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NEWS BRIEFS

Details from fatal crash

A 52-year-old Homosassa woman was killed Wednesday afternoon in a crash on State Road 44 in Crystal River.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the crash occurred at approximately 1 p.m. near the corner of S.R. 44 and Sunshine Path. Taylor Kofmehl, 25, of Crystal River was traveling eastbound on S.R. 44 in the turn lane east of Sunshine Path when his 2007 Chevrolet truck traveled into the inside westbound lane. Janice Corona, 52, of Homosassa was traveling westbound in the inside lane. The left front side of Kofmehl's truck reportedly struck the left front section of Corona's 2009 Chrysler 300 sedan. Kofmehl's truck partially overturned and came to rest in the westbound lanes of S.R. 44.

Corona suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene of the crash, according to the report. Kofmehl was transported to Citrus Memorial Hospital for treatment of his injuries. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, and alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the crash.

— Carly Zervis/staff writer

Woman killed in car crash

A 77-year-old Inverness woman was killed Wednesday afternoon in the second fatal crash of the day.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the crash occurred at approximately 4:26 p.m. when Joshua N. Marsden, 23, of Inverness, lost control of his 2007 Nissan 350Z while traveling westbound at a high rate of speed on State Road 44 in the area of Arlene Avenue. Marsden's vehicle reportedly rotated across the eastbound lanes and into the path of a 2010 Honda Civic driven by the woman, whose name was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The woman, who was wearing her seatbelt, died after being transported to Citrus Memorial Hospital for treatment of her injuries. Marsden, who was not wearing his seatbelt, sustained serious injuries and was transported to Ocala Regional Medical Center. Alcohol is not suspected to be a factor in the crash.

— Brad Baulista/staff writer

Prepare for more chills

Citrus County will wake up this morning to a hard freeze, with lows between 20-27 degrees. Highs today will be near 49 under sunny skies, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). The overnight low will be 28.

The NWS said this prolonged period of cold weather is expected through Saturday. A significant warm up will begin Sunday.

Due to the freezing temperatures, The Salvation Army's cold night shelter will again be open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. tonight at 712 S. School Ave. in Lecanto. Based on the forecast, it will most likely stay open tonight and Saturday night.

— Michael D. Bates/staff writer

Aborted hug ruffles court

Judge denies defendant chance to attend funeral of mother killed in car crash

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Courtroom bailiffs separated a cuffed defendant and his brother Thursday morning, when the siblings tried to hug each other without permission over the sudden death of their mother.

As Citrus County deputies were escorting Joseph Michael Corona Darmiento out of felony court to return to jail, a man, claiming to be

Darmiento's brother, approached him from the gallery with outstretched arms.

A pair of bailiffs quickly intervened, keeping Darmiento back while pushing his supposed brother back behind the swinging doors that divides the gallery and the courtroom well.

"He's my brother!" the man yelled at deputies,



Joseph Darmiento

who threatened the man with jail time if he continued to be uncooperative.

For security purposes, Circuit Judge Richard "Ric" Howard left his bench and returned after those involved had left without further incident.

Prior to the incident, Howard had scheduled Darmiento's trial for the week of March 12, when

the 26-year-old Homosassa man will defend against two felony cases from 2017.

Darmiento told Howard his mother, 52-year-old Janice Corona, died Wednesday in a traffic crash, and pleaded with Howard for a furlough to participate in his mother's funeral services.

Corona, also of Homosassa, died Thursday afternoon on State Road 44 at the intersection with Sunshine Path, near Crystal River, after 25-year-old

Taylor P.J. Kofmehl and his pickup truck collided with her car, according to Florida Highway Patrol. (See related brief on this page.)

"I just want to see her," Darmiento told Howard. "I'm not a flight risk of any kind."

"I'm sorry, that's not going to happen," responded Howard, who also offered his condolences to Darmiento and his family for their loss.

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New gas plant to go online in 2018



This aerial photo shows the Duke Energy gas plant under construction in November 2017. Special to the Chronicle

As new year begins, leaders strike optimistic tone on business development

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Almost three years ago, about 200 people gathered on a windy morning at a cleared 400-acre field at Duke Energy's Crystal River complex to hear the announcement that work would start on its new combined-cycle natural gas plant.

About halfway through 2018, Duke Energy anticipates bringing the first 820 megawatts online. The second 820 megawatts is slated to go online by

December. And once it starts producing electricity this year, Duke will retire its two 1960s-era coal-fired units at the site.

When finished, the plant will receive natural gas through the new Sabal Trail pipeline that starts in Alabama, extends through Georgia and ends in Central Florida.

Of course, now that the project is entering the completion phase, temporary workers will start leaving the area and moving on to other projects elsewhere in the nation. That's the

nature of the business.

Many of those temporary workers were employees with Fluor, the project's engineering, procurement and construction contractor. From a high of 2,600 workers at the peak of construction, that number as of December was down to about 2,000, according to Fluor spokeswoman Jamie Breme.

Josh Wooten, president of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, said the removal of so many temporary workers is concerning for the economy,

which benefited from having them spend money locally.

"I'm concerned that the conclusion of the gas plant construction will have a negative impact," Wooten said recently. "As jobs on that massive project wind down, it will and may already be affecting our local businesses. We can't stress enough how important it is to support our local businesses."

Crystal River City Manager Dave Burnell echoed those

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Blizzard blasts Atlantic coast

SUSAN HAIGH
DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A massive winter storm roared into the East Coast on Thursday, threatening to dump as much as 18 inches of snow from the Carolinas to Maine and unleashing hurricane-force winds and flooding that closed schools and offices and halted transportation systems.

Forecasters expected the storm to be followed immediately by a blast of face-stinging cold air that could break records in more than two dozen cities and bring wind chills as low as minus 40 degrees this weekend.

Blizzard warnings and states of emergency were in wide effect, and wind gusts hit more than 70 mph in some places. Eastern Massachusetts and most of Rhode Island braced for as



A woman walks down snow-covered Maverick Street Thursday in Boston. much as 3 inches of snow per hour.

Four people were killed in North and South Carolina after their vehicles ran off snow-covered roads, authorities said. Another fatality was reported near Philadelphia when a car could not stop at the bottom of a steep, snow-covered hill and slammed into a commuter train. A passenger in the vehicle was killed. No

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State trying to remove two boats

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

State officials are investigating a pair of stranded boats at the mouth of the Crystal River.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, or FWC, is working with the owners to expedite the removal of these vessels, located near Shell Island, FWC spokeswoman Karen Parker said.

FWC has deemed both vessels to be derelict but not a hazard to other boaters, according to the agency's website.

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Around the
COUNTY

Expect night lane closures on US 19

Periodic lane closures may take place in each direction of U.S. 19 (Suncoast Boulevard) from West Green Acres Street to South Jump Court between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights.

Be alert to possible lane shifts.

Items to keep warm sought

The New Church Without Walls is collecting clean, warm, jackets, coats and sweaters and giving the away to the people who need them through 3 p.m. Friday. Leftovers will be given to CUB and the Family Resource Center.

Also, the church is giving away free blankets.

The church is at 2577 N. Florida Ave., Hernando. Call the church office at 352-344-2425.

Ag Alliance meets Monday

Marcelo Wallau, new forage extension specialist, will be the guest speaker at Monday's meeting of the Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County.

The alliance meets at 8 a.m. at the Citrus County Extension Office, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Ste. 1, Lecanto. Formed in 2009, the alliance's mission is to build relationships through community education on the environmental and economic benefits of sustainable agriculture in Citrus County.

—Michael D. Bates

Putnam to bring campaign

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam is bringing his campaign for governor to Citrus County.

M&B Dairy in Lecanto is hosting a campaign barbecue for Putnam at the dairy, 8760 S. Lecanto Highway.

The event is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. It is free and open to the public.

—From staff reports

Bill would ease regulation

With the House ready to move quickly on the issue, a Senate Republican on Wednesday filed a proposal to repeal the long-controversial "certificate of need" regulatory process for hospitals.

Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, filed the measure (SB 1492) as lawmakers prepare to start the 2018 session next Tuesday. Brandes' bill is identical to a House version (HB 27), filed by Rep. Heather Fitzhagen, R-Fort Myers, that is ready to go to the full House for a vote.

Under certificate-of-need laws, hospitals are required to get approval from the state Agency for Health Care Administration before they can build facilities or add new services. House Republican leaders and Gov. Rick Scott have long wanted to repeal the regulations but have been stymied in the Senate.

—News Service of Florida

Correction

Due to incorrect information provided to the Chronicle, a story on 3A of Thursday's edition, "Fire destroys home," contained wrong information. The fire destroyed a home owned by Lilburn Marvin and Karen Parker at 2281 N. Trucks Ave. Hernando. Readers can alert the Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing newsdesk@chronicleonline.com or by calling 352-563-5660.

FPL delays recoup of Irma costs

Tax overhaul implications being studied

JIM SAUNDERS
The News Service Of Florida

After saying in October it expected to collect an estimated \$1.3 billion, Florida Power & Light has

put on hold a plan to bill customers for the costs of restoring electricity after Hurricane Irma.

FPL had been expected to file a petition last week with the Florida Public Service Commission and begin recouping the money from customers in March. But FPL spokesman Dave McDermitt said Wednesday the company has not moved forward with the plan, primarily because it is studying implications of

a federal tax overhaul approved last month by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump.

"While we were planning to file a cost recovery plan with the Public Service Commission by the end 2017, we now believe it is in the best interests of our customers to delay our filing to allow us time to have more accurate information and understand the complexities and implications of changes to

the federal tax code that occurred at the end of December," McDermitt said.

FPL's approach differs from Duke Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Co., which last week filed plans with the Public Service Commission to recoup a combined total of about \$600 million from customers. The money would cover costs related to Irma and the replenishment of storm reserves.

In a news release, Duke

said residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month would see a \$5.20 increase in their bills as of March. Duke said in its filing with the Public Service Commission that 1.3 million customers lost power in September at the height of Irma and that 12,528 contractors and employees were involved in the restoration work—the largest number in Duke Energy Florida's history.

Cold snap pushes manatee to springs

Closures should last until Sunday

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

More manatees are packing into warmer, in-shore spring waters to escape lethal offshore waters, prompting federal wildlife officials to close off several Crystal River springs to people.

On Wednesday, as a result of frigid Gulf waters, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, or USFWS, announced the emergency closures of House and Jurassic Springs, a pair of spring systems within USFWS' Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge in King's Bay.

It's likely the closures of these now-temporary manatee sanctuaries will remain in effect until at least Sunday morning to allow manatees safe refuge and Gulf temperatures to rise.

Three Sisters Springs, considered the central destination for manatee migrations, has been closed since Dec. 29 because of frigid offshore water temperatures.

Acting on a closure

protocol, implemented in November, USFWS closed Three Sisters' spring waters once Gulf temperatures reached below 17 degrees Celsius, or 62.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

Water temperatures near Shell Island, located at the mouth of the Crystal River, hovered between 45 and 55 degrees between Tuesday and Thursday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Palmer said Thursday she anticipates Three Sisters to be closed for another week.

USFWS recommends swimmers keep a respectful distance from groups of resting manatees found outside closed manatee sanctuaries.

Boaters must also be cautious when navigating through canals near manatee sanctuaries, as manatees rest in the middle of these canals and are less likely to react to surrounding boats.

Updates of closures and openings will be posted on the refuge's website, www.fws.gov/crystalriver, under "Important Information."

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916 or bthompson@chronicleonline.com.



Manatee congregate at the entrance to Three Sisters Springs in Crystal River on a cold morning.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

It's so cold in Florida, iguanas are falling from trees

JENNIFER KAY
Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH — It's so cold in Florida that iguanas are falling from their perches in suburban trees.

Temperatures dipped below 40 degrees Fahrenheit early Thursday in parts of South Florida, according to the National Weather Service in Miami.

That's chilly enough to immobilize green iguanas common in Miami's suburbs.

Palm Beach Post columnist Frank Cerabino tweeted a photograph of an iguana lying belly-up next to his swimming pool. WPEC-TV posted images of an iguana on its back on a Palm Beach County road.

The cold-blooded creatures native to Central and South America start to get sluggish when temperatures fall below 50 degrees, said Kristen Sommers, who oversees the nonnative fish and wildlife program for the



An iguana that froze lies near a pool after falling from a tree Thursday in Boca Raton. It's so cold in Florida that iguanas are falling from their perches in suburban trees.

Associated Press

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

If temperatures drop below that, iguanas freeze up. "It's too cold for them

to move," Sommers said.

They're not the only reptiles stunned by this week's cold snap: Sea turtles also stiffen up when temperatures fall. The wildlife commission's biologists have been rescuing cold-stunned sea turtles found floating listlessly on the water or near shore, but no such rescue is planned for iguanas.

Well-meaning residents finding stiffened iguanas are advised to leave them alone, as they may feel threatened and bite once they warm up.

"Don't assume that they're dead," Sommers said.

Green iguanas are an invasive species in Florida known for eating through landscaping and digging burrows that undermine infrastructure. They can grow over 5 feet long, and their droppings can be a potential source of salmonella bacteria, which causes food poisoning.

The wildlife commission has begun holding

workshops to train homeowners and property managers to trap or manage iguanas. The reptiles may be easier to catch this week, Sommers said.

"This provides an opportunity to capture some, but I'm not sure it's going to be cold enough for long enough to make enough of a difference," she said. "In most cases, they're going to warm back up and move around again, unless they're euthanized."

A two-week cold snap with temperatures below 40 degrees in 2010 killed off many iguanas, along with Burmese pythons and other invasive pests that thrive in South Florida's subtropical climate. Those populations have since rebounded.

Elsewhere in Florida, the effects of a brutal winter storm rolling up the East Coast were less exotic. It snowed briefly Wednesday in the state's capital, Tallahassee, for the first time in 28 years.

State BRIEFS

Temps plunge as Arctic air dips

The Arctic blast sweeping much of the country brought wind-chill warnings and the threat of frost as far south as Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where homeless shelters opened their doors for people

hoping to escape the cold.

The National Weather Service said the early morning temperatures in Fort Lauderdale and surrounding areas fell to around 40 degrees Thursday, ushering in the coldest weather the region has seen in several years.

The high will struggle to

reach 60 degrees by midday as far south as Miami. Update the temperatures were even colder.

Beachfront home collapses

PONTE VEDRA BEACH — An unoccupied beachfront house in Florida has partially

collapsed due to beach erosion.

The St. Johns Sheriff's Office posted pictures of the home on Facebook Wednesday, shortly after the structure began collapsing. No one was injured.

Sheriff's officials, along with fire rescue crews and building inspectors, secured the scene.

Ponte Vedra Beach is on Florida's northeast Atlantic coast.

The two-story structure is crumbling on the beach side. Large chunks of debris were visible along the beach.

Officials said a fence will be erected to keep people away from the home.

—From wire reports

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Greater stability will result if you play by the rules and keep personal matters in order. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Home improvements should be planned carefully. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Work in unison with others to make your community a better place. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Share your thoughts and stand behind your actions. Aries (March 21-April 19) — A social or professional opportunity will be tempting. Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Visit friends or relatives. Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Emotional disillusionment could send you in the wrong direction. Cancer (June 21-July 22) — You'll instinctively know the best way to get what you want. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Anger is a waste of time, and productivity is your best alternative. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Sign up and take part in an event or activity that will get you out of the house and making new acquaintances. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Partnerships should be your focus. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll have plenty of good ideas when it comes to your work and ways to get ahead. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll be easily misled by a good talker or someone who doesn't have all the facts.

ENTERTAINMENT

Final 'Game of Thrones' season set to air in 2019

NEW YORK — The final season of "Game of Thrones" will feature veterans of the show behind the scenes when it airs in 2019. HBO said Thursday that David Benioff, D.B. Weiss, David Nutter and Miguel Sapochnik will direct and Benioff and Weiss along with Bryan Cogman and Dave Hill will write the episodes. They will collaborate on the six-episode, eighth and last season. Weiss and Benioff have been co-creators, executive producers and showrunners for every season of the hit show. The others have all had roles creating the mythical world of author George R. R. Martin. When season seven ended late last year, an all-time high of 12.1 million viewers tuned in. An additional 4 million caught the episode on streaming channels.



Associated Press

Emilia Clarke as Daenerys Targaryen in a scene from "Game of Thrones." The final season of "Game of Thrones" will feature veterans of the show behind the scenes. HBO said Thursday that David Benioff, D.B. Weiss, David Nutter and Miguel Sapochnik will direct and Benioff and Weiss along with Bryan Cogman and Dave Hill will write the episodes. They will collaborate on the six-episode, eighth and last season, to air in 2019.

Childish Gambino, Lady Gaga to perform at Grammys

NEW YORK — Childish Gambino, Lady Gaga, Little Big Town and Pink will perform at the 60th Grammy Awards, which will also feature Broadway musical tributes by Patti LuPone and Ben Platt in honor of the show's return to New York City. The Recording Academy announced Thursday the first round of performers for the Jan. 28 awards show, held live from Madison Square Garden. Gambino will make his Grammy stage debut after being nominated for five awards, including album of the year and record of the year.

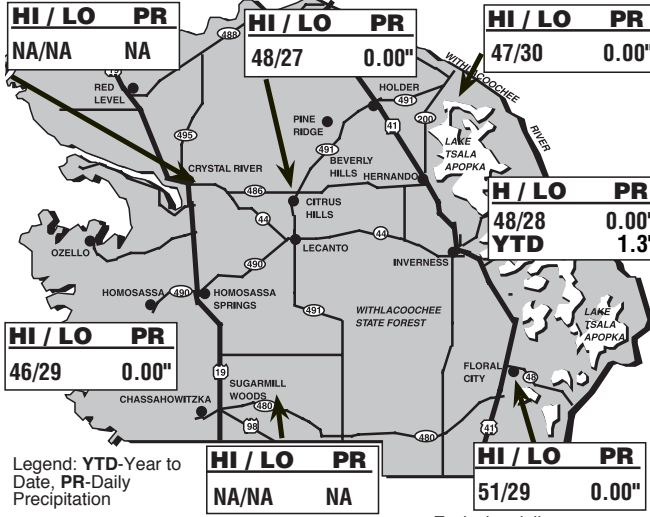
Ed Sheeran helps music industry hit a high note in 2017

NEW YORK — Ed Sheeran's album "Divide" was the most popular album of 2017, helping the music industry enjoy a growth spurt during the year, according to Nielsen Music. Sheeran's blockbuster album sold 2.764 million equivalent album units, which takes into account traditional album sales, downloads and streaming tracks. Kendrick Lamar's "DAMN." was next and Taylor Swift's "Reputation" was in No. 3. Nielsen Music reports overall consumption of albums and songs grew 12.5 percent over 2016. A 59 percent increase in on-demand audio streams offset declines in track and album sales. Vinyl album sales increased for the 12th consecutive year to reach a record 14.3M units. The biggest song of the year, in terms of total activity was the version of "Despacito" by Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High: 49° Low: 25° Sunny. Still chilly. SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING High: 54° Low: 32° Sunny. Milder. SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING High: 65° Low: 49° Partly cloudy.

