Devers, Boston, 26; Brantley, Houston, 25; Candelario, Detroit, 24; K.Hernández, Boston, 24; Semien, Toronto, 24; Wendte, Tampa Bay, 24; Meadows, Tampa Bay, 23; Merrifield, Kansas City, 23; Olson, Oakland, 23; Walsh, Los Angeles, 23.

TRIPLES—Baddoo, Detroit, 5; Arraez, Minnesota, 4; Canha, Oakland, 4; Madrigal, Chicago, 4; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 4; A.Rosario, Cleveland, 4; 11 tied at 3.

HOME RUNS—Ohtani, Los Angeles, 35; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 32; Olson, Oakland, 27; Devers, Boston, 27; Haniger, Seattle, 25; Gallo, Texas, 24; Semien, Toronto, 24; Altuve, Houston, 23; Perez, Kansas City, 23; A.García, Texas, 22; Walsh, Los Angeles, 22.

STOLEN BASES—Merrifield, Kansas City, 25; T.Anderson, Chicago, 16; Mullins, Baltimore, 16; Kiner-Falefa, Texas, 15; Moore, Seattle, 15; Straw, Houston, 15; Baddoo, Detroit, 14; Bichette, Toronto, 13; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 13; Goodrum, Detroit, 12; Grossman, Detroit, 12; Phillips, Tampa Bay, 12.

PITCHING—Civale, Cleveland, 10-2; Bassitt, Oakland, 10-2; Greinke, Houston, 10-3; Lynn, Chicago, 10-3; G.Cole, New York, 10-5; Flexen, Seattle, 9-4; Eovaldi, Boston, 9-5; Ryu, Toronto, 9-5; Pivetta, Boston, 8-4; Rodón, Chicago, 8-4. ERA—Lynn, Chicago, 1.91; Rodón, Chicago, 2.24; G.Cole, New York, 2.74; Gibson, Texas, 2.87; Ray, Toronto, 3.13; Manaea, Oakland, 3.16; Civale, Cleveland, 3.32; Flexen, Seattle, 3.35; Ryu, Toronto, 3.44; Bassitt, Oakland, 3.46.

STRIKEOUTS—G.Cole, New York, 166; Rodón, Chicago, 145; Ray, Toronto, 142; Giolito, Chicago, 136; Bassitt, Oakland, 132; Cease, Chicago, 132; Bieber, Cleveland, 130; Manaea, Oakland, 128; Berrios, Minnesota, 126; Glasnow, Tampa Bay, 123.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—N.Castellanos, Cincinnati, .329; A.Frazier, San Diego, .324; T.Turner, Washington, .320; Reynolds, Pittsburgh, .312; Segura, Philadelphia, .312; J.Turner, Los Angeles, .301; Winker, Cincinnati, .299; Soto, Washington, .292; F.Freeman, Atlanta, .291; B.Harper, Philadelphia, .289; Tatis Jr., San Diego, .289.

RUNS—Tatis Jr., San Diego, 76; C.Taylor, Los Angeles, 73; Acuña Jr., Atlanta, 72; F.Freeman, Atlanta, 70; Cronenworth, San Diego, 67; T.Turner, Washington, 65; Betts, Los Angeles, 63; Soto, Washington, 63; Winker, Cincinnati, 63; Albies, Atlanta, 60; M.Machado, San Diego, 60.

RBI—Aguilar, Miami, 71; Duvall, Miami, 68; M.Machado, San Diego, 68; Tatis Jr., San Diego, 67; Albies, Atlanta, 66; E.Escobar, Arizona, 65; Báez, Chicago, 64; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 62; Arenado, St. Louis, 61; Muncy, Los Angeles, 59; Alonso, New York, 59; N.Castellanos, Cincinnati, 59.

HITS—A.Frazier, San Diego, 125; T.Turner, Washington, 124; N.Castellanos, Cincinnati, 111; Reynolds, Pittsburgh, 111; F.Freeman, Atlanta, 107; Winker, Cincinnati, 107; Cronenworth, San Diego, 102; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 102; J.Turner, Los Angeles, 102; Edman, St. Louis, 101.

DOUBLES—Albies, Atlanta, 30; N.Castellanos, Cincinnati, 29; A.Frazier, San Diego, 28; Arenado, St. Louis, 27; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 26; Betts, Los Angeles, 25; Swanson, Atlanta, 24; Reynolds, Pittsburgh, 23.

TRIPLES—D.Peralta, Arizona, 7; Albies, Atlanta, 5; Cronenworth, San Diego, 5; Hampson, Colorado, 5; A.Frazier, San Diego, 4; 18 tied at 3.

HOME RUNS—Tatis Jr., San Diego, 30; Schwarber, Washington, 25; Acuña Jr., Atlanta, 24; F.Freeman, Atlanta, 23; Muncy, Los Angeles, 22; Duvall, Miami, 22; Alonso, New York, 22; Báez, Chicago, 22; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 22; E.Escobar, Arizona, 22.

STOLEN BASES—Tatis Jr., San Diego, 23; S.Marte, Miami, 21; T.Turner, Washington, 21; Tapia, Colorado, 18; Acuña Jr., Atlanta, 17; Edman, St. Louis, 17; Story, Colorado, 17; Albies, Atlanta, 13; Báez, Chicago, 13; Hampson, Colorado, 13; Pham, San Diego, 13.