ALMANAC

TEMPERATURE Thursday 48/33 Record* 84/28 Normal 70/43 Mean temp. 41 Departure from mean -16 PRECIPITATION Thursday 0.00" Total for the month 0.61" Total for the year 0.61" Normal for the year 0.45" DEW POINT Thursday at 3 p.m. 35° HUMIDITY Thursday at 3 p.m. 49% POLLEN COUNT** Today's active pollen: Juniper, Maple, Oak Today's count: 8.8/12 Saturday's count: 7.1 Sunday's count: 8.5 AIR QUALITY Thursday observed: Good Pollutant: PM 2.5

SOLAR TABLES

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON)

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 5:46 p.m. SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:23 a.m. MOONRISE TODAY 10:00 p.m. MOONSET TODAY 10:20 a.m.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: Moderate. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140.

WATERING RULES

Lawn watering is limited to twice-per-week unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours. Under the Southwest Florida Water Management District's year-round measures, even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; unincorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669. For more details, visit WaterMatters.org/Restrictions

TIDES

Table with columns: City, High, Low, Friday

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast

MARINE OUTLOOK

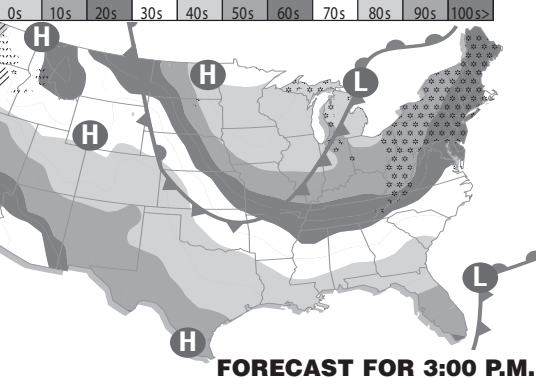
Today: North winds around 15 knots diminishing to 5 to 10 knots in the late morning and afternoon. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Tonight: Northeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Gulf water temperature 53° Taken at Aripaka

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, THU, WED, Full

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year.

THE NATION



WORLD CITIES

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2018. There are 360 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: On Jan. 5, 1953, Samuel Beckett's two-act tragicomedy "Waiting for Godot," considered a classic of the Theater of the Absurd, premiered in Paris. On this date: In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia. In 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election. In 1933, Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.) Ten years ago: Republican Mitt Romney won the Wyoming caucuses, picking up eight delegates; in a debate three days before the New Hampshire primary, Romney clashed with Mike Huckabee on foreign policy and John McCain on immigration. Five years ago: President Barack Obama hailed a last-minute deal with Congress that pulled the country back from the "fiscal cliff," but warned in his Saturday radio and Internet address that he would not compromise over his insistence that lawmakers lift the federal debt ceiling. One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump, in a series of tweets, urged Republicans and Democrats to "get together" to design a replacement for President Barack Obama's health care law. Today's Birthdays: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 90. Actor Robert Duvall is 87. Former talk show host Charlie Rose is 76. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 72. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 49. Actor Bradley Cooper is 43. Actress January Jones is 40. Thought for Today: "Wisdom is divided into two parts: (a) having a great deal to say, and (b) not saying it." — Author unknown.

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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is working with owners to have these two derelict vessels, shown above and below, removed from near Shell Island, at the mouth of the Crystal River.



BOATS

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Reported to FWC on Dec. 27, the blue-and-white boat partially submerged in roughly 6 feet of water to the

northeast of Shell Island.

Propped up against the shore of Shell Island, submerged in about four feet of water, is a 28-foot vessel, which was reported to FWC on Nov. 16.

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916 or bthompson@chronicleonline.com.

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Darmiento was then taken away by bailiffs before his brother came up to him.

Darmiento faces charges of aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer and resisting police without violence. He is accused of threatening a local deputy with a pair of shears in September when the deputy was questioning him about picking berries on private property.

Darmiento's second case includes charges of assault, robbery and two

counts of battery. He is accused of threatening and pulling his ex-girlfriend from a truck in October and shoving her into some store shelves, before stealing her purse, according to his arrest report.

Man takes plea deal

Christopher Lynn Watts admitted to violating his probation and took a plea deal to spend three years in prison.

Authorities arrested Watts in July in Michigan on a warrant, which charged the 30-year-old with failing to appear for a violation of probation court hearing on

June 26 in Inverness.

According to court documents, Watts violated his seven-year-long drug-offender probation, which was his sentence for an original December 2013 charge of aggravated battery, because he reportedly had narcotics in his possession.



Christopher Watts

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BUSINESS

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concerns to the Chronicle editorial board Wednesday. While the new plant was an initial economic boost for the city, the loss of temporary workers "will be big hit on Crystal River."

But on a bright note to start 2018, "many of (the) construction trades are hiring," Wooten added.

"If you want a job in that sector, you should be able to get one," he said. "There are many opportunities and specialized training programs such as the construction academy available."

Jim Green, chairman of the Citrus Business Alliance, is looking forward to a renewed economic development emphasis in 2018.

"I am hopeful that as we move into the new year that Citrus County will continue to provide a stable business environment that will attract additional new businesses to the area. The (county

commissioners') recent hiring of a director of economic development should send a message to business site selectors that Citrus County is a business-friendly community."

Commissioners in November hired Bruce Register to be its economic development director, ending a six-month search to fill the position.

Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said the hiring of Register should bring a new focus to the local business scene.

"I think anytime you hire a new director, there generally is new energy around that person and new ideas will come here — some things never tried before — to jump-start the business community."

Simpson said 2018 will also continue the county's commitment to improving roads and infrastructure which is vital to businesses seeking to relocate. The cleanup of local waterways will also reap long-term tourism benefits, he said.

Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-5660 or mbates@chronicleonline.com.

First baby of 2018 at Seven Rivers



Special to the Chronicle

At 2:02 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, proud parents Dionna and Jessie welcomed Jonah, their very own Baby New Year, into the world at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center. They were initially hesitant to receive media attention for their first major accomplishment of 2018, but the family gladly smiled for the camera after learning their friends delivered Citrus County's first baby of the new year a day earlier.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Department

Domestic battery arrests

■ **John Byrd Jr.**, 51, of Crystal River, at 11:58 p.m. Jan. 3 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

■ **Richard Moore**, 61, of Hernando, at 11:10 a.m. Jan. 3 on a misdemeanor charge of violating an injunction for protection against domestic violence.

■ **David Hubble**, 32, of Crystal River, at 10:32 a.m. Jan. 3 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

Other arrests

■ **John Demarest**, 39, of West Edge-wood Lane, Homosassa, at 8:09 p.m. Jan. 3 on two active warrants for 11 felony counts of car burglary, two felony counts of grand theft, and seven misdemeanor counts of petit theft. He was transported from the Bay County Correctional Facility to the Citrus County Detention Facility. His bond was set at \$33,500.

■ **David Holt**, 30, of Southeast 119th Street, Belleview, at 7:47 p.m. Jan. 3 on an active warrant for felony grand theft. He was transported from the Calhoun County Correctional Facility to the Citrus County Detention Facility. His bond was set at \$2,000.

■ **Shanequa McKinnon**, 25, of Poplar Street, Inverness, at 1:28 p.m. Jan. 3 on a felony charge of grand theft. According to her arrest affidavit, McKinnon is accused of stealing \$800 in cash from the China First Restaurant in Inverness, where she was employed at the time. She reportedly took the money from the register then walked off the job. Her bond was set at \$2,000.

■ **Gregory Hensley**, 49, of Southwest 148th Lane, Dunnellon, at 12:08 p.m. Jan. 3 on felony charges of possession of firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a controlled substance, along with a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. According to his arrest affidavit, Hensley was pulled over for a seat belt violation. He reportedly consented to a search of the vehicle and a Stevens Arms rifle and ammunition, approximately four grams of methamphetamine, and a glass pipe were found in his possession. His bond was set at \$13,000.

■ **Melvin Turbeville**, 47, of Northeast 169th Court, Silver Springs, at 11:45 a.m. Jan. 3 on a felony charge of possession of firearm by a convicted felon. According to his arrest affidavit, Turbeville was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over for a seat belt violation. The driver reportedly consented to a search of the vehicle and an unloaded New England Firearms rifle was found in his possession. His bond was set at \$10,000.

Burglary

■ A residential burglary was reported at 4:46 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the 11000 block of S. Turner Ave., Floral City.

Thefts

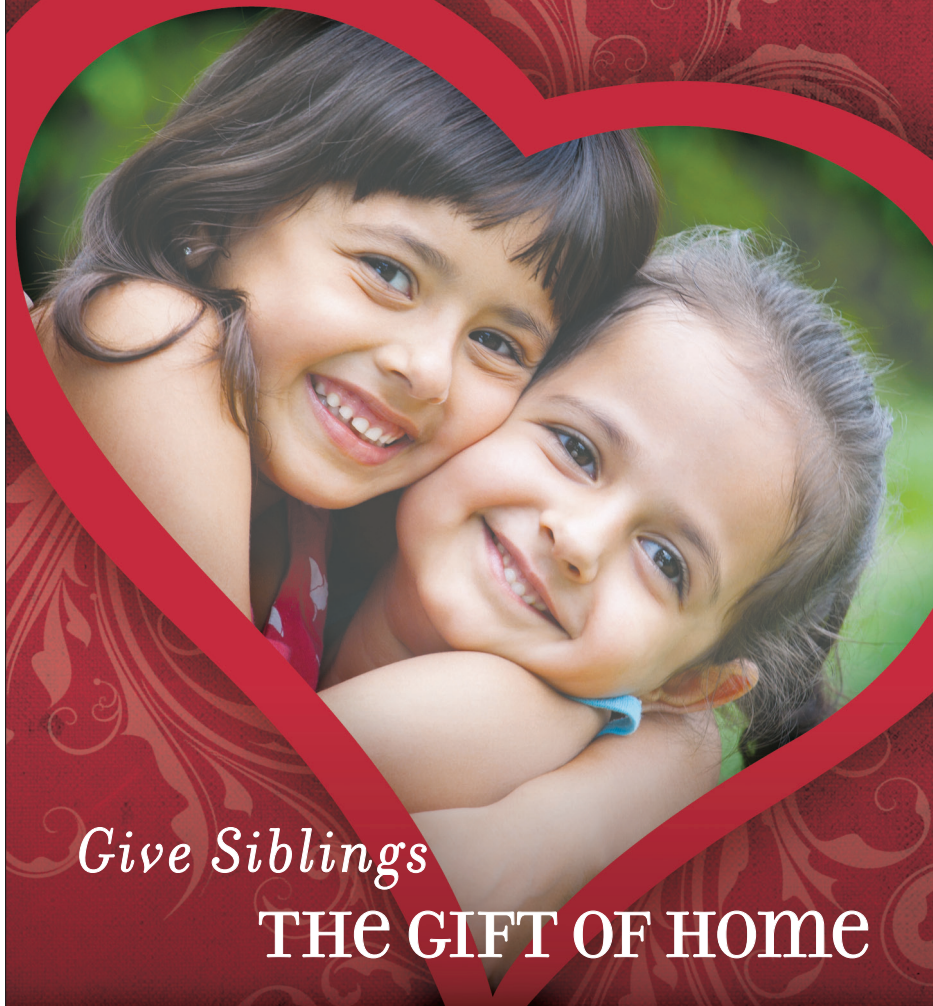
■ A grand theft was reported at 2:39 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the 7600 block of E. Stage Coach Trail, Floral City.

■ A grand theft was reported at 4:18 p.m. Jan. 2 in the 7500 block of W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa.

Vandalism

■ A vandalism was reported at 10:21 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the 1700 block of W. Gene Martin Lane, Dunnellon.

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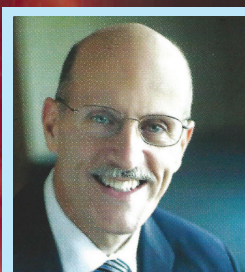
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Obituaries



William Hemmer, 96

BUSHNELL

William L. Hemmer, 96, of Bushnell, FL passed away January 4, 2018 at Citrus Health & Rehab in Inverness, FL.

He was born in Lincoln, NJ on August 28, 1921 to the late Frank and Belle Hemmer.



William Hemmer

William was an owner/operator of a cabinet shop, and a U.S. Air Force veteran of WWII. He arrived in this area in the 1980's, coming from Miami, and was previously living in Floral City, FL. William was a Deacon at Indian Hill Baptist Church in Bushnell, and enjoyed traveling and taking cruises. With his wife Elva, they took a train ride across Canada, cruised through the Panama Canal, and visited Acapulco, Mexico.

Left to mourn his passing is his loving wife of 18 years, Elva Hemmer. Other survivors include his son, John F. Hemmer and his wife Suzanne of Brooksville, FL; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. William was preceded in death by his sister Marion Gavin.

Private cremation arrangements under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

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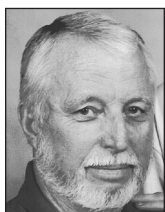


Wilbur Wisenbaker, 73

CRYSTAL RIVER

On the morning of January 2, 2018, Wilbur H Wisenbaker, age 73 of Crystal River, went to be with Jesus and to claim his new body free of pain and suffering. I lost my daddy who was my best friend, my mentor, my confidant and my pillar of strength. Strength and knowledge are the glue that has kept our family strong, and daddy, you were that glue.

Thank you daddy for not giving me everything I wanted, but for teaching me at a young age to work hard and how to do things for myself. You knew one day that you would no longer be here for guidance.



Wilbur Wisenbaker

That day has come daddy, and I don't know what I am going to do without you. But, I can hear you telling me, "don't cry for long, my strength runs through your veins and I know you will continue to make me proud. I will be watching from above."

I already miss our daily talks about anything and everything, the words of wisdom, the silly laughs, and this years birthday will not be the same without you calling me at the exact time I was "hatched" like you have for so many years. But, a part of you will live on through me and Randy. I love you daddy. I am at peace knowing you have finally got your new body. We will meet again one day soon. I know you will be waiting for me when my time comes.

Wilbur was born July 5, 1944 at home in Lake Park, GA to Jimmie Cleveland and Edna Bennett Wisenbaker. He moved to Citrus County in 1958 and was a 1962 graduate of Crystal River High School. He served our country honorably in the US Air Force and was an air traffic controller. He earned his business administration degree from CFCC and was also manager at Pete's Pier for 8 years.

During his life, he enjoyed fishing with his daddy, his daughter and friends. He was featured in the December 1983 issue of Florida Sportsman magazine for his bass fishing skill. He was also a pool shark, loved reminiscing with his family on trips to Valdosta/Lake Park, and sharing stories about his childhood. He had many fond memories of growing up on a farm and knew the definition of hard work.

In later years, he enjoyed his "cadillac" (golf cart), feeding the fish and turtles in the pond in his neighborhood, working in his yard, and visiting with his neighbors.

He is survived by his daughter, Tracy (Billy) Lawhon of Sneads Ferry, NC, his grandson, Randy Leigh of Richmond, VA, three sisters, Betty Sherry of Anaheim, CA, Diane Gallagher of Melbourne, FL, and Judy (Doug) Humphrey of Crystal River, FL and several neices and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmie Cleveland Wisenbaker, mother Edna Bennett Wisenbaker, brothers, Bobby Bishop and Jack Wisenbaker.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday January 6, 2018 at his home. For information contact Tracy at (352) 201-0175. Friends and family are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice. Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory of Crystal River assisted the family with arrangements.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Alicia Young, 88

CRYSTAL RIVER

Alicia Jennette Young 88 passed away January 2, 2018 at Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast. Alicia was born on July 23, 1929 in St. Petersburg Florida to Arthur Lee and Ruth Winifred (Miller) Armstrong.

She graduated from St. Paul's High School in St. Petersburg & moved to Crystal River in the summer of 1966 when her Husband Joseph A. Young II came to work at the Nuclear Plant in Red Level She was a Homemaker

Alicia was preceded in death by her Parents & her Husband Joseph A. Young II of 66 years.

She is survived by her Sister Arlene Atherton of Floral City, Florida, 1 Son Larry Young & Wife Rendy of Inglis Florida. 2 Daughters Sue Hamilton & Husband Bill of Crystal River Florida, Linda Stark & Husband Lane of Lakeland Florida. 4 Grandchildren Scott Hamilton & Wife Donna of Crystal River Florida, Jeff Young of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Lee Anne Boleware & husband Mac of Inglis Florida, & Christopher Stark of Crystal River, Florida. 8 Great Grandchildren, Michael Boleware of Unionville, Tennessee, Austin Boleware of Gainesville, Florida, Dillon Boleware of Citrus Springs, Florida, Justin & Dominick Boleware of Inglis, Florida, Alyssa & Garrett Hamilton of Crystal River, Florida & Dakota Young of Grand Prairie Texas. 2 neices Cheryl Green of Inverness Florida, Kathy Hollifield & husband Donnie of Plant City Florida, 3 nephews J.R. Atherton & wife Joyce of Homosassa Florida, Tommy Atherton of Americus Georgia, Kenny Atherton & wife Brenda of Tarpon Springs Florida.

Private Cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto Florida.

There will be a Memorial Service held at Citronelle Baptist Church on January 6, 2018 at 2pm with Bill Hamilton officiating.

In lieu of Flowers donations can be made to Hospice of Citrus and Nature Coast at 3350 W. Audubon Park Path Lecanto Florida 34461.

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Duke University Hospital, which is part of the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. A federal anti-trust complaint filed by Dr. Danielle Seaman, a former radiology professor at the university claims that Duke and the nearby University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill conspired to avoid competition by agreeing not to hire talent away from each other's medical enterprises. Both Duke and UNC deny the existence of the no-hire agreement.

Judge weighs depressed wages

Two NC schools under legal scrutiny

EMERY P. DALESIO
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A federal judge is deciding whether an alleged conspiracy between two neighboring research universities potentially depressed the wages of thousands of medical professionals in North Carolina.

U.S. District Judge Catherine Eagles listened for three hours Thursday to arguments on whether a former radiology professor's anti-trust lawsuit should be expanded to cover thousands of doctors, nurses and other employees at Duke University in Durham.

Eagles said she would issue her decision later on whether to make the case a class-action to include a larger group. Eagles said she was inclined to expand Dr. Danielle Seaman's litigation to include about 2,000 Duke medical faculty but exclude nurses and other medical workers, whose pay lawyers had argued varied depending on how much doctors earned.

The judge also agreed Thursday to drop the University of North Carolina from the lawsuit. The Chapel Hill public university's hospital, medical school and administrators agreed in a settlement to provide documents Seaman's lawyers could use in the ongoing case against Duke, a private school about 10 miles away.

Seaman's lawyers made the deal in part because, as a public institution, UNC could

invoke constitutional limits on federal lawsuits against states. UNC won't pay any money in the settlement and promised not to participate in any unlawful restraints on competition.

Eagles said Seaman's lawyers had emails and other documents showing administrators at the two schools may have conspired to hold down salaries for highly paid medical experts.

"They did a pretty bad job of not putting this in writing," Eagles said.

Both UNC and Duke deny the existence of the no-hire agreement that Seaman claims was reached by top administrators to prevent lateral transfers, but which didn't cover promotions.

Doctors did move from teaching into private practice, demonstrating that an alleged agreement between the two medical behemoths didn't control the local labor market, Duke attorney Derek Ludwin told the judge.

"Plaintiffs have given you no reason to think all or many of these class members were not part of a free market for employment," he said.

Seaman's lawyer, Dean Harvey, said evidence showed the heads of the two medical schools discussed the agreement not to poach each other's medical professors at two meetings in 2004, but the agreement may have dated to the 1990s. A statistical analysis estimated the conspiracy shaved about 8 percent off the earnings of Duke

physicians, said Harvey, whose San Francisco law firm got \$415 million from Google Inc., Intel Corp., Adobe Systems Inc. and Apple Inc., in 2015 after accusing them of agreeing not to hire each other's best workers.

The case springs from Seaman's thwarted effort to move from her position at Duke to a similar job at UNC.

"I agree that you would be a great fit for our cardiothoracic imaging division. Unfortunately, I just received confirmation today from the Dean's office that lateral moves of faculty between Duke and UNC are not permitted. There is reasoning for this 'guideline' which was agreed upon between the deans of UNC and Duke a few years back. I hope you understand," UNC cardiothoracic imaging chief Dr. Paul Molina wrote in a 2015 email.

Disappointed, Seaman wrote that "there are only two academic centers in this area where I could work, and I am already at one of them."

Molina then said the agreement was hatched to reduce competition and costs after a previous effort by Duke to recruit UNC faculty.

"Dear Danielle, ... In answer to your question, the 'guideline' was generated in response to an attempted recruitment by Duke a couple of years ago of the entire UNC bone marrow transplant team; UNC had to generate a large retention package to keep the team intact," his email said.

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STORM

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one on the train was hurt.

In New Jersey, Orlando Igmt's car got stuck in a snowbank along the Garden State Parkway in Tinton Falls as he drove to work at Verizon. He waited a half hour for a tow truck to pull him out.

"I didn't expect it (the storm) was going to be a heavy one. That's why I went to work today. I'm going to stay in a hotel tonight," he said.

More than 100,000 homes and businesses lost power at some point, depriving many people of heat. Connecticut opened more than 100 warming centers in 34 towns. More than half of the outages — mostly in the South — were restored by Thursday afternoon.

The high winds caused coastal flooding from Massachusetts to Maine, overwhelming fishing piers, streets and restaurants. The rising waters also stranded people in homes and cars.

The Massachusetts National Guard said it helped rescue a woman and her two children from a car in Marshfield. Flooding in Newburyport forced evacuations on Plum Island, and the only road from the island to the mainland was closed, police said.

Joe Weatherly, a 40-year-old artist from Los Angeles, was in Boston's Seaport district, holding his Boston terrier while searching for a seafood restaurant. Part of the district was flooded.

"For someone in California, this is really, really scary. Mind blowing," he said. "We don't live in a state where things shut down with the weather. I've just never seen this much snow in my life."

The high tide in Portland, Maine, reached 13.79 feet, nearly matching the 14.17 feet reported during the Blizzard of 1978.

Linda Heuman and Amy Remensnyder were supposed to fly to Berlin on Thursday, but the flight



A vehicle parked on Abbott Avenue in Ocean Grove, N.J., is surrounded by snowdrifts.

Associated Press

was canceled. That left them stuck in their home in Providence, Rhode Island, with no food. So they trekked through the snow to a grocery store nearly a mile away.

Their plans for the rest of the day were simple: Make soup, do some desk work and maybe watch a movie with popcorn, Remensnyder said.

Schools, businesses and ferry services in parts of the Canadian coast were also shut down. Nova Scotia Power said it had more than 1,000 people at the ready in its biggest-ever pre-storm mobilization of personnel and resources.

Wind gusts strong enough to topple trees and power lines were predicted in the Delmarva Peninsula, which includes parts of Delaware, Virginia and Maryland;

coastal New Jersey; eastern Long Island, New York; and coastal eastern New England.

The flight-tracking site FlightAware reported nearly 5,000 canceled flights across the United States. Those included more than two-thirds of flights in and out of New York City and Boston airports.

Rail service was affected too. Amtrak planned to operate a modified schedule between New York and Boston. Northeast Regional Service between Washington, D.C., and Newport News/Norfolk, Virginia, was canceled.

Some people took the weather in stride.

Mark Schoenenberger, a 45-year-old NASA engineer who lives in Norfolk, Virginia, put on his cross

country skis so he could make a half-hour trip to the bagel shop for some breakfast for his family.

"It's like 'Yay, I get to go out,'" he said.

The only concern he seemed to have was telecommuting while his kids were home from school. But "it's just noise," he said.

Waiting just behind the storm was a wave of bracing cold.

National Weather Service meteorologist Dan Peterson said record low temperatures were predicted for 28 major cities across New England, eastern New York and the mid-Atlantic states by dawn Sunday.

Boston expected a low around minus 11 overnight Saturday into Sunday. Portland, Maine, and Burlington, Vermont, could

see minus 16 and 19, respectively, the weather service said.

State and local officials urged people to stay home so crews could clear away the snow. There were concerns in Boston and elsewhere that if roads were not properly cleared, the snow could freeze into cement-like ice after the cold blast arrives.

In other areas, plummeting temperatures caused water mains to burst. Jackson, Mississippi, was under a precautionary boil-water notice after pipes failed. Portable toilets were placed outside the state Capitol because some of the toilets would not flush.

The massive storm began two days ago in the Gulf of Mexico and first struck the Florida Panhandle.

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Sessions ends hands-off policy on legal pot

Burgeoning industry faces legal confusion

SADIE GURMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration threw the burgeoning movement to legalize marijuana into uncertainty Thursday as it lifted an Obama-era policy that kept federal authorities from cracking down on the pot trade in states where the drug is legal. Attorney General Jeff Sessions will now leave it up to federal prosecutors to decide what to do when state rules collide with federal drug law.

Sessions' action, just three days after a legalization law went into effect in California, threatened the future of the young industry, created confusion in states where the drug is legal and outraged both marijuana advocates and some members of Congress, including Sessions' fellow Republicans. Many conservatives are wary of what they see as federal intrusion in areas they believe must be left to the states.

Republican Sen. Cory Gardner, who represents Colorado, one of eight states that have legalized marijuana for recreational use, said the change contradicts a pledge Sessions made to him before being confirmed as attorney general. Gardner promised to push legislation to protect marijuana sales, saying he was prepared "to take all steps necessary" to fight the change, including holding up the confirmation of Justice Department nominees. Another Republican senator, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, called the announcement "disruptive" and "regrettable."

Colorado's U.S. attorney,



Cannabis consultant Juan Aguilar helps customers shopping for marijuana products Thursday in the Herban Legends pot shop in Seattle. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has rescinded an Obama-era policy that paved the way for legalized marijuana to flourish in states across the country, creating new confusion about enforcement and use just three days after a new legalization law went into effect in California.

Bob Troyer, said his office won't change its approach to prosecution, despite Sessions' guidance. Prosecutors there have always

focused on marijuana crimes that "create the greatest safety threats" and will continue to be guided by that, Troyer said.

The largely hands-off approach to marijuana enforcement set forth by Barack Obama's Justice Department allowed the pot

business to flourish into a sophisticated, multimillion-dollar industry that helps fund some state government programs. What happens now is in doubt.

"In deciding which marijuana activities to prosecute under these laws with the Department's finite resources, prosecutors should follow the well-established principles that govern all federal prosecutions," considering the seriousness of a crime and its impact on the community, Sessions told prosecutors in a one-page memo.

While Sessions, a long-time marijuana foe, has been carrying out a Justice Department agenda that follows Trump's top priorities on such issues as immigration and opioids, this change reflects his own concerns. He railed against marijuana as an Alabama senator and has assailed it as comparable to heroin.

Trump, as a candidate,

said pot should be left up to the states, but his personal views on marijuana remain largely unknown.

It is not clear how the change might affect states where marijuana is legal for medical purposes. A congressional amendment blocks the Justice Department from interfering with medical marijuana programs in states where it is allowed. Justice officials said they would follow the law, but would not preclude the possibility of medical-marijuana related prosecutions.

Officials wouldn't say whether federal prosecutors would target marijuana shops and legal growers, nor would they speculate on whether pot prosecutions would increase.

They denied the timing was connected to the opening of California sales, which are projected to bring in \$1 billion annually in tax revenue within several years.

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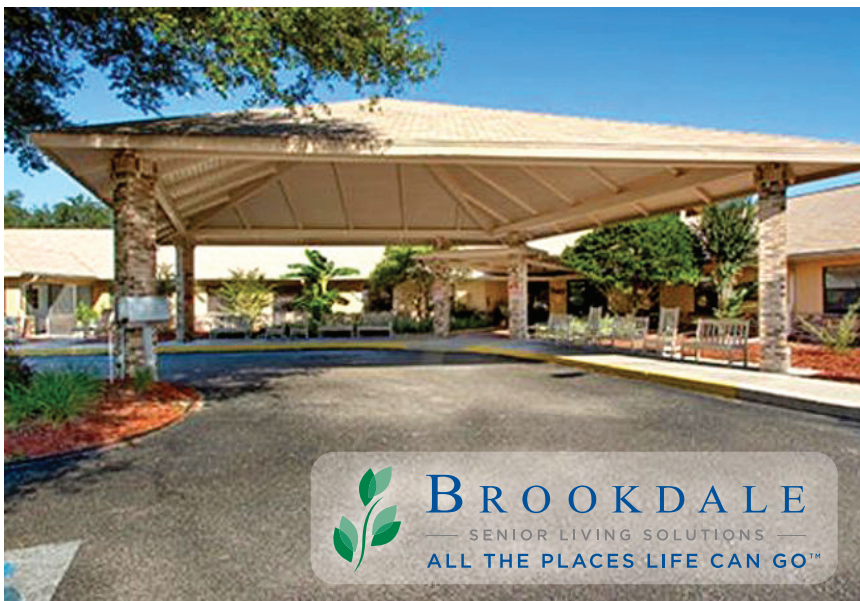
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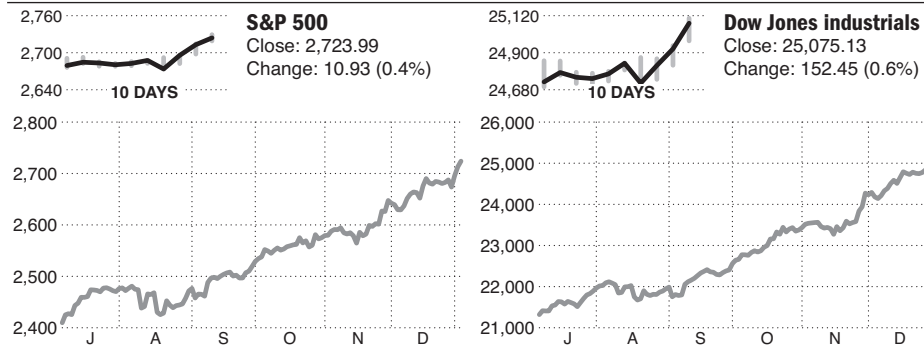
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Table with columns for NYSE, NASD, and various stock metrics like Vol. (in mil.), Pvs. Volume, etc.

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Table listing various stocks with columns for NAME, TICKER, LO, HI, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, YTD, 1YR, P/E, DIV.

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Interest rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.45 on Thursday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Table showing PRIME RATE, FED FUNDS, LAST, 6 MO AGO, 1 YR AGO.

Commodities

U.S. crude oil prices rose slightly but natural gas slumped more than 4 percent. Gold, silver and copper prices were little changed.



Table listing commodities like FUELS, METALS, AGRICULTURE with columns for CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD.

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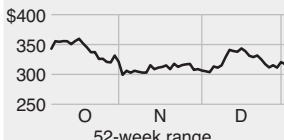
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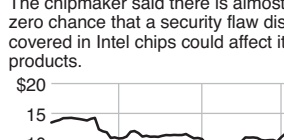
The Dow Jones industrial average burst through 25,000 points just five weeks after its first close above 24,000. Technology companies rose more than the rest of the market.

Tesla TSLA Close: \$314.62 -2.63 or -0.8% The electric car maker again fell short of production goals for its new Model 3 sedan.



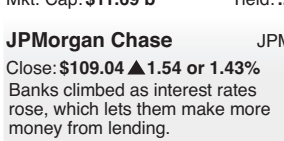
Vol.: 9.9m (1.7x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$52.88 b Yield: ...

Advanced Micro Devices AMD Close: \$12.12 +0.57 or 4.9% The chipmaker said there is almost zero chance that a security flaw discovered in Intel chips could affect its products.



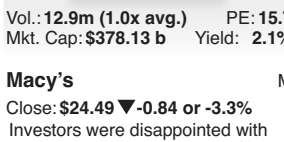
Vol.: 109.2m (2.0x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$11.69 b Yield: ...

JPMorgan Chase JPM Close: \$109.04 +1.54 or 1.43% Banks climbed as interest rates rose, which lets them make more money from lending.



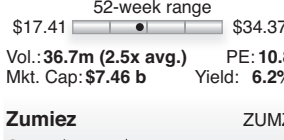
Vol.: 12.9m (1.0x avg.) PE: 15.7 Mkt. Cap: \$378.13 b Yield: 2.1%

Macy's M Close: \$24.49 -0.84 or -3.3% Investors were disappointed with the department store's sales forecasts for the year.



Vol.: 36.7m (2.5x avg.) PE: 10.8 Mkt. Cap: \$7.46 b Yield: 6.2%

Zumiez ZUMZ Close: \$22.95 +2.45 or 12.0% The teen clothing retailer reported strong sales in December and forecast better growth in the fiscal fourth quarter.



Vol.: 1.7m (3.6x avg.) PE: 22.7 Mkt. Cap: \$579.49 m Yield: ...

Dow Jones industrials climb above 25,000 mark

MARLEY JAY AP markets writer

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average burst through the 25,000 point mark Thursday, just five weeks after its first close above 24,000.

The Dow passed five 1,000-point barriers in 2017 on its way to a 25 percent gain for the year, as an eight-year rally since the Great Recession continued to confound skeptics.

Strong global economic growth and good prospects for higher company earnings have analysts predicting more gains, although the market may not stay as calm as it has been recently.

The Dow has made a rapid trip from 24,000 points on November 30, partly on enthusiasm over passage of the Republican-backed tax package, which could boost company profits this year with across-the-board cuts to corporate taxes.

"For a long while in 2017 I would say the biggest driver was excitement and anticipation over tax reform, but at a certain point I think there was a handover to global economic growth really helping to carry the stock market," said Invesco Chief Global Markets Strategist Kristina Hooper.

Big gains in U.S. blue chip companies have powered the Dow's relentless rise to new heights over the past year, including an 87 percent gain in aerospace giant Boeing, a 70 percent rise in construction equipment maker Caterpillar and a 49 percent increase in Apple.

The Dow, which was founded in 1896 and is the oldest barometer of the

U.S. stock market, has nearly quadrupled in value from its low during the financial crisis in early 2009. But the global economy and spending by people and businesses and governments were much slower to recover than stocks were.

"Instead of fiscal stimulus, we relied on monetary policy stimulus, which inflates asset prices as opposed to the overall economy," Hooper said. Stocks have continued to climb as investors saw signs economic growth was finally improving.

Technology companies, which put up some of the biggest gains in the last year, continued to lead the market higher. And there was more good economic news Thursday: A report showed private U.S. businesses added 250,000 jobs last month, with smaller businesses adding 94,000.

The Dow, which tracks 30 big U.S. companies, rose 152.45 points, or 0.6 percent, to 25,075.13.

The Standard & Poor's 500, a much broader index that professional investors prefer to use as their benchmark for large U.S. stocks, rose 10.93 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,723.99.

The Nasdaq composite, which is heavily weighted with technology and biotech companies, added 12.38 points, or 0.2 percent, to 7,077.91. All three indexes set record highs a day earlier.

The Nasdaq reached a milestone of its own this week, closing above 7,000 points for the first time Tuesday.

Indexes in some developing countries have done even better than those in Europe and the U.S. over the past year. Brazil's benchmark Bovespa is up

28 percent over the past year and the Hang Seng index in Hong Kong is up 39 percent.

Bond prices fell, sending yields higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.45 percent from 2.44 percent. Higher bond yields are good news for banks because they can charge higher interest rates on mortgages and other kinds of loans.

President Donald Trump said Thursday that the Dow could reach 30,000, which would take another 20-percent jump. Few on Wall Street expect stocks to climb that much any time soon. Stocks already did far better than most observers expected last year, and corporate earnings aren't rising fast enough to justify that kind of climb.

It wasn't all rosy Thursday. Intel continued to stumble after security researchers at Google and a group of academic institutions discovered serious security flaws in its computer processors. It lost 83 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$44.43 after a 3.4 percent decline Wednesday. Intel said it's working to fix the problem and that it's not the only company affected.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 38 cents to \$62.01 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 23 cents to \$68.07 a barrel in London.

France's CAC 40 leaped 1.5 percent and so did Germany's DAX. In Britain the FTSE 100 edged 0.3 percent higher. Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 3.3 percent on the first trading day of the year. South Korea's Kospi lost 0.8 percent while Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.5 percent.

BUSINESS BRIEF

Merchandise featuring hippo brings in money

CINCINNATI — Merchandise inspired by Ohio's famous baby hippo, Fiona, has returned nearly half a million dollars to the Cincinnati Zoo.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported the zoo has collected about \$480,000 in sales from businesses with merchandising agreements. Products include everything from clothing and ornaments to beer and ice cream.

The zoo said it isn't keeping track of cash the hippo-themed products are turning over. But zoo spokeswoman Michelle Curley said more than \$200,000 of the money was used for Fiona's neonatal care. Curley said the remainder is helping with the care, feeding and enrichment of all the zoo's hippos.

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CONSERVATION

Lawmakers need to follow Amendment 1

Conservation is high on the list for Florida lawmakers in the coming legislative session.

A number of proposed bills deal with the topic, some better than others.

We favor passage of several, including:

- A move to prohibit fracking. Legislators dealt with it to a certain degree last year but left the door open. The Senate and House each have bills this year with clarifying language. While some prefer stronger language, we like the direction lawmakers are headed — the prohibition of fracking.

- Spending Amendment 1 dollars on land acquisition. Senate Appropriations

Chairman Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, is asking for \$100 million for Florida Forever, twice what Gov. Rick Scott proposed.

We agree with Bradley. About \$862 million will be generated for the Land

Acquisition Trust Fund. In the past state legislators have used the money to fund administrative costs, something voters and backers of the bills have bristled at. We feel more money should be spent directly on land acquisition and none of the money should be spent on department overhead.

- More money for springs restoration. Bradley is also asking for 50 percent more money for springs restoration for a total of \$75 million. He is also asking for annual funding of the St. John’s River clean up.