PITCHING—J.Urias, Los Angeles, 10-3; Hendricks, Chicago, 12-4; Buehler, Los Angeles, 10-1; DeSclafani, San Francisco, 10-4; Morton, Atlanta, 9-3; Wood, San Francisco, 9-3; Gausman, San Francisco, 9-4; Suter, Milwaukee, 9-5; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 9-7; Flaherty, St. Louis, 8-1.

ERA—Burnes, Milwaukee, 2.12; Woodruff, Milwaukee, 2.14; Gausman, San Francisco, 2.21; F.Peralta, Milwaukee, 2.29; Buehler, Los Angeles, 2.31; T.Rogers, Miami, 2.37; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 2.37; Bauer, Los Angeles, 2.59; Stroman, New York, 2.63; Miley, Cincinnati, 2.72.

STRIKEOUTS—Wheeler, Philadelphia, 160; Burnes, Milwaukee, 146; Woodruff, Milwaukee, 146; deGrom, New York, 146; Scherzer, Washington, 142; Gausman, San Francisco, 140; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 140; F.Peralta, Milwaukee, 140; Bauer, Los Angeles, 137.

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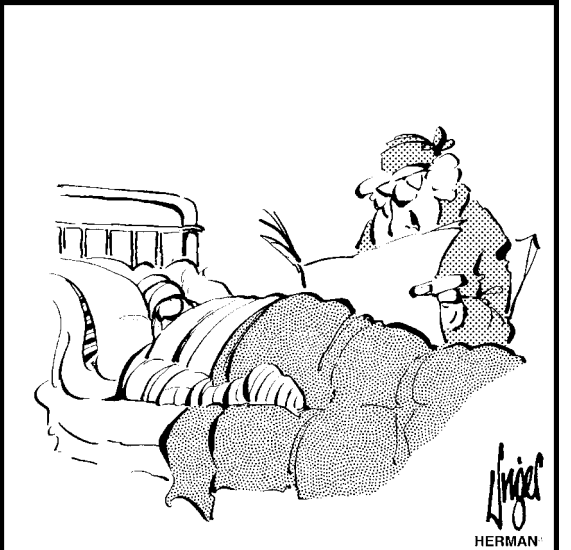
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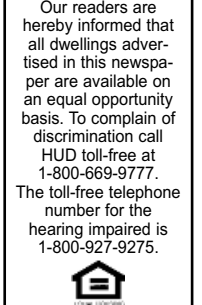
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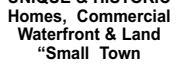
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2		3				8		6
	3			9	1		5	
		1			7	2		
	7		4	5				
8		9				6		1
	1					7		
				3			9	

Solution to Monday's puzzle

7/27/21

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

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

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Tuesday, July 27, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- HATRED

(HATRED: HAY-tred: Extreme dislike.)

Average mark 21 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 26 or more words in HATRED?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- ACTUALITY

actual	catty	tact	lacy
acuity	city	tail	laic
alit	clay	talc	laity
atilt	cult	taut	
attic	tacit	tautly	
cattail	tacitly	tilt	

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 Help letters

4 Trims back

8 Make a mad dash

12 Completely

13 Eros, in Rome

14 Reason to cram

15 Result in (3 wds.)

17 Strauss of denim

18 Roman garments

19 Diving duck

20 Koan discipline

22 Rocky Mountain hrs.

23 Good-natured

26 Self-images

28 Ordinance

31 Pandora's boxful

32 Get-up-and-go

33 Groom's reply (2 wds.)

34 Large green parrot

35 Yes, in Yokohama

36 Sharif or Bradley

37 Telepathy, briefly

38 European capital

39 Hide-and-seek, e.g.

40 Church seat

41 Milk qty.

43 Stew ingredient

46 Driver's choice

50 Old Norse poem

51 Construction material

54 Blue-pencil

55 Akron's home

56 Peggy or Brenda

57 Treats fractures

58 Gulp down

59 Not Dem. or Rep.

DOWN

1 Road crew's supply

2 Bread spread

3 Refinery waste

4 Make happen

5 Ref's cousin

6 Tyke

7 Marquee notice, for short

8 Ignited again

9 Canned

10 Underground chamber

11 Sultan's cousin

16 Stuns

19 Superman's emblem

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24 Lands in "la mer"

25 Give a hand

27 Paraphernalia

28 Capital of Peru

29 Father of Seth

30 Sported

36 Leering sort

38 Stiller of "Zoolander"

40 Limerick writers

42 Wide cravat

43 Raw metals

44 Disrobed

45 No future

47 Eatery

48 -- --foot pole

49 Have occasion for

51 Male swan

52 Melodrama shout

53 Nothing

Answer to Previous Puzzle

DUE		KLM		YEA
ERG		AHOOT		ALI
ESA		HANOI		WIN
	ADD	ING	BFLAT	
		OKS	EEO	
ELATE			ATTRACT	
TINE		PTA	III	
CRO		ROT	ERNE	
HEXAGON			LOSER	
	WES	RON		
YOKES			LEASED	
URN		SAULT	YAM	
MAE		OPRAH	ERA	
ALE		REX	DEW	

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1. Daunt Toronto ballplayers (1)

2. Half-dozen small shaving cuts (1)

3. River embankment gaggle of girls (2)

4. Scathingly reviewed a rock group (1)

5. Daylong pleasure trip moping (2)

6. Dinner enjoyer's tab picker-uppers (2)

7. Hyde's alter ego's brownish skin spots (2)

5. OUTTING POUTING 6. EATERS TREATERS 7. JEKYL'S FRECKLES

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