At some point, lawmakers

had to realize it was going to be expensive to clean up the mess we’ve created for ourselves when it comes to water quality. We’ve polluted out springs, lakes and rivers

and now the bill has come due. Every dime we can find must go to cleaning up and preventing further degradation of our water resources.

- Restoring Indian River Lagoon. Another bill seeks

\$50 million for this project. While we fear this bill could be seen as a turkey, we can’t complain as Citrus County has received its fair share of money to remove septic tanks from around sensitive wetlands, which this bill plans to do.

Some bills, though, are anti-conservation. For example, Sen. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, has a bill that curbs the ability of local government to force developers and property owners to replant trees and limit trimming because he feels it infringes on property owner’s rights.

Two points: 1) Trees should not be treated as a nuisances to be plowed under and forgotten when development happens; and 2) state government should not be interfering in local government. They have enough problems of their own.

Finally, we would call on state legislators to help Homosassa and Crystal River continue their clean up efforts by funding their sewer projects and clean up efforts along their waterways.

THE ISSUE:

Conservation bills in legislature.

OUR OPINION:

Lawmakers have much to do to improve conservation efforts.

A look back on 2017

Editor’s note: The following was published in the Dec. 28 national edition of USA Today. The newspaper asked readers to offer thoughts on the state of the nation under the current administration. The author is a resident of Homosassa and the item is republished at their request.

Overall, it was good year, not great.

Good:

- The economy: The stock market boom helped 401(k)s, mutual funds and consumer spending. Gross national product growth is spectacular; unemployment is down, significantly among blacks and Hispanics.

- The crippling of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, which significantly reduced its influence worldwide.

- Our Cabinet may be the best ever, with Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and others.

- Approved tax cuts that will benefit over 80 percent of taxpayers and further improve the economy.

- Someone willing to finally deal with the big problem of North Korea.

Not so good:

- The resistance movement: We should work together to improve our country. The Russia probe hurts us all, and it’s bad when half our country wants President Trump to be punished.

- A news media that acts like an anti-Trump mob. Americans deserve a fair, honest and unbiased media.

- Liberal “cleansing” at colleges that seek to suppress free speech and opposing viewpoints.

- Trump tweets that attack U.S. citizens. He should be a uniter and a healer.

Dorane Strouse
 Homosassa

Mend Springs partnership, don’t end it

From the first attempt to obtain Three Sisters Springs in 2005 to the last successful effort in 2010, it has always been the intent that it would be a National Wildlife Refuge. It should be noted that the purchase price for the property was \$10.5 million, which was down considerably from the asking price. Florida Conservation Trust (FCT) was limited as to how much they could contribute based on the appraised value of the property, which was \$7.2 million. Their limit was 60 percent of this number.

FCT contributed \$3.5 million and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) added \$2 million for a total of \$5.5 million. The shortfall between asking price and available funds needed to be filled by other stakeholders. This was accomplished through some creative financing dealing with water rights.

Other organizations stepped up and donated the monies to fill the gap. These organizations were DOI/FWS for \$3.225 million and the last needed dollars were supplied by the Felburn Foundation, the Citrus County Tourist Development Council (TDC), Friends groups and private individuals. There were many organizations and individuals throughout the state who donated from 25 cents to \$2 million and worked hard to make the purchase of Three Sisters Springs a reality.

Again, their expectations were that it would be a part of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge. Many things have happened since 2010 to slow the process of improvements such as the government sequester, changes in personnel, and indecision about how the property should be developed. The property has taken on a new look since 2010, with the

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boardwalk, wetlands, bank stabilization, almost two miles of walkable trails, pavilion, improved road, new entrance and efforts to control Brazilian Pepper and cogongrass, both invasive. It was thought that with the citizens advisory group and their recommendations to the Crystal River City Council, things were going in the right direction.

I would suggest that the city council move forward with the recommendations of the advisory group and proceed to form an improved Partnership with the Fish and Wildlife Service, rather than the adversary position that has existed. This property, given some time and effort, can be an absolute jewel for Crystal River and Citrus County as a refuge. There are only a few cities in the U.S. that can boast that they have a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge in the middle of their city and now Crystal River can say that. There will be a lot of people disappointed if the city turns the refuge into a city park. We also need to remember that the city taxpayers will be responsible for completing the FCT’s covenants and all of the maintenance costs for the grounds and wetlands. A better solution would be for the city of Crystal River and the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge to work together to make Three Sisters Springs a world class refuge.

Ross Knudsen
 Homosassa

Waiting for the check from Duke Energy

Re: Duke seeks to collect \$513 million in storm costs (Dec. 29).

Since when have utility customers become the utilities’ private insurance providers? Those of us in Citrus County continue to pay for a nuclear plant that will never be built. Now Duke Energy will ask the Public Service Commission for permission to start billing customers for damages to their equipment, which is no fault of ours. It would seem reasonable that all utilities have their own private insurance, just like customers, and forward claims to them.

Every time there is a malfunction, damage or new build, the customers are on the hook to pay. Why is that? According to Harry Sideris, Duke Energy Florida state president, Duke will continue to make smart investments to significantly enhance service reliability. One has to wonder how the Duke Energy Cultural Center in the Carolinas assist us with recovery.

Hypothetically speaking, if customers are considered to be private insurance recovery providers, utilities should be paying us a monthly premium instead of being billed for their expenses. Duke Energy, your payments are late!

Karen Esty
 Inverness

Recognizing a helpful employee

On Dec. 28, my husband and I went to Taco Bell. When finished with our food, I got distracted and forgot my purse. We left the restaurant and I didn’t notice my missing purse until we were three miles away. That upset me tremendously!

All I could think of was all the trouble I was in for replacing everything important that was in there. I must say, I was quite angry at myself! We went back to Taco Bell and needless to say, I was praying all the way.

I went inside and the young lady who waited on us remembered me. She watched my purse, thinking I was in the ladies room. When I didn’t return she got my purse and put in behind the counter.

I cannot say how much I appreciated her thoughtfulness. She was kind, caring and an awesome young lady! I wanted to share a story with a happy ending! This young lady saved me a lot of grief! Thank you, Sarah, from the bottom of my heart!

Claudia Costa
 Inverness

Why politicians favor the reach

As usual, when Republicans give a tax break, it is “all for the rich.” Who do the complainers think pays the taxes?

When the Democrats are in control, first they get rich liberals to pay for their campaigns, and then pretend to care about the little guy. Once elected, they support their rich donors while forgetting those they claim to care about until the next election time; then, for a little while, they pretend to care about the little guy again until voting is over.

Also, how do politicians get elected today?

Since the political party leaders prefer to sit in meetings and thump their chests, someone has to do the legwork. All candidates must twist arms and beg to get money to pay for their literature and campaign commercials. Therefore, it all boils down to who can raise the most money. Have you noticed that most of those elected to Congress or any other office have an unlimited supply of money for their campaigns? It is no surprise that they favor those who supply money so much.

This is true of Democrats as well as Republicans. If political party leaders would get off their duffs and go out and work for candidates and stop the deep pockets from owning them, then we would have leaders who would work for all of us. However, until that happens, elected officials will continue to be owned by the deep pockets and individual representation will be at a minimum.

Supporters of liberal politicians may have become aware of the doublespeak policies and change their voting habits. However, Republicans will have to change to keep those supporters on their side.

If we could get enough elected officials who would really care more about us than getting re-elected, we might be able to really make Trump’s slogan “Make America Great Again” work for us. Is there any way we can accomplish this? It will require a major change in the education and attitude of voters.

Robert E. Hagaman
 Homosassa

Hot Corner: HIAASEN’S COLUMN

- Mr. Mulligan: I read the Commentary section of Dec. 31 and I have to say I read the most ridiculous write-up I’ve ever read in your paper since I moved here in 2005: “Give Trump a TV remote, not the nuclear button,” by Carl Hiaasen, who writes for the Miami Herald. I just have one question and I wish you would print it in the paper and I would like a response. Has Mr. Carl Hiaasen ever been invited to the White House during the Trump administration to watch the president sit in front of the TV for hours and hours and hours, eight hours, drinking diet sodas? How does he know? Just how does he know? I would like to know if he’s been invited to join the president. Anyway, happy New

Year to you.

- Just wanted to wish you guys a happy New Year. I really enjoyed your Commentary page here where you put Carl Hiaasen on there, slaughtering the president of the United States with more junk on his tirade, right under Gerry Mulligan, of course. So that’s very interesting. Hope you’ll be ready for next year. Hope you’ll be a little more fair. Your Commentary page really looks good. Anyway, I’m only half-joking. Please do have a good New Year.

- So you put an article by Carl Hiaasen, “Give Trump the TV remote, not the nuclear button,” and you actually let him sit there and call him derogatory names.

Get rid of rental boats

If you want a reason to get rid of the rental boats in Crystal River, especially during manatee season, today was a perfect example. I was on the boardwalk of Three Sisters around about 11 a.m., noon — wasn't early, about 11 a.m. — when we witnessed a jon boat out of control. People didn't know what they were doing, ran into the sanctuary backwards and about hit three people — actually hit one person. Luckily, the propeller didn't cut that person; only the back of the boat hit him or hit her. The person didn't know how to get in gear, out of gear or turn the motor off. Luckily, the person did not panic and did not put the boat back in gear while everybody was hollering, "Turn the boat off, turn the motor off!" This could have been real critical. The person was lucky. The person in the water was luckier. We should get rid of all rental boats. These people do not know how to drive boats. If we don't do it, we're going to have a fatality — not just a manatee, but a human being.



unless it's the back soccer field and the pavilion. I think that would be a nightmare. All those cars only have one entrance to go in. So coming in and out, they'll be sitting in line a lot. That doesn't sound good at all. I think Liberty Park's a perfect spot. You get a lot of sun there because across the street, there's no tall buildings or trees. So it's a good sunny spot if the sun's out. I think it's more chance of shade at Whispering Pines Park — which could be a good thing — but you're not by the lake or looking out at a beautiful lake. Liberty Park's a great spot. Then you've got the boardwalk and you can walk over to Wallace Brooks (Park) if you have activities there. What are you going to do at Whispering Pines? You're going to tear up the baseball fields with all those people and all those food carts coming in. I thought you wanted to bring people to downtown Inverness so they drive by the businesses. Yeah, at Liberty Park they're not really seeing the businesses, but what are they going to see driving to Whispering Pines Park? They're going to see Applebee's and Publix, some stores. I don't know, but I don't think I like this idea.

They shouldn't move the festival

I don't like this idea that "King Frankie D" (Frank Di-Giovanni) is proposing for Inverness in his State of the City article, relocating the Cooter Festival to Whispering Pines Park. I'm assuming it's going to be on the baseball fields when you first enter. It's not going to be under trees,

They're going to hijack us again

Well, here we go, Thursday's (Dec. 28) State & Local: We've got some regulators wanting two more new power plants. Well, I guess everybody remembers how we got duped by Duke and paid \$800 million for a power plant that

never was going to be built. Now are we going to be duped again with two more power plants that's never going to be built? We're going to be billed for it but we're never going to get the plants built.

I know where to put city hall

I have the city's solution to a new building: It's on (U.S.) 19 and Turkey Oak. That's across from the mall. It's the old Honda of Crystal River building. It's a beautiful, well-maintained, well-structured building that has never flooded since it has been in existence.

Wondering about the strange odor

I'm calling about a strange odor since Hurricane Irma came through. It's an odor I cannot describe. It's like a decaying smell. I'm smelling it from Floral City all the way into Inverness, in parts of Inverness, by Dollar General in Floral City, all the way up to Crystal River. I was there the other day and smelled it coming back from Crystal River. It's just in parts — a lot of times in Floral City, though. I was wondering if anybody could explain or has smelled the odor. I know a lot of people have smelled it along with me. We cannot figure out if it's the trees that decayed or if it was the water rising or what it could be and I'm just wondering if anybody else has got an answer.

No good wishes for thieves

I just want to call in and say to the despicable person that walked off with my Christmas projection lamp: I hope you get a shock out of it. Have a happy New Year.

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Trump moves to vastly expand drilling

Five-year plan to open up federal waters off California coast

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration moved Thursday to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic oceans with a plan that would open up federal waters off California for the first time in more than three decades.

The new five-year drilling plan also could open new areas of oil and gas

exploration in areas off the East Coast from Florida to Maine, where drilling has been blocked for decades. While some lawmakers in those states support offshore drilling, the plan drew immediate opposition from governors up and down the East Coast, including Republican Govs. Rick Scott of Florida and Larry Hogan of Maryland, who pressed President Donald Trump to withdraw their states

from consideration. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced the plan, saying that responsible development of offshore energy resources would boost jobs and economic security while providing billions of dollars to fund conservation along U.S. coastlines. The five-year plan would open 90 percent of the nation's offshore reserves to development by private companies, Zinke said, with 47 leases

proposed off the nation's coastlines from 2019 to 2024. Nineteen sales would be off Alaska, 12 in the Gulf of Mexico, nine in the Atlantic and seven in the Pacific, including six off California.

"This is a draft program," Zinke told reporters during a conference call. "Nothing is final yet, and our department is continuing to engage the American people to get to our final product."



Associated Press
Pelicans float on the water May 13, 2010, with an offshore oil platform in the background in the Santa Barbara Channel off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif. The Trump administration on Thursday moved to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic oceans.

Nation BRIEFS

Luck of the draw helps GOP hold Virginia House

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia Republicans cheered Thursday when their candidate won a state House of Delegates race by luck of the draw, having his name chosen first out of a ceramic bowl.

But inside a conference room in Richmond's Capitol Square, where the drawing was held, it was all agony of defeat and no joy of victory. That's because Republican David Yancey skipped the drawing, while Democratic challenger Shelley Simonds and many of her supporters absorbed it in stunned silence.

The drawing of lots took place after an election, recount and legal battles between Yancey and Simonds ended in a tie. Yancey's win allows Republicans to maintain a slim majority in the House, though a final tally is still uncertain.

GOP lawmakers say it's time for Sessions to quit

WASHINGTON — Two Republican House members are calling on Attorney General Jeff Sessions to resign, criticizing his Justice Department for not cooperating with Congress and for leaks related to its Russia investigation.

Reps. Mark Meadows of North Carolina and Jim Jordan of Ohio criticized Sessions in an opinion piece published Thursday on the Washington Examiner's website. The headline said: "It's time for Jeff Sessions to go."

They wrote that Sessions "has recused himself from the Russia investigation, but it would appear he has no control at all of the premier law enforcement agency in the world."

A Sessions spokeswoman declined comment.

Three cars on Amtrak train derail, none hurt

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Three cars on an Amtrak train carrying more than 300 passengers on a route from Miami to New York derailed in snow-covered Savannah after a fierce winter storm, but no injuries were reported.

Amtrak spokesman Jason Abrams said Silver Meteor train 98 was backing slowly into the Savannah station about 10 p.m. Wednesday — hours after the storm clobbered the Southeast coast — when two sleeper cars and a baggage car derailed.

"All three cars — a baggage car and two sleeper cars — are fully upright," Abrams said in an email statement early Thursday to The Associated Press.

He said there were 311 passengers on board, in addition to crew, but he had no reports of anyone hurt.

— From wire reports

18 killed in train crash



Associated Press
Ruined carriages at the scene of a train accident near Kroonstad, South Africa on Thursday. South Africa's transport minister said at least 18 people died and more than 260 were injured in a collision between a truck and a passenger train.

Collision injures 260 in South Africa

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — A passenger train carrying people home after the holidays slammed into a truck in rural South Africa on Thursday, killing at least 18 people and injuring about 260 others, authorities said.

Officials said the truck driver allegedly tried to cross the tracks just ahead of the oncoming train, part of which burst into flames after the collision, trapping some

passengers in carriages. Those who were able to escape with their luggage hurriedly dragged bags from the smoking wreck to a nearby road.

"The truck driver was taking chances. He thought that he was going to pass through," Transport Minister Joe Maswanganyi told journalists. "Little did he know that the train was going to hit him. That has cost a lot of lives."

Some of the dead were badly burned, said Mthuthuzeli Swartz, acting CEO of the state-owned passenger rail agency.

The train with 429 passengers aboard had been traveling from Port Elizabeth to the country's commercial hub, Johannesburg.

Video showed part of the Shosholozo

Meyl train in flames after the collision that occurred between the communities of Hennenman and Kroonstad in Free State province. The crash derailed half a dozen carriages, and power lines were damaged. A large vehicle was upside down beside a train carriage that appeared to have partly crushed another, smaller vehicle.

The truck driver emerged unscathed and the train driver and his assistant suffered minor injuries, Swartz said.

He told local media outlet eNCA that the truck towing two trailers was halfway across the track when it was hit by the train and dragged for 1,300 feet.

"Human error" caused the accident, he said.

An investigation continued.

In new rule, Trump tries to deliver a health care promise

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Striving to fulfill a campaign promise, the Trump administration moved Thursday to facilitate the interstate sale of health insurance policies that cost less but may not cover as much.

The proposed regulation from the Labor Department would provide more health insurance options for self-employed people and small businesses, but its success depends on buy-in from insurers, state regulators, plan sponsors and consumers themselves. Some groups already have concerns.

Don't look for revolutionary changes, said analyst Elizabeth Carpenter of the health industry consultancy Avalere Health. "The impact on the markets and on consumers really may depend on whether it is easy enough for the groups potentially affected to take advantage of the rule," she said.

No sweeping consequences are seen for the

more than 170 million Americans with employer-sponsored coverage, or the nearly 30 million still uninsured.

The complex proposal aims to deliver on President Donald Trump's long-standing pledge to increase competition and lower costs by promoting the sale of health plans across state lines. Unable to repeal the Obama-era Affordable Care Act, the administration is pursuing regulations to change the marketplace.

The new rule would make it easier for groups, or associations, to sponsor health plans that don't have to meet all consumer protection and benefit requirements of the Obama law. Those requirements improve coverage, but also raise premiums.

Insurance industry groups are skeptical of Trump's idea, saying it could undermine the current state markets. Patient groups are concerned about losing protections. Some state regulators object to federal interference.

In a recent interview,

Trump predicted big changes would result from the combination of this expected proposal, known as "association health plans," and the GOP's recent repeal of the ACA's requirement that most people get health insurance or risk fines.

"So now I have associations," Trump told The New York Times last week. "I have private insurance companies coming and will sell private health care plans to people through associations. That's gonna be millions and millions of people. People have no idea how big that is. And by the way, and for that, we've ended 'across state lines.' So we have competition."

Trump appeared to be referring to current obstacles that deter an insurer in one state from marketing to customers in another state. Some of those barriers have to do with state regulations that differ in the kinds of benefits that insurers must cover. For example, one state may require robust coverage for children with autism, while another may not.

World BRIEFS

33 die in Congo flooding after heavy rain

KINSHASA, Congo — Authorities in Congo said at least 33 people have died amid flooding in and around the capital of Kinshasa.

Dominique Weloli, the provincial health minister, said Thursday that figure only represented the bodies that have been brought to the morgue. Witnesses told U.N.-backed Radio Okapi that among the victims were five children from the same family who drowned overnight in their home.

Several neighborhoods in the sprawling capital of Kinshasa were under water Thursday after a night of heavy rains.

Afghanistan: Suicide bomber kills 6 policemen

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's Interior Ministry spokesman said a suicide bomber has killed six policemen after exploding his device amid a group of security officials monitoring protests by shopkeepers in eastern Kabul.

Najib Danish added that another 14 policemen were

Monkey



Associated Press
A monkey sits in the falling snow Thursday at a zoo in Huaibei in central China's Anhui province. A winter storm brought snowfall to parts of central China on Thursday.

wounded in Thursday evening's bombing.

Wahid Mujro, a spokesman for the Health Ministry, said 15 wounded were treated at Kabul hospitals.

In a statement Thursday, President Ashraf Ghani called the attack "inhumane" and against the tenets of Islam.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

— From wire reports

THE NUMBER:

7
Australian Open titles won by defending champion Serena Williams, who dropped out of the upcoming major on Thursday.



Serena Williams

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Call to the Hall



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Lecanto girls basketball coach Ron Allan instructs his players during a timeout earlier this season. Also the athletic director at Lecanto, Allan has been a head coach or assistant in just about every sport during his time at the school and will be recognized for his efforts Saturday in Daytona Beach when he is inducted into the Florida Athletic Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

Longtime Lecanto coach Ron Allan will be inducted Saturday

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

On the court or playing field, Ron Allan is in his element. It's been that way since he arrived at Lecanto High as a fledgling 22-year-old coach in 1983.

But Saturday in Daytona Beach, Allan will be taken out of his comfort zone, facing a daunting task: public speaking.

An acceptance speech will be part of the festivities at the Florida Athletic Coaches Association's 42nd annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Allan will join Crystal River's Earl Bramlett, part of the Class of 2007, as the only inductees ever from Citrus County.

"To be the second person from our county to ever be honored, it's kind of a big deal," Allan said. "I look through the names of the people who have been honored, 22 of those people I've worked with. To be deemed worthy to be with those people, it's humbling."

"I've never been big on individual accolades. It's one of those things. It's an honor to be looked at by your peers, to make a big enough impact on your sport and athletics as a whole."

Allan, who has been Lecanto's athletic director since 2010, is in his second year of his second tenure as girls basketball headman. He previously spent 18 seasons at the helm, from 1989-2007, taking the Panthers to regionals 11 times.

It's that sport that has garnered him his greatest success and notoriety — he was the state chairperson for eight years — but he has worn many more hats at Lecanto over the past four decades. In fact, it's basically easier to name the sports in which he hasn't coached.

After 21 years as an assistant, Allan became the head varsity football coach in 2007 and held the position for four seasons.

For 10 years starting in the 1983-84

school year, Allan served as head softball coach, guiding the Panthers through the transition from soft-pitch to fast-pitch.

He assisted in boys basketball, was the junior varsity girls basketball coach for three years prior to taking over the varsity gig. He coached girls golf for four years, swimming for two and track and field for one. He spent six years as a wrestling assistant and a few doubling as baseball assistant coach during his softball days.

He had the opportunity to coach three of his four sons, and the Ohio native has done it all at the same campus.

"It's always been special to me," Allan said. "When they called me for an interview in 1983, I had to look at the map and thought, 'This place is in the middle of a forest.'"

"It's special for us. It always will be. It's the only place my kids went to school. It's where we call home."

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Associated Press

Marc Leishman hits from the fourth fairway Thursday during the first round of the Tournament of Champions in Kapalua, Hawaii.

Leishman leads at Kapalua

Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Coming off his best year, Marc Leishman got off to an ideal start in 2018 with eight birdies and a 6-under 67 for a one-shot lead in the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Leishman ran off four straight birdies around the turn and holed a 20-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole. He was one shot ahead of Brian Harman and Jhonattan Vegas in strong wind on the Plantation Course at Kapalua.

Rickie Fowler overcame a double bogey on the 13th hole with two straight birdies and an eagle on the final hole. He shot 69, along with Dustin Johnson and Si Woo Kim.

Defending champion Justin Thomas opened with a 71. Jordan Spieth, who had never shot over par in 12 previous rounds at Kapalua, shot 75.

Tiger plans to play Torrey Pines, Riviera on West Coast

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Tiger Woods is playing twice in California over the next six weeks as he begins another comeback on the PGA Tour from back surgery.

Woods announced Thursday he will play the Farmers Insurance Open on Jan. 25 at Torrey Pines, the San Diego course where he has won eight times. That includes the 2008 U.S. Open, his 14th and most recent major.

He also said he will play the Genesis Open at Riviera in Los Angeles that starts Feb. 15. Riviera is where Woods played his first PGA Tour event as a 16-year-old amateur. He has not been back since 2006.

— From wire reports

'Bama, Georgia headline AP All-Bowl Team

UCF's Griffin and Senat of USF also make postseason squad

STEVE MEGARGEE
RALPH D. RUSSO
AP sports writers

College Football Playoff finalists Alabama and Georgia have multiple representatives on the 2017 All-Bowl Team.

The only problem is that one of the guys selected to the team won't be able to play in Monday's championship game.

Although the championship game hasn't been played yet, all the postseason games with "bowl" in the title have been played. That's why we're releasing our all-bowl team now. We've expanded the rosters to include an extra guy on offense and defense as well as a couple of all-purpose players.

OFFENSE

Quarterback

Elijah Sindelar, Purdue (Foster Farms): Sindelar threw for 396 yards and four touchdowns with only one interception in a 38-35 victory over Arizona. He did it all while playing with a torn anterior cruciate ligament, according to Purdue coach Jeff Brohm.

Running back

Nick Chubb and Sony Michel, Georgia (Rose): We're including the Georgia teammates as a package after they combined for six touchdowns in the third-ranked Bulldogs' 54-48

double-overtime semifinal triumph over No. 2 Oklahoma. Michel ran 11 times for 181 yards and three touchdowns — including the game-winning 27-yard score — and caught four passes for 41 yards and a fourth touchdown. Chubb ran for 145 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries.

Rashaad Penny, San Diego State (Armed Forces): Penny rushed for 221 yards and four touchdowns on just 14 carries in the Aztecs' 42-34 loss to Army. He joined USC's Marcus Allen (1981), Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders (1988) and North Texas' Jamario Thomas (2004) as the only Football Bowl Subdivision players ever to run for at least 200 yards in five straight games.

Wide receivers

DaeSean Hamilton, Penn State (Fiesta): Hamilton scored two touchdowns and caught five passes for 110 yards in No. 9 Penn State's 35-28 victory over No. 12 Washington.

Christian Kirk, Texas A&M (Belk): Kirk caught 13 passes for 189 yards and three touchdowns in the Aggies' 55-52 loss to Wake Forest.

Cedrick Wilson, Boise State (Las Vegas): Wilson caught 10 passes for 221 yards and a touchdown as the 25th-ranked Broncos beat Oregon 38-28.

Tight end

Cam Serigne, Wake Forest (Belk): Serigne caught nine passes for 112 yards and was on the receiving end of one of John Wolford's four touchdown passes.

Offensive line

Beau Benzschawel, Wisconsin (Orange): Benzschawel helped No. 6 Wisconsin allow just one sack against a Miami defense that leads the nation in sacks per game. He also paved



Associated Press

Central Florida linebacker Shaquem Griffin holds his defensive MVP trophy Monday after the Peach Bowl against Auburn in Atlanta. Griffin was named to the AP All-Bowl Team for the undefeated Knights.

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Lightning fall 2-1 in shootout

Provorov leads feisty Flyers over Islanders, 6-4

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Paul Byron scored in a shootout and the Montreal Canadiens ended a five-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Byron was the only player to score in the shootout. Max Pacioretty scored in regulation for Montreal in its first victory since Dec. 22. Nikita Kucherov scored for Tampa Bay.

Pacioretty opened the scoring at 20 seconds of the second period.

Mikhail Sergachev, traded by Montreal to Tampa Bay for Jonathan Drouin in June, sent a weak pass up the left boards that was picked off by Pacioretty. The Canadiens captain skated into the slot and beat Andrei Vasilevskiy up high.

There was little goal celebration from Pacioretty, who ended a 13-game goal drought dating to Nov. 30.

Vasilevskiy, coming off two straight shutouts, saw his shut-out streak end at 184 minutes, 49 seconds.

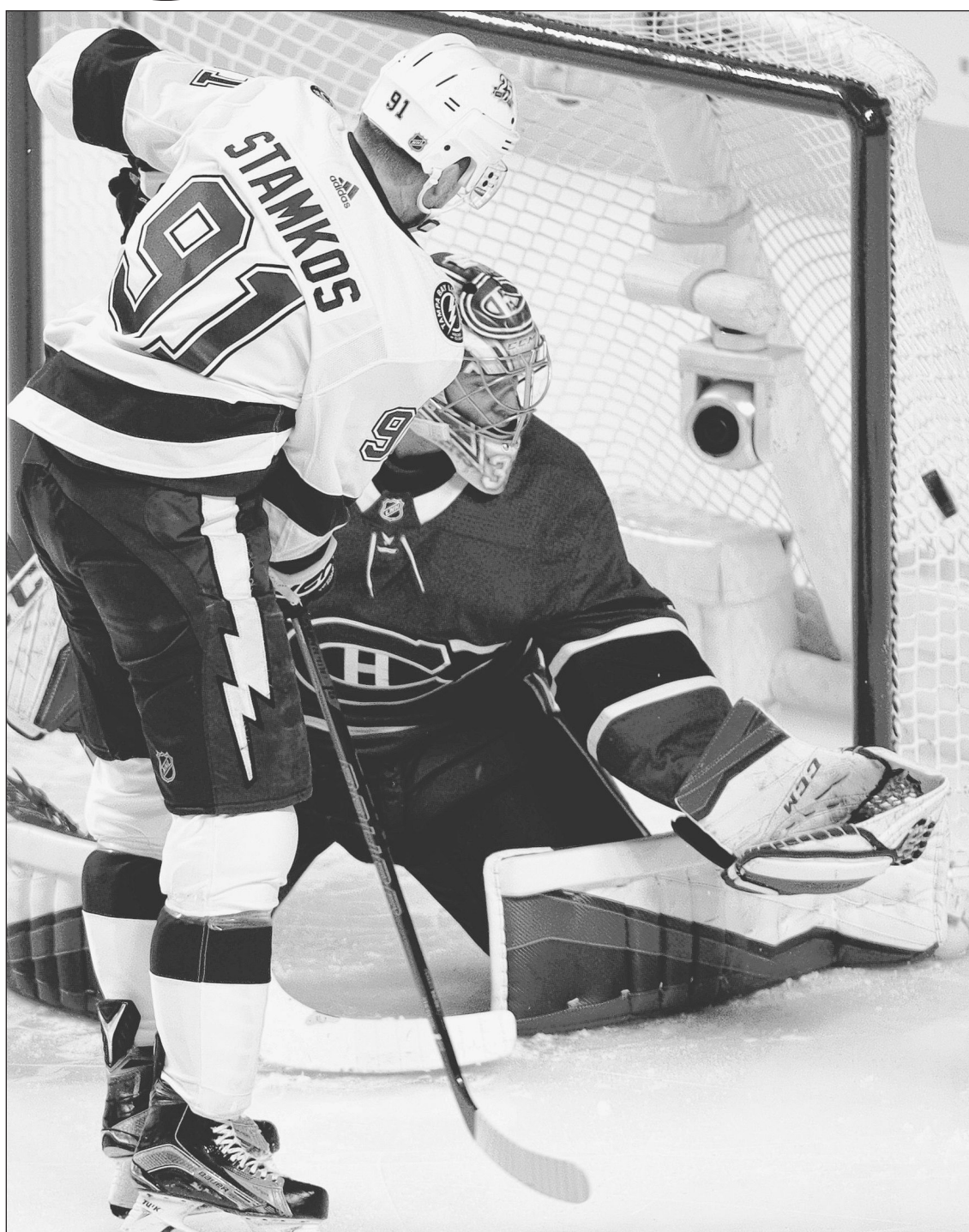
Only 44 seconds later, Kucherov skated into the slot and wristed his 26th goal of the season through traffic to beat Carey Price.

The Lightning wasted a big chance 6:33 into the third when Karl Alzner mishandled the puck at the far blue line, but Kucherov's backhand on the ensuing breakaway went well over the crossbar.

Flyers 6, Islanders 4

PHILADELPHIA — Ivan Provorov had two goals and an assist, and Sean Couturier had a goal, an assist and participated in one of several fights for the Philadelphia Flyers in a feisty 6-4 victory over the slumping New York Islanders.

Travis Konecny energized his teammates with a first-period scrap, then scored to cap a four-goal second. Wayne Simmonds and Michael



RYAN REMIORZ/The Canadian Press

Montreal goalie Carey Price stops a shot by Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos during the first period in Montreal.

Raffi also scored for the Flyers, who overcame a poor third period for their second win in six games.

Brian Elliott made 27 saves in his 15th straight start, two nights after an ugly loss left general manager Ron Hextall searching for a spark.

Cal Clutterbuck scored twice, and John Tavares and Ryan Pulock added third-period goals for the Islanders in their season-high fourth straight loss.

Hurricanes 4, Penguins 0

PITTSBURGH — Sebastian Aho scored twice, Cam Ward stopped 21 shots and the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-0.

The Hurricanes also beat Pittsburgh 2-1 last Friday night in Carolina. Aho got the winning goal in the first matchup, and this time he iced the Penguins after Jeff Skinner and

Teuvo Teravainen scored.

Ward got his first shutout of the season and 26th of his career.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Penguins have dropped eight of their past 12 and haven't won back-to-back games since Dec. 1-2. Matt Murray had 29 saves.

Maple Leafs 3, Sharks 2

TORONTO — Auston Matthews

and Tyler Bozak scored in a shootout to give Toronto a 3-2 victory over the San Jose Sharks in a game that opened with a fight that saw the Maple Leafs' Nazem Kadri rip out part of Joe Thornton's mountain-man beard.

Kevin Labanc was the lone successful San Jose shooter in six tries against Frederik Andersen in the tiebreaker.

Matthews and Kadri scored in regulation for Toronto, and Brenden Dillon and Chris Tierney countered for San Jose.

Thornton and Kadri dropping the gloves just two seconds in after slashing each other at the opening faceoff.

The 38-year-old Thornton's beard took a beating in the scrap, thanks to Kadri hanging on to his beard rather than his jersey as he was twirled around by the bigger Shark. A hunk of Thornton's facial hair was left on the ice like a mini-tumbleweed, ultimately finding its way to the glove of backup goalie Aaron Dell on the San Jose bench.

Blues 2, Golden Knights 1

ST. LOUIS — Paul Stastny broke a third-period tie with his eighth goal of the season, Carter Hutton continued his hot play in goal and the St. Louis Blues beat the Vegas Golden Knights 2-1.

Alexander Steen also scored for the Blues, who won their third straight. Hutton made 32 saves, including two tough stops early in the third while the game was tied.

Erik Haula scored for Vegas, which had its NHL expansion record eight-game winning streak snapped. Marc-Andre Fleury made 37 saves but lost for the first time in six starts.

Wild 6, Sabres 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Nino Niederreiter had a hat trick in his return from injury, Mikko Koivu contributed a goal and two assists, and the finally fully healthy Minnesota Wild beat the Buffalo Sabres 6-2.

Niederreiter scored just 69 seconds into the contest, snapping a behind-the-net pass from Mikael Granlund beneath the pads of Sabres goalie Robin Lehner. Granlund had three assists.

No. 1 Spartans smoke Terrapins

Colorado holds off No. 4 ASU 90-81 in overtime

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Miles Bridges had 15 points, seven assists, six rebounds and two blocks to help No. 1 Michigan State turn a closely contested game into another rout, pulling away to beat Maryland 91-61 on Thursday night.

The Spartans (15-1, 3-0 Big Ten) went on a 15-0 run late in the first half to take control and led 44-32 at halftime. They refused to be content with the 12-point lead, building 30-plus point cushions in the second half by diving for loose balls, playing tough defense and finishing with a season-high 16 3-pointers.

The Terrapins (13-4, 2-2) had won seven straight.

Maryland's Anthony Cowman scored 26 and Kevin Huerter had 16 points.

Colorado 90, No. 4 Arizona State 81

BOULDER, Colo. — Namon Wright scored five of his 19 points in overtime, including a pair of crucial free throws at the end, and Colorado beat No. 4 Arizona State 90-81.

Down 11-0 to start the game, the Buffaloes (9-6, 1-2 Pac-12) steadily whittled away and opened up a six-point lead with 1:17 remaining in regulation. But the Sun Devils (12-2, 0-2) stormed back, with Mickey Mitchell tying the game at 74 with 5 seconds left on an emphatic dunk.

In overtime, the Buffaloes hit six straight free throws down the stretch. It was the highest-ranked team Colorado has beaten since knocking off No. 3 Texas on Feb. 4, 2003. The Colorado fans stormed the court to celebrate.

McKinley Wright added 19 points and George King chipped in 18 as Colorado snapped a three-game skid, including two straight to start conference play. The Buffaloes began 0-7 in the league a season ago.

Holder's big night gives him 1,525 career points to move into 10th place on the school's all-time scoring list.



Associated Press

Michigan State's Nick Ward, right, blocks a shot Thursday by Maryland's Bruno Fernando during the first half in East Lansing, Mich.

No. 9 Wichita State 81, Houston 63

WICHITA, Kan. — Landry Shamet scored 18 points in just 22 minutes to lead No. 9 Wichita State past Houston 81-63.

Wichita State (12-2, 2-0 American Athletic Conference) made nine of its first 11 3-point shots and led by as many as 25 in the first half. Starting guards Shamet and Conner Frankamp (15 points) were a combined 12 of 15 from the field.

Shaquille Morris scored 14 points for the Shockers while Markis McDuffie added 11.

Rob Gray led Houston (12-3, 2-1 American) with 13 points, six below his season average.

Middle Tennessee 71, FIU 66, OT

MIAMI — Giddy Potts scored a season-high 25 points, including four straight free throws in the last 10 seconds as Middle Tennessee defeated FIU 71-66 in overtime.

Nick King added 17 points, seven in the OT, including two layups to give Middle Tennessee the lead. King also grabbed 10 rebounds for his third double-double this season.

David Simmons scored a career-high 14 off the bench and Brandon Walters 12 for the Blue Raiders (10-4, 2-0 Conference USA). Middle Tennessee overcame a first half shooting a season-worst 22 percent with six early turnovers that led to FIU points.

Trejon Jacob scored 16 points to lead FIU (7-8, 1-1), Brian Beard added 14 and Michael Douglas 12. Jacob made two of the Panthers' three 3-pointers.

The Panthers opened the second half 5-0, but Middle Tennessee found its shooting touch and came within a point after a 12-4 run. Potts missed a 3 at the end of regulation, tied 58-58, and FIU scored the first three points of overtime before Middle Tennessee rallied.

UAB 75, FAU 44

BOCA RATON — Chris Cokley scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Zack Bryant added 11 points with five assists, and UAB beat Florida Atlantic 75-44 for the Owls' fifth straight loss.

The Blazers (10-5, 1-1 Conference USA) never trailed and shot 54 percent from the floor and 50 percent from beyond the arc (7 of 14) while holding Florida Atlantic to 29.5 percent and 13 percent from 3 (3 of 23).

The Owls scored 23 points in the second half, the fewest second-half points the Blazers have allowed since holding Chattanooga to 26 points on Nov. 13.

Ronald Delph grabbed 10 rebounds and he and Justin Massey each scored eight points for the Owls (6-8, 0-2).

WBB BRIEFS

No. 2 Notre Dame 83, Miami 76

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Marina Mabrey scored 21 points, Mrike Ogunbowale had 20 despite struggling from the field and No. 2 Notre Dame (14-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) survived an upset bid by Miami in an 83-76 victory on Thursday night.

Ogunbowale hit her first shot and then missed her next 12, going 28 minutes without a basket, before scoring on a rebound and hitting a free throw for a 62-57 Irish lead with 7:28 to play. Notre Dame led the rest of the way.

Erykah Davenport scored 24 points but just two in the final quarter for Miami (11-4, 1-1 ACC). Emes Hof had 14 points and Shanese Bailey had 13 for the Hurricanes.

No. 11 FSU 69, Clemson 47

CLEMSON, S.C. — Nautia Woolfolk scored a career-high 18 points and No. 11 Florida State beat Clemson for the 17th straight time in a 69-47 rout.

The Seminoles (14-1, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) have won four straight since their 87-72 loss at No. 8 Texas on Dec. 17.

Woolfolk scored 10 points in the first half as Florida State built a 31-16 lead and never trailed. Woolfolk was 5-of-7 shooting and made three 3-pointers. Savannah Wilkinson made a career-best four 3s and finished with 14 points for Florida State. Senior forward Shakayla Thomas chipped in 11 points and surpassed Tia Paschal (1989-93) for third place on the Seminole all-time scoring list with 1,667 points.

Alexis Carter scored 16 points to lead Clemson (10-5, 0-2), which has lost three of its last four games. Ivy Atkism added 12 points.

— From wire reports

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	31	10	.756	—
Toronto	26	10	.722	2½
Philadelphia	18	19	.486	11
New York	18	20	.474	11½
Brooklyn	15	23	.395	14½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	22	16	.579	—
Miami	20	17	.541	1½
Charlotte	14	23	.378	7½
Orlando	12	27	.308	10½
Atlanta	10	27	.270	11½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	25	13	.658	—
Detroit	20	16	.556	4
Milwaukee	20	16	.556	4
Indiana	19	19	.500	6
Chicago	13	25	.342	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	10	.730	—
San Antonio	26	13	.667	2
New Orleans	19	18	.514	8
Dallas	13	26	.333	15
Memphis	12	26	.316	15½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	24	15	.615	—
Oklahoma City	21	17	.553	2½
Denver	20	17	.541	3
Portland	19	18	.514	4
Utah	16	22	.421	7½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	31	8	.795	—
L.A. Clippers	17	19	.472	12½
Phoenix	15	25	.375	16½
Sacramento	12	25	.324	18
L.A. Lakers	11	26	.297	19
Thursday's Games				
Golden State 124, Houston 114				
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, late				

GOLF

Tournament of Champions

Thursday
At Kapalua Resort (Plantation Course)
Kapalua, Hawaii

First Round (Partial leaderboard)

Marc Leishman	32-35	—67	-6
Brian Harman	33-35	—68	-5
Jhonattan Vegas	34-34	—68	-5
Si Woo Kim	34-35	—69	-4
Rickie Fowler	33-36	—69	-4
Dustin Johnson	34-35	—69	-4
Billy Horschel	35-35	—70	-3
Patrick Cantlay	34-36	—70	-3
Kyle Stanley	34-36	—70	-3
Kevin Kisner	36-34	—70	-3
Hideki Matsuyama	34-36	—70	-3
Ryan Armour	35-36	—71	-2
Brendan Steele	34-37	—71	-2
Jason Dufner	36-35	—71	-2
Jon Rahm	34-37	—71	-2
Justin Thomas	35-36	—71	-2
Patton Kizzire	35-37	—72	-1
Chris Stroud	34-38	—72	-1
Hudson Swafford	38-34	—72	-1
Pat Perez	36-36	—72	-1
Xander Schauffele	34-38	—72	-1
Bryson DeChambeau	38-35	—73	E
Adam Hadwin	34-39	—73	E
Daniel Berger	36-37	—73	E

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	40	29	8	3	61	147	95			
Boston	38	22	10	6	50	119	95			
Toronto	42	24	16	2	50	138	122			
Florida	39	17	17	5	39	109	126			
Detroit	39	16	16	7	39	106	120			
Montreal	41	17	20	4	38	103	127			
Ottawa	38	12	17	9	33	99	130			
Buffalo	40	10	21	9	29	88	135			
Metropolitan Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	41	25	13	3	53	128	117			
New Jersey	39	22	10	7	51	123	116			
Columbus	41	23	15	3	49	115	115			
N.Y. Rangers	40	21	14	5	47	125	114			
Carolina	40	19	13	8	46	114	119			
N.Y. Islanders	41	20	17	4	44	141	150			
Pittsburgh	42	20	19	3	43	116	133			
Philadelphia	40	17	15	8	42	113	118			
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
St. Louis	43	26	15	2	54	124	105			
Winnipeg	41	23	11	7	53	136	113			
Nashville	39	23	11	5	51	123	107			
Minnesota	41	22	16	3	47	121	116			
Dallas	41	22	16	3	47	123	114			
Chicago	39	19	14	6	44	117	108			
Colorado	39	20	16	3	43	126	122			
Pacific Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Vegas	39	27	10	2	56	136	108			
Los Angeles	40	24	11	5	53	120	91			
San Jose	38	21	12	5	47	104	96			
Anaheim	41	19	14	8	46	114	115			
Calgary	39	19	16	4	42	108	114			
Edmonton	40	17	20	3	37	114	131			
Vancouver	40	16	19	5	37	106	132			
Arizona	41	9	27	5	23	94	146			
Thursday's Games										
Carolina 4, Pittsburgh 0										
Toronto 3, San Jose 2, SO										
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Islanders 4										
Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 1, SO										
Minnesota 6, Buffalo 2										
St. Louis 2, Vegas 1										
New Jersey at Dallas, late										
Los Angeles at Calgary, late										
Anaheim at Edmonton, late										
Columbus at Colorado, late										

Florida **LOTTERY**

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

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PICK 2 (late)	PICK 5 (late)
8 - 4	8 - 1 - 7 - 8 - 5
PICK 3 (early)	FANTASY 5
4 - 2 - 1	2 - 7 - 8 - 22 - 31
PICK 3 (late)	CASH 4 LIFE
0 - 0 - 7	12 - 22 - 42 - 43 - 53
PICK 4 (early)	CASH BALL
7 - 5 - 8 - 6	3
PICK 4 (late)	
8 - 8 - 4 - 1	

Wednesday's winning numbers and payouts:

Powerball: 2 - 18 - 37 - 39 - 42	Lotto: 4 - 28 - 30 - 36 - 44 - 48
Powerball: 12	6-of-6 1 winner \$11 million
5-of-5 PB No winner	5-of-6 20 \$5,918
No Florida winner	4-of-6 1,221 \$74
5-of-5 6 winners \$1 million	3-of-6 23,887 \$5
2 Florida winners	
Fantasy 5: 6 - 9 - 13 - 16 - 23	
5-of-5 4 winners \$56,700.39	
4-of-5 435 \$84	
3-of-5 11,624 \$8.50	

Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the **AIRWAVES**

TODAY'S SPORTS

NBA
7 p.m. (ESPN) Minnesota Timberwolves at Boston Celtics
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) Washington Wizards at Memphis Grizzlies
2 a.m. (ESPN2) Washington Wizards at Memphis Grizzlies (Taped)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (ESPN2) Wisconsin at Rutgers
7 p.m. (ESPNU) St. Peter's at Iona
8 p.m. (FS1) Northwestern at Penn State
9 p.m. (ESPN2) Northern Kentucky at Oakland
9 p.m. (ESPNU) Wright State at Detroit Mercy
10 p.m. (FS1) Oregon at Oregon State

BIG BASH LEAGUE CRICKET

3 a.m. (NBCSPT) Melbourne Stars vs Melbourne Renegades
GOLF
6 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Sentry Tournament of Champions, Second Round

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

5:30 p.m. (ESPNU) Alabama at Michigan
HOCKEY
4 p.m. (NHL) 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship Bronze Medal Game: Teams TBA
8 p.m. (NHL) 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship Gold Medal Game: Teams TBA

U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS

6 p.m. (NBCSPT) Speed Skating: Men's and Women's 500
U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
12:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Men's Short (Taped)
4 p.m. (NBCSPT) Short Dance
8 p.m. (NBC) Ladies' Free Skate

SOCCER

2:30 p.m. (FS1) FA Cup: Liverpool FC vs Everton
TENNIS
8:30 a.m. (TENNIS) ATP Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Semifinals, Doubles Final
3:30 p.m. (TENNIS) Hopman Cup, Belgium vs. Canada (Taped)
1:30 a.m. (TENNIS) Hopman Cup, Belgium vs. Canada (Same-day Tape)
4:30 a.m. (TENNIS) ATP Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Semifinals, Doubles Final (Same-day Tape)

WINTER SPORTS

9 p.m. (NBCSPT) Biathlon IBU World Cup: Women's 7.5km Sprint & Men's 10km Sprint (Same-day Tape)
10:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) IBSF World Cup Bobsleigh and Skeleton Men's & Women's Skeleton (Same-day Tape)

Prep **CALENDAR**

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL
6 p.m. Seven Rivers at Foundation Christian
GIRLS BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m. Forest at Citrus
7:30 p.m. Crystal River at Dunnellon
BOYS SOCCER
6 p.m. Mount Dora at Dunnellon
7 p.m. Oak Hall at Seven Rivers
GIRLS SOCCER
5 p.m. Oak Hall at Seven Rivers
7:30 p.m. Dunnellon at Belleview

SPORTS BRIEFS

FSU defensive end Josh Sweat to enter NFL draft

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State's Josh Sweat will forego his final year of eligibility and enter the NFL draft. The 6-foot-5, 253-pound defensive lineman led the Seminoles in sacks (5.5) and tackles for loss (12.5). He also had 56 tackles, which led the defensive line and was third on the team. Sweat chose not to play in the Seminoles' Independence Bowl victory over Southern Mississippi on Dec. 27. He said in a statement released by the school on Wednesday that he made the decision to enter the draft after discussions with his family. Sweat is the third Florida State player to declare for the draft, joining safety Derwin James and tight end Ryan Izzo.

Serena Williams out of Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Defending champion Serena Williams has withdrawn from the Australian Open, saying she is not ready to return to tournament tennis. Williams was pregnant with her first child when she won last year's tournament at Melbourne Park, her 23rd Grand Slam singles title of her career. She gave birth to her daughter, Alexis, in September.

She played in an exhibition tournament last week in Abu Dhabi and indicated after her loss to French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko that she might not make it to Melbourne. "After competing in Abu Dhabi I realized that although I am super close, I'm not where I personally want to be," Williams said in a statement released Friday by Australian Open organizers.

"My coach and team always said 'only go to tournaments when you are prepared to go all the way.' I can compete — but I don't want to just compete, I want to do far better than that and to do so, I will need a little more time. "With that being said, and even though I am disappointed about it, I've decided not to compete in the Australian Open this year."

Hip injury forces Murray out of Aussie Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Murray has withdrawn from the Australian Open two days after pulling out of a tuneup tournament in Brisbane because of a lingering right hip problem. Organizers confirmed Thursday that the five-time Australian Open finalist would not be playing at the season's first major, which starts Jan. 15 in Melbourne. "Sadly I won't be playing in Melbourne this year, as I am not yet ready to compete," Murray was quoted as saying. "I'll be flying home shortly to assess all the options." Former No. 1-ranked Murray, a three-time major winner, has not played a

competitive match since Wimbledon. In a heartfelt social media post earlier in the week after withdrawing from the Brisbane International, the 30-year-old Murray contemplated surgery as an option after failing to overcome the pain with rest and rehabilitation.

Dolphins hire Washburn as O-line coach

MIAMI — A person familiar with the decision said the Miami Dolphins have hired a former Chicago Bears assistant for the second time this week, giving Jeremiah Washburn the job of offensive line coach. The person confirmed the move to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Thursday because the Dolphins had not announced the hiring. Washburn was the Dolphins' assistant offensive line coach in 2016, and the Bears' offensive line coach in 2017. He has 16 years of coaching experience in the NFL.

The Dolphins earlier added former Bears offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains as offensive coordinator. Washburn succeeds Chris Foerster, who resigned in October after a video on social media appeared to show him snorting lines of white powder.

Curry, Thompson help Warriors beat Rockets

HOUSTON — Stephen Curry had 29 points, and Klay Thompson added 28 and the Golden State Warriors pulled away late in the fourth quarter for a 124-114 victory over the Houston Rockets on Thursday night.

The Warriors extended their road winning streak to nine games and have won an NBA-best 16 road games this season. The teams stayed close through most of the game, but the Warriors had a seven-point lead with about 3 1/2 minutes left. They scored the next five points, highlighted by a 3 from Curry, to make it 120-109 and send many of the home fans streaming for the exits.

The Rockets got 30 points from Eric Gordon, and Gerald Green came off the bench to score 29 and tie a career high with eight 3-pointers as they played their second game without James Harden, who is out for at least two weeks with a hamstring strain.

The Warriors were short-handed, too, playing without Kevin Durant, who missed the game with a strained right calf. But Andre Iguodala returned after sitting out Wednesday night with back and hip strains and had 10 points and eight assists.

Curry added nine rebounds and five assists and a steal in his third game back after missing 11 with a sprained right ankle. The Warriors were up by 3 after three and opened the fourth quarter with an 8-1 run to make it 101-91 with about 10 minutes left.

— From wire reports

ALLAN

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"Just the people, the community, the Citrus County community, it's been a blessing to work with. There's heated rivalries, but we take care of our own. I can't think of any place else I would have wanted to be."

Allan was particularly complimentary of the administrators he has worked with at Lecanto and within the school system. Early on, he got to know Sam Himmel, who would go on to become the current superintendent.

"It's recognition of his selflessness and service to athletes," Himmel said of Allan's Hall of Fame induction. "He has impacted many student-athletes around the county. It's an honor for our district to have someone inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"I think Ron represents us well. His beliefs, his high expectations of the students and the school system, they represent what Citrus County stands for."

Allan admits the magnitude of this accomplishment hasn't quite registered, but he figures that'll come once he's up accepting his plaque and having to deliver that pesky speech. He has looked down the list of Hall of Fame coaches and seen names such as Hernando High's Tom Varn and Ernie Chatman, or longtime South Sumter football coach Inman Sherman, and marveled that he'll join their fraternity.

"I've gotten a chance to work with a lot of great coaches and a lot of people I've admired," Allan said. "I guess it means I'm old. "It's a testament to what the kids have accomplished over the years in the sports I've worked with, especially girls basketball."

ALL-BOWL

Continued from Page B1

the way for Jonathan Taylor's 130-yard rushing performance in a 34-24 victory over the 11th-ranked Hurricanes.

David Forney, Navy (Military): Forney had a team-high 13 knockdowns while helping Navy rush for 452 yards in a 49-7 blowout of Virginia.

Patrick Morris, TCU (Alamo): Morris helped TCU gain 488 yards and erase a 21-3 deficit in a 39-37 victory over Stanford. Morris was credited with helping TCU contain Stanford's Harrison Phillips, who made over 100 tackles this season but had just three stops in the Alamo Bowl.

Quenton Nelson, Notre Dame (Citrus): This

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WILD CARD WEEKEND

Saturday, January 6

AFC Wild Card Playoffs:
Tennessee at Kansas City.....4:35pm.....ESPN/ABC

NFC Wild Card Playoffs:
Atlanta at L.A. Rams.....8:15pm.....NBC

Sunday, January 7

AFC Wild Card Playoffs:
Buffalo at Jacksonville.....1:05pm.....CBS

NFC Wild Card Playoffs:
Carolina at New Orleans.....4:40pm.....FOX

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Janet Bostrom
GOOD TIMES

Hot music for cold days

The cold weather has frozen out some of our local music this weekend, but there are still some great options. If you plan to listen to music in an outdoor setting, call first to make sure they will be open.

On Friday night, you can hear a new voice at Norton's Riverside Sports Bar and Grill. Bryce Mauldin, from Webster, in Sumter County, is breaking into the country music world with songs like "I Can Love You Like That." After a year of posting, his video of the song has had over 7.8 million views and close to 20,000 shares. He now lives near Nashville to accelerate his music career.

Walt Whitney will be playing Sunday afternoon at the Suncoast Bar and Grill. Originally from New Jersey, he has spent the past 40 years playing in New Orleans and up and down the East Coast. He now lives in Lecanto. His long musical career has included performing with Johnny Winter, The Marshall Tucker Band, Dave Mason, Marshall Crenshaw, Richie Havens, James Cotton and many others. He plays old standards, rhythm and blues, country and rock 'n' roll.

Friday, Jan. 5

■ Cool Change, 7-10 p.m., The Blue Gator, Dunnellon

■ Jig to a Milestone, 8-11 p.m., Burkes of Ireland, Crystal River

■ Steve Champagne, 7-11 p.m., Citrus Eagles Club in Inverness

■ Mustang Mafia, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., High Octane Saloon, Homosassa

■ Blues & Jazz, 7-10 p.m., MC Wine and Beer, Inverness

■ Missin Pistons, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Mickey's Bar and Billiards, Crystal River

■ Bryce Mauldin, 6-10 p.m., Norton's Riverside Sports Bar & Grill, Crystal River

■ Chris Sanders, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Pine Street Pub, Inverness

■ Casey Young, 6-10 p.m., Riverside Crabhouse (Monkey Island), Homosassa

■ Boston Dom, 6-9 p.m., Rocco's Pizza and Café, Crystal River

■ Jojo Jones with Jay Jernigan, 5-9 p.m., Seagrass Resort, Homosassa

Saturday, Jan. 6

■ Mustang Mafia, 7-10 p.m., The Blue Gator, Dunnellon

■ Local Traffic, 8 p.m., Castaways Bar, Crystal River

■ Bad Kitty, 7-11 p.m., Citrus Eagles Club, Inverness

■ Missin Pistons, 1-4 p.m., Retribution, 9 p.m., High Octane Saloon, Homosassa

■ Dave Cook, 8 p.m., Jim's Club 19, Homosassa

■ Blues & Jazz, 7-10 p.m., MC Wine and Beer, Inverness

■ The Joes, 7-11 p.m., Mickey's Bar and Billiards, Crystal River

■ Kenny, Rockin Rollin

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Hit parade of gems takes center stage



MAC HARRIS/Special to the Chronicle
ABOVE: From left, Nancy Hoffman, left, Dorothy Fitzgerald, Lori Kohan, Kathryn Townsend, Ashlyn Gibbs and Chris Patti rehearse the song "Sarah Lee" from a scene in "The World Goes Round." **BELOW:** Sharon Vetter, Carol Wygle, Danielle Flury-Downey and Fred Hilpert.

'The World Goes Round' set to open Jan. 12 at the Art Center Theatre

Special to the Chronicle

A stunning review of music from the multi-Tony award-winning team of John Kander and Fred Ebb featuring songs from their hit shows "Chicago," "Cabaret," "Zorba" and many more opens Friday, Jan. 12, at the Art Center Theatre in Citrus Hills.

The show is full of humor, romance, drama and nonstop melody as the singers find themselves careening through the world of love, babies and coffee. From "Cabaret" "to Chicago," the nonstop hit parade includes gems such as "Mr. Cellophane," "Maybe This Time," "Cabaret" and "New York, New York" seamlessly

interwoven into an up-tempo evening of musical theater.

The title for the show—

"The World Goes Round"—comes from a tune the songwriting team wrote for Liza Minnelli to sing in the film "New York, New York."

Directed by Danielle Flury-Downey with choreography by Linda Leveault, the show features an all-star cast of vocalists and an orchestra that will delight audiences with their musicality.

Featured singers include Mary Ellen Craver, Ashlynn Gibbs, Bethann Clinton, Chris Patti and Richard Flury.

The ensemble includes Dorothy Fitzgerald, Nancy Hoffman, Claudia Kazmierczak, Lori Kohan, Jacqueline Moore, Missy Mullens, Lowell Smith, Kathy Townsend, Sharon Vetter and Carol Wygle.

The orchestra includes Danielle Flury-Downey on piano, Sharon Beckwith and Shelly

Bednarski on reeds, Don Rowe and Ernie Mazurkiewicz on trumpet/flugelhorn, John Welper and Cameron Mellert on trombone, Barbara Shellenberger on bass, Fred Hilpert on drums, Diane Rowe Woodley on percussion and Becky Rowe on synthesizer.

The show opens Jan. 12 and runs for two weekends, ending Jan. 21. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$19 and are available through the box office on the Art Center campus at 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. or by calling 352-746-7606. Box office hours are 1-4 p.m. weekdays and one hour before shows.



Acoustic folk heads for Old Courthouse

Museum concert series continues through May

SHARON ANDERSON
 For the Chronicle

Acoustic folk trio The Currys will take the local stage in Inverness Thursday, Jan. 11, for the next performance on tap in the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum's 10th annual Music at the Museum concert series.

The Currys will perform in the second floor courtroom of the Old Courthouse, 1 Court-house Square. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the concert will run from 7-9 p.m.

"They're an Americana folk trio from the Florida Panhandle who perform folk, rock, and roots music," said Historical Resources Manager Katherine Turner Thompson. "I saw them last year up in Gainesville, and they are great musicians. We're really excited about being able to bring them in."

The Currys have had an appreciation for such music most of their lives. Brothers Jimmy and Tommy, and cousin Galen, "have anchored their songs by the sort of elastic, entwined harmonies that only exist among kin," according to their news release. For their second album, "West of Here," all three members wrote songs that deal with the constant search for home.

For a taste of The Currys music, visit the group's website



The Currys are an acoustic folk trio from the Panhandle.

Special to the Chronicle

at www.thecurrysmusic.com.

The trio was originally scheduled to perform on Jan. 18, Turner Thompson said, so those planning to attend should be advised of the date change.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and Thompson said "each concert provides light refreshments and a cash bar, which supports our fundraising efforts." Proceeds from the concert series benefit the Citrus County Historical Society and fund the museum's exhibitions and educational programming, she said.

To reserve seats, call 352-341-

6428, or email citrushistorical.society@gmail.com.

"Today, museums are much more than they have been in the past," Turner Thompson said. "They are places of discovery, exploring, learning and conversation. In addition to the Music at the Museum Concert Series, the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum presents many ways to engage with history through events and exhibitions."

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"On Wednesdays, you may

call and make arrangements for a special guided tour," Turner Thompson said. "Partnerships and sponsorships are always available."

After The Currys, four more concerts remain in this concert season:

■ Thursday, Feb. 15, Infinido — an authentic Latin band based in Tampa's historic Ybor City — will perform Latin Valentine music, led by Cuban bandleader Pedro Bullaudy. Attendees can come ready to dance to salsa, merengue, Latin

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Photography, art and music at Art Center in January

Beautiful photographs, interesting art techniques and lots of music are on schedule for January at the Art Center of Citrus County. During January, photographs by the Art Center Camera Club will be on display throughout the Art and Education building on the Art Center campus at 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Citrus Hills.



Sharon Harris
ART TALK

steampunk. All of the photographs were taken by local photographers, but the landscapes range from local to the American West to India. On the second Tuesday of the month, Jan. 9, the monthly Lunch and Learn meeting will feature Jeannie Loren demonstrating how to create art with poured acrylics. The program is from 1-3 p.m. and includes a light lunch, along with the demonstration. The session is free to Art Center members, but nonmembers are asked to donate \$5.

Beginning Friday, Jan. 12, and running for two weekends, the Art Center Theatre will present a revue of music from the award-winning team of John Kander and Fred Ebb. The revue features songs from their hit shows such as "Chicago" and "Cabaret," along with other hit songs such as "Maybe This Time" and "New York, New York." Directed by Danielle Flury-Downey with choreography by Linda Levreault, the show features an all-star cast of vocalists and an orchestra that will delight audiences with their musicality. The show opens Jan. 12 and runs for two weekends, ending Jan. 21. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and

2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$19 and are available through the box office on the Art Center campus at 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. or by calling 746-7606. Box office hours are 1-4 weekdays and one hour before shows. Whether it is spectacular photography, art instruction or beautiful music, there is something for everyone at the Art Center in January. For more information about events, visit www.artcenterofcitruscounty.org. Join us, won't you?

Sharon Harris is an artist, art teacher, play director, actor and former president of the Art Center, and current publicity director of Acrylic Painters of the U.S.

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jazz, cumbia, romanticas and more.

Thursday, March 15, the coastal Maine duo Castlebay will return to blend history, legend and the heritage of New England and the Celtic lands in poignant ballads sung by Julia and Fred Gosbee. Castlebay treats the audience to a musical journey through time and across the Atlantic on the Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle and tin whistle.

Thursday, April 19, the Dave Capp Project, who hail from the Orlando area, will provide a night full of amazing jazz. The band plays a variety of jazz styles and is comprised of saxophonist and vocalist Dave Capp, vocalist France Neil, Scott Montgomery on keyboards and Rick Nicholson on bass.

Thursday, May 17, will be the series finale, featuring Honey Creepers, a Southwest Florida



Special to the Chronicle
Castlebay performs at the Old Courthouse on March 15.

acoustical trio. The group features the soulful and dynamic vocals of Prana, the strings of John R. Butler and a musical foundation of Randy Hilderman on bass guitar. French Creole lead vocalist Prana is a Detroit native with a soulful and dynamic sound born in the Bayou.

For more information, check out the Historical Society website at www.cccourthouse.org.

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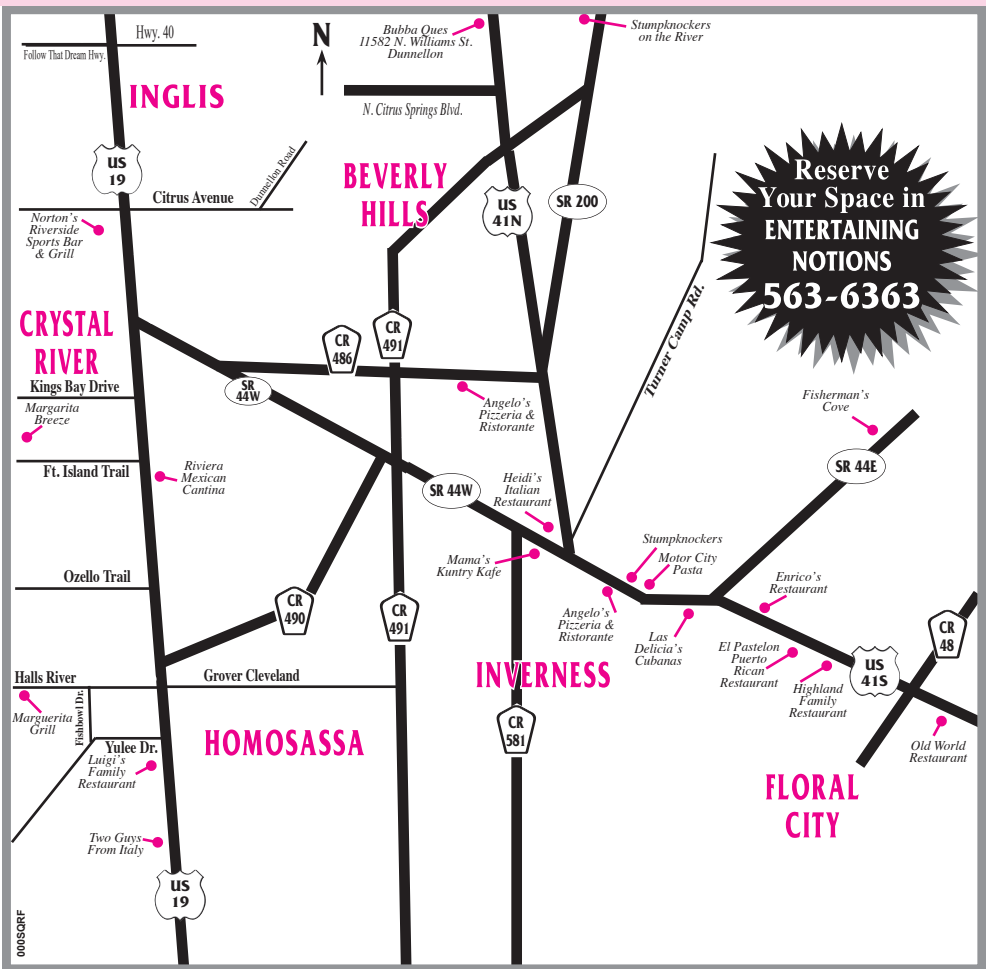
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Festivals and Special Interest

■ The Creative Calligraphers of Citrus Springs will start the new year by meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Citrus Springs Library on Country Club Boulevard in Citrus Springs. We will begin the new season with a new hand for study and review: the uncial hand. There will be time for practice and discussion. There will also be a program on "Friendship" presented by June Towner and we will find some nice ways to incorporate using the uncial style of writing. Please bring with you your pen(s), pencils, tracing paper, card stock and practice paper. A ruler, glue stick, bone folder and other tools of your choosing will be helpful, but not necessary. Call the Citrus Springs Library at 352-489-2313.

■ Ocala Calligraphy Guild will meet Jan. 8. We will have a special guest, Jackie Tanner, who will show how to make "mini boxes" embellished with calligraphy. General meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Appleton Museum with presentation, and meet-and-greet to follow. This is a free activity for the general public.

■ The monthly business meeting of the Beverly Hills Craftsman Guild is at 1 p.m. the third Monday monthly at the Wood Guild Workshop. The guild wood workshop is open 8 a.m. until noon Monday through Saturday year-round for members (also some Tuesday afternoon hours). Beverly Hills Wood Craftsman Guild seeks new members to join to make it more fun with novice and experienced woodworkers together. The workshop is fully equipped for individual wood-working projects. Dues are \$125 yearly and members must be 18 or older. All interested woodworkers are welcome.

■ The Art Center Camera Club at 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. Curtiss Bryant will speak about creating environmental portraits. In his discussion he will explain how to use lighting and find interesting locations. Before he starts photographing, he visualize how he wants to shoot the scene and then proceed to accomplish his goal. In addition to speakers, the Camera Club also

has workshops that enable members to learn and improve their photographic skills. First-time visitors are welcome; for more information, call 352-400-4466.

■ General Francis Marion Stamp Club will host its annual Stamp 7 Con Show on Jan. 6 at the Munroe Auxiliary Conference Center, 1542 SW First Ave. in Ocala. A vast variety of stamps, coins, paper money and picture postcards available for buying and selling to collectors of all ages. For more information, call 727-364-6897 or email h.rogg@verizon.net; visit www.floridastampshows.com.

■ Vendors are wanted for the upcoming "Toy Train, Collectible and Hobby Show/Sale" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., Brooksville. All vendors are welcome: train memorabilia, trains, tracks, accessories, baseball cards, crafts, comic books, coins, crafts, antiques, die cast cars or any other hobby or collectible-related items. Rent 8-foot tables for \$20 each. If interested, call Joe at 727-244-1341 or reserve a table online at www.regalrailways.com.

■ The second annual Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival and Car Show hosted by Tin Roof Shack Productions and the Citrus MOPARS car club will be Saturday, Jan. 27, at Rock Crusher Canyon, 275 S. Rock Crusher Road, Crystal River (rock-crusherevents.com). All years and makes of cars and trucks are welcome. Over 30 awards will be presented based on People's Choice judging around 2 p.m. Car show pre-registration is \$20 by Jan. 24, or \$25 at the show, which includes two tickets for the Music Festival in the Pavilion. Registration will run from 9 to 11 a.m. Show proceeds will benefit local charities. For more info regarding the car

THE BUZZ

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show, contact Ken McNally at kemcnally@tampabay.rr.com or 352-341-1165. For the Music Festival info, call Dave Elliott at 352-318-3872. You can go to floridamoparsassociation.com under Events/Car Shows then Member Club's Events to print the registration flier. Also, see the website tinroofshack.com.

■ Friday evening dinner at 5 p.m. and an inspirational movie at 6:30 p.m. Bring your friends and your family to Living Water Ministries in Beverly Plaza, next to the pizza store in Beverly Hills. Phone 352-513-2648.

■ Hands-On-Woodturners (howturners.com) meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Lions Club in Beverly Hills. Following a short business meeting, a woodturning-related demonstration is provided by an experienced craftsman. The group is comprised of members with all levels of experience and visitors are always welcome. The Lions Club is at 72 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Contact Denis Cap for information: 352-489-4374 or admin@howturners.com.

■ The Nature Coast R/Cers Club meets the first Saturday of the month at the Inglis Locks Recreational Park on State Road 40 east of U.S. 19 at 9 a.m. The meeting is open to anyone interested in R/C flying. Members flying will continue after the meeting. For information contact Ralph Frank at 352-527-9319 or Ronnie Smith at 352-302-7137.

■ Radiant Ridge Toastmasters announces its new adjunct meeting site at Citrus County Library in Homosassa. Meetings will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the library meeting room on the first and third Thursdays each month. A strict one-hour time limit will be observed. Bring a lunch to eat during the meeting hour. All are welcome to join the group at the brief

meetings, to help polish presentation skills. Call Peg Weston at 352-586-2343 for information.

■ The Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meets from January to April and September to November. Meetings are the first Tuesday monthly at 7 p.m. at the Crystal Oaks Civic Center, 4958 W. Crystal Oaks Drive, Le-canto. Throughout the year the chapter has field trips, native plant walks, hosts native plant programs and has an annual native plant sale in the spring. For information, call Gail Taylor, 352-212-2390, or email citrusNPS@gmail.com. The Mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

■ High tea served with Old Florida charm: Don't miss this weekly event on Thursdays at 3 p.m. on the Withlacoochee River in quaint Yankeetown. Register your table of friends or simply come to meet new people. Nice sandwiches and treats accompany your choice of tea. Held at the Riverside Inn, 6301 Riverside, Yankeetown. Call 352-447-2595.

■ Bonsai is an international art form of growing, forming and shaping miniature trees. Open to everyone, Buttonwood Bonsai Club goes from novice to expert. The club meets the fourth Saturday of every month at Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, in the Community Building. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Contact Jim Meister, president, for information at 352-586-0582 or jms_meister@yahoo.com.

■ Every Saturday evening starting about 4 p.m. at the Kings Bay Plaza, on U.S. 19 in Crystal River, the Citrus County Cruisers invite everyone to their "cruise-in" to enjoy music, mingling and, of course, the classic cars. The popular event has been going

on for years next to Wendy's and the Cruisers invite the public to join them, stroll around and relive your past and remember when. Call John at 352-382-5501, or Roy at 352-382-7955.

■ These are the dates for 2018 upcoming major events at Fort Cooper State Park. These events are sponsored by the Friends of Fort Cooper — the State Park's Citizen Service Organization (CSO). Fort Cooper State Park is at 3100 S. Old Floral City Road, Inverness. Call 352-726-0315.

● Fort Cooper Days — March 17-18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
● Bluegrass Music Festival — April 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
● Living History Days — Oct. 18-19.
● Nights Of Lights — Dec. 7, 8 and 9 from 6-8:30 p.m.

■ The Friends of the Crystal River State Park accepts advance reservations for 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. eco-tours on Saturdays. Tours are narrated, 60 to 90 minutes in length and highlight the plants, animals and prehistory along the estuaries of the Crystal River. The boat launches from the Visitors Center at 3266 N. Sailboat Ave., Crystal River. 352-563-0450.

■ Sunset Cruise the Crystal River Preserve State Park, sponsored by the Friends of the Crystal River State Parks Inc., departs the Crystal River Preserve visitor center dock for a sunset cruise on the Crystal River. Travel out into the gulf for a spectacular sunset. Refreshments and snacks will be available. Call 352-563-0450 for dates and information. Location is 3255 N. Sailboat Ave., Crystal River.

■ The Dunnellon Poetry Society will meet for poetry open mike at the Dunnellon Historic Train Depot, 12061 S.

Williams St., at 2 p.m. each month the third Sunday. The event is open to all poets and other lovers of poetry. Poets will read as many as three pages of their own original work. If time and material allow, an additional round of readings will take place. For information about the group and its events, go to confirm attendance, go to the group's page at www.facebook.com/dunnellonpoetry or email the host and coordinator, Bob Wright, at dunnellonpoetry@gmail.com.

■ Afro-Cuban drumming and dancing from 5-6 p.m. every Monday at the Independent Church of the Living God, 557 NE Second Ave., Crystal River. Everyone is welcome. A documentary of African culture and history will also be shown occasionally to educate the community. 352-897-4173.

■ Chapter 156 of The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) meeting, 8 a.m. fourth Sunday at VFW Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th St., Ocala. 352-527-2669.

■ Dade Battlefield Historic State Park is open from 8 a.m. to sunset every day of the year. The Visitor Center, which contains the park office and small museum, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Call the park at 352-793-4781 for information about events and park entry. Reserve for programs by calling the park to be put on the program list. Stop by or call the park at 352-793-4781 to make reservations. Here is a list of upcoming activities:

● Jan. 6-7, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dade's Battle Re-enactment — Battle each day at 2 p.m. Commemorating the 182nd Anniversary of Dade's Battle of 1835, the beginning of the Second Seminole War. Re-enactment includes period soldier, Seminole and civilian camps, period vendor trade fair, historic arts and crafts demonstrations, full-scale cannon firing and barricade building plus 19th century games and activities for children.

● Jan. 12, Friday, 6-8 p.m. Night Hike on Dade's Trails — Join our park ranger to see what is on the trails of Dade at night. We will look/listen for owls, bats, frogs and other nocturnal creatures. Bring a flashlight, and insect repellent. See BUZZ/Page C5

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Jim Davis
PLAY IT BY EAR

St. Augustine guitar wizard Sam Pacetti opens the year at 6:30 p.m. at Woodview Coffee House to-night, Jan. 5. Pacetti's renown fingerstyle playing was nurtured by his grandfather and honed by Florida legend Gamble Rogers. Woodview Coffee House is at 2628 Woodview Lane, Lecanto. Admission is \$10 at the door. For more information, contact Sheri at bsellis58@yahoo.com or call 352-257-8604.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, Music at the Museum at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in Inverness continues its fine series with The Currys, a multi-talented group of musicians who offer folk and Americana genres of tunes. Doors open at 6 p.m. and The Currys play at 7 p.m. For tickets and information, call 352-341-6428.

South Florida master musician and wit Grant Livingston headlines at the Sunday Sampler in Dunnellon's Historic Train Depot on Williams Street (U.S. 41) on Sunday, Jan. 14. Livingston combines top-drawer songwriting skills with a wickedly funny mind. Tickets are \$10 at the door and include refreshments. The music begins at 2 p.m. For more information, contact sundaysamplerconcerts@outlook.com.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Nature Coast Friends of Blues present Tony Amadore at the Museum Café on Yulee Drive in Homosassa. Opening for

Amadore will be local musicians, The Weeks. The Weeks will open the afternoon at 1 p.m. and Tony Amadore will perform at 2 p.m. Admission is \$7 for

NCFB members or \$10 for nonmembers. For information, call 352-201-2656 or email rubitime@gmail.com.

Citrus Strings will bring their chamber music to the Lakes Region Public Library in Inverness on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at noon. The free concert will include works by Corelli, Mozart, the Beatles and Gershwin. For more information, contact the Lakes Region Library at 1511 Druid Road; 352-726-2357.

The Winter Music Series at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church features The Churchmen, a gospel bluegrass group on Friday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. The church is at 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando. For more information, contact Angela at 860-906-8723.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, the Dunnellon Concert Singers celebrate the collaboration of America's most-celebrated composer-lyricist team with "A Rodgers and Hammerstein Retrospective" at Unity Church of Citrus County, 2628 Woodview Lane, Lecanto. The vocalists, accompanied by pianist Bob Cubbage, will present favorite songs from The Golden Age of Broadway. No tickets necessary; donations accepted. Call 352-419-8796 for more information.

Jim Davis is an officer and board member of the Citrus Cultural Alliance and board member of the Nature Coast Friends of Blues. Send musical and cultural event schedules to davisj0826@gmail.com.

Postcard show, sale coming up

MEL RUSTOM
Special to the Chronicle

Nobody sends postcards anymore. In this age of texting, tweeting and Instagrams, postcards are like typewriters and rotary telephones — obsolete.

Yet there are many of us who love them and collect them. Unlike stamp or coin collecting, postcards are about nostalgia, not money. It's about cities and towns where you've lived or worked. It's about places where you've vacationed, or a hotel where you had your honeymoon. There are postcards about luxury liners, world fairs, railroads, restaurants, holidays,

national parks and more.

Whatever your interest, you will likely find it at the Sunshine Postcard Club show and sale in Tampa, Jan. 12 and 13, at the Tampa Stadium Hotel, Lakeside Ballroom, 4750 N. Dale Mabry Highway. Fridays hours are

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the show will continue Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3; free parking and complimentary coffee and pastries.

For more information, call Leah Schnall at 941-753-8794 or email LeahCard@aol.com.



The Nature Coast Volunteer Center
is hosting a
Healthy Food Drive
in honor of
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Donations will be collected Dec. 26, 2017 through Jan. 15, 2018.

Our local food pantries often find their stock of non-perishable food items depleted after the holidays. The Nature Coast Volunteer Center and Retired & Senior Volunteer Program is holding a food drive in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., who once asked "What are you doing for others?" Our goal is to help our local food pantries serve the citizens of Citrus County by providing nutritional food for their families.

All donations should be in cans, boxes, plastic containers or sealed packages.

Suggested donations include:

- ✓ Peanut Butter
- ✓ Whole Grain Pasta
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- ✓ Whole Grain Oats and Cereal
- ✓ Brown Rice
- ✓ Canned Tuna & Chicken in water
- ✓ Canned Fruits in natural juices
- ✓ Canned Vegetables in water
- ✓ Canned Soup (low sodium preferred)

The public is welcome to join us from 10:00 am – Noon on Tuesday, January 16th at the Central Ridge Community Center to sort, count and pack the non-perishables that will go out to our local pantries. There will be light refreshments at the event, and you are encouraged to register ahead of time. Organizers of this special Day of Service are Nature Coast Volunteer Center, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, and the Board of County Commissioners. For more information or to register for the event, please contact the Nature Coast Volunteer Center at (352)527-5959 or via e-mail at nvcv@citrusbocc.com.

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- West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W. Veterans Dr., Homosassa

INVERNESS

- Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness
- Citrus County Tax Collectors Office, 210 N. Apopka, Inverness
- East Citrus Community Center, 9907 E. Gulf to Lake Hwy, Inverness
- Floral City Library, 8360 E. Orange Avenue, Floral City
- Inverness Community Center, 1082 N. Paul Drive, Inverness
- Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness

LECANTO

- Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills
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Watercolor has the 'spirit of spontaneity'

The 2017 fall program of talented artists that have appeared in demonstrations and workshops at the Citrus Watercolor Society (CWS) have been superb. And the first visiting artist in 2018, Karlyn Holman, is no exception.

This is another "must see" for all members of the CWS. Karlyn will demonstrate at the Friday, Jan. 12, meeting of the CWS. She is an internationally recognized artist, author and art instructor. She has owned and operated an art gallery since 1968 and is a prolific artist with a busy teaching schedule.

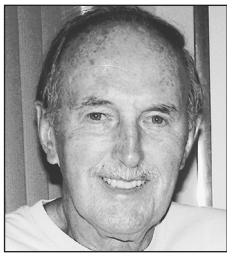
Nature is the driving force in her paintings, whether abstract or realistic. Karlyn has a loose, spontaneous painting style and an energetic, encouraging teaching style. She has an Master of Arts in Art from the University of Wisconsin and has taught at the college level for 10 years. She makes her home in Washburn, Wisconsin.

"Watercolor has always intrigued me. I enjoy the challenge of trying to control this elusive medium and I love the luminosity that transparent paint can produce," she said. "Watercolor is a balancing act between control and spontaneity. My most successful workshops are those in which I offer guided instruction as a basis for creating a look of spontaneity."

"Once armed with knowledge and mastery of basic techniques, you will be able to venture into the fascinating world of watercolor and mixed media. If you study and understand color theory, learn what each brush can do, and most importantly, develop an attitude of taking risks, you will be able to freely explore without boundaries."

Karlyn Holman has had a

studio-gallery for over 41 years and enjoys a full schedule of teaching workshops and painting in her studio. Karlyn's watercolor paintings reflect a special kind of exuberance for her native area of



Norm Freyer
CITRUS WATERCOLOR

Lake Superior and her travels around the world. Her paintings could be described as realism based on abstract structure.

She has illustrated five children's picture books. She has written three books on watercolor techniques, "Watercolor — The Spirit of Spontaneity," "Watercolor Fun and Free" and "Searching for the Artist Within."

Karlyn has taught on location in England, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Guatemala, Greece, France, Portugal, Austria, Yucatan, China, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Croatia, the Czech Republic, New Zealand and on three cruises in the Caribbean. You can see Karlyn Holman's work at https://search.aol.com/aol/image?q=karlyn+holman+artist&v_t=loki-ws.

Members of the Citrus Watercolor Society enjoy a "Painting of the Month" competition in October, November, January, February, March and April. They have opportunities to show and sell their work, take workshops and participate in monthly sketch/paint-outs, etc. For more information about the meeting, or to become a member, call Jane Kegan at 352-527-6934, Curt Bond at 352-489-1938 or see the CWS website at www.citruswatercolorociety.org. The Citrus Watercolor Society meets at noon on the second Friday of every month, except July, at the Family Center of the First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonnade St., Inverness.

Norm Freyer handles publicity for the Citrus Watercolor Society.

BUZZ

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● Jan. 16, Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m. Dade Winter Bird Walk — Meander the trails of Dade looking and listening for winter bird residents. Bring a pair of binoculars and bird book (optional).

● Jan. 17, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon. Dade Craft: Recycling Men's Ties/Dyeing on silk scarves — Bring your favorite silk tie (or use one from our collection) and we will provide the silk scarves for dyeing. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual park pass plus \$5/person; 12 and under is free.

● Jan. 25, Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon. Palm Frond Weaving Art: Boondoggles — Learn how to make boondoggles with palm and/or palmetto fronds.

● Jan. 27, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dade Quilt Show — Participants can enter quilts — \$5 display fee for each item, up to 5 items. Call for applications. Quilt show will also include quilting demonstrations and vendors, button art, natural fiber art and concession stand. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual Florida park pass.

● Jan. 30, Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pine Needle Basket Class — Join expert volunteers as we learn how to make a small pine needle basket. All materials are provided. Pre-registration required for class; class size limit 10.

● Feb. 1, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Road Back In Time — 1800s history comes to life through demonstrations, re-enactors and hands-on activities. Event is free for all school groups (home-school and public and their chaperones). No lunch provided, picnic facilities available. Please RSVP if you are coming with a group.

● Hernando Audubon Society welcomes the public to meetings and bird walks; all are free. Visit www.hernandoaudubon.org.

● "Sex in the Sitta: The Intriguing Lives of Brown-headed Nuthatches" will be the topic of a talk

by Jim Cox, director of Stoddard Bird Lab at Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy near Tallahassee. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Brooksville Women's Club, 131 S. Main St., Brooksville.

● Circle B Bar Reserve (Polk County): Friday, Jan. 12, 8 a.m. in the parking lot, 4399 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland. Walk the dikes of this restored marsh system to view wading birds and waterfowl. For information, contact Wally or Lee, 352-835-7050 or 757-636-6229, idocvb@gmail.com.

● Jumping Gully Preserve (Pasco County): Tuesday, Jan. 23, 8 a.m., meet at the pole barn/residence at 18812 Fishburne Drive. This 598-acre property was acquired by Pasco County in 2009 and 2011, and is only open to the public by arrangement. Expect to see waders, a few species of shorebirds and ducks, and numerous woodland birds. A four-wheel-drive, high-clearance vehicle is recommended. Contact Bev at bevalhansen@gmail.com, 352-686-0460, so transportation can be organized.

● Beginning Birding: Friday, Jan. 26, 8 a.m. at Chinsegut Conservation Center, 23212 Lake Lindsey Road, Brooksville. Learn to identify birds at feeders and during a short walk. There will be binoculars and bird books available for use. For information, contact Linda, 352-428-2629, lindalark85@gmail.com.

All Hernando Audubon activities are free and open to the public.

Stage & Screen

● Coming up at the Art Center Theatre:

● The Winter Musical, "And the World Goes 'Round," Jan. 12-21

● "Amy's Wish," romantic comedy, Feb. 9-25

● "Butterflies are Free," comedy/drama, March 16 to April 1

● "The Amorous Ambassador," comedy, April 20 to May 6

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● As part of its "Lifelong Learning Program," Congregation Kol Emet will present a Jewish film series and discussions featuring five movies which explore a wide variety of themes, including Jewish identity, Zionism, assimilation in America, Holocaust denial, Eastern European (Ashkenazi) culture and Jewish rituals and ethics. Each showing will be followed by a half-hour discussion of the particular themes raised by the film. A packet of material about the film and background information will be sent to all registrants for this course via email two weeks prior to each showing. There will be one 15-minute intermission. All movies will be shown at Congregation Kol Emet (at Unity of Citrus County), 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto. Fee is \$10. Free popcorn, coffee, tea and cake will be available. To reserve a seat and receive the pre-film packet of material via email, RSVP to mkamlot2@gmail.com or call 352-643-0995.

● Future films: "Chariots of Fire," Jan. 9; "A Tale of Love and Darkness," Feb. 13; "Yentl," March 13.

Music

● Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3 p.m., the Dunnellon Presbyterian Concert Series welcomes Christine Jones, who will present her program "Schumann to Summertime," accompanied by GayLyn Capitano. Jones, a mezzo soprano, will sing selections from traditional "German Lieder," Verdi's "Aida," Puccini's "Turandot," Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" and more from the American musical theater.

● Good Shepherd Lutheran Church announces its Winter Music Series 2017-18 schedule:

● Friday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. — The Churchmen, Gospel Bluegrass Band.

● Sunday, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m. — Johnny Carlsson presents The Florida Dixie Kings in "A Swingin' Mardi Gras."

The church is at 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando.

● The Citrus Community Concert Choir announces their 2018 spring rehearsals from 7 to 9 p.m. See BUZZ/Page C10

MUSIC

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Bowling, Beverly Hills

● Casey Young, 4-8 p.m., Seagrass Resort, Homosassa

● Dave Smith, 12:30-4 p.m., Sleepy Hollow, Floral City

● Birri, Suncoast Coast Bar and Grill, Homosassa

Sunday, Jan. 7

● The Joes, 2-5 p.m., The Blue Gator, Dunnellon

● Local Traffic, 1 p.m., Castaways Bar, Crystal River

● Blackwater Jack, 1 p.m., Storm, 7 p.m., High Octane Saloon, Homosassa

● Jojo Jones, 1-5 p.m., Margarita Breeze, Crystal River

● Dr. Paul, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Mickey's Bar and Billiards, Crystal River

● Johnny Lobo, 1-5 p.m., Riverside Crabhouse (Monday Island), Homosassa

● Eddie, 2-6 p.m., Seagrass Resort, Homosassa

● Shawline, 12:30 p.m., Sleepy Hollow, Floral City

● Walt Whitney, 2 p.m., Suncoast Coast Bar and Grill,

Homosassa

Tuesday, Jan. 9

● Casey Young, 6-10 p.m., Lollygaggers, Crystal River

● Kevin Zucker, 6-10 p.m., Norton's Riverside Sports Bar & Grill, Crystal River

● Cajun Dave, 5-9 p.m., The Shed at MacRae's, Homosassa

Wednesday, Jan. 10

● Bill "Elvis" Lindsey, 7 p.m., High Octane Saloon, Homosassa

● Cajun Dave, 5-9 p.m., Seafood Seller, Crystal River

Thursday, Jan. 11

● Cajun Dave, 7:30-11:30 p.m., Applebee's, Crystal River

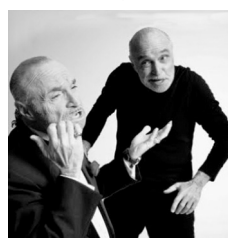
● Cliff Sanders, 2-5 p.m., The Blue Gator, Dunnellon

● Terry Cole, Sammy Jo & the Hitmen, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., High Octane Saloon, Homosassa

● Jojo Jones, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Mickey's Bar and Billiards, Crystal River

Janet Bostrom is a fan of the local music scene. You can reach her at citruscountymusic@gmail.com.

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NEWS NOTES

Learn to tell good guys from bad on plants

There are a lot of "things" that appear on plants. Some may be causing damage and others are not harmful to the plant. The January free Master Gardener UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension library plant seminars will help you identify to take action or Mother Nature is giving you a helping hand. The schedule for these free seminars is:

- 1 p.m. Jan. 9 at Lakes Region Library, Inverness.
- 1:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at Central Ridge Library, Beverly Hills.
- 1:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at Coastal Region Library, Crystal River.
- 1 p.m. Jan. 17 at Citrus Springs Library.
- 2 p.m. Jan. 23 at Homosassa Library.

We welcome any and all questions on plants or other gardening concerns. You can also contact the UF/Citrus County Extension anytime during business hours at 352-527-5700 (ask for any on-duty Master Gardener) or email Citrus County Master Gardeners at MasterG1@citrusbocc.com.

Wisconsinites plan social gathering

The Wisconsinites will have their monthly social gathering at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 at the Crystal Point Club House located on Summer-tree Drive off North Citrus Avenue, Crystal River.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share for the luncheon. Anyone who has recently moved to the area or those who are snowbirds are welcome to join our group.

The gathering is very informal and members congregate to enjoy a meal, visit and many stay to play card games. For more information, call Joyce at 352-860-1292.

Health fair set Jan. 10

The third annual Central Ridge Community Health Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Central Ridge Community Center Auditorium, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

There will be a bloodmobile present and hearing checks and special phones provided for the hearing impaired. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

For information, call the civic office at 352-746-2657 from 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday.

Meet with Senior Friends for Life

Senior Friends for Life will meet for lunch Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Inverness Golf and Country Club, 3150 Country Club Road.

Registration will be from 11 to 11:30 a.m., and a brief meeting to follow.

The day's speaker will be DuWayne Sipper, from The Path. For information and to make a reservation, call Ellen Jones at 352-489-9408, Sybil Main at 352-344-8256 or Jim Loomis at 352-201-9716.

Our outing for this quarter will be a visit to The Path farm at 10 a.m. Monday Jan. 12. Lunch will be at the Lakeview Country Club.

The restaurant outing for the month will be Friday, Jan. 19, at Margarita Grill, 10200 Halls River Road. To reserve, call Pat at 352-795-5822.

Hardin HAVEN

REGINA



Regina has been with us for a long time and really needs a home. She is gray with white socks and likes to play with her toys. She is a sweetie once she gets to know you, but must be the only cat in the house. Regina is spayed, up-to-date on vaccinations, dewormed, treated for fleas, microchipped, and feline HIV and leukemia negative. If you are interested in adopting Regina, or any of our other felines at the Hardin Haven, call Donna at 352-422-5525.

Homosassa River Garden Club plans giveaways, outings in 2018

The Homosassa River Garden Club invites you to join us for the new year. We met the third Monday of each month October to May at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa River State Park Visitor's Center. Come by at 9:30 a.m. for social time and light refreshments. Meetings begin about 10 a.m. and speaker at 11.

Hostesses for January are Diane Boese and Barbara Jeddrick. Floral design will be made by Linda Cutten.

On Jan. 15, the program on Mayan Culture and Environment had to be cancelled. The

new program will be announced as soon as possible.

Our Arbor Day tree Distribution on Jan. 20. We are adding a tree planting demonstration at the cemetery this year for Arbor Day at 12:30 p.m. Friday Jan. 19. At 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, distribution of the tree saplings will be at both the Homosassa Publix stores. Bagging for the trees will be at Patti Steck's house at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan 18. Helpers for this project are needed. Call Athena Philips at 813-263-5963, to let her know that you can help. The Crystal River Garden

Club has invited us to their fundraiser fashion show "Everything's Coming Up Roses" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Citrus Hills Golf Club. Let Patti Steck know if you want to join us and have some fun.

Our 2018 day bus trip is on March 6 — we will go to the Edison and Ford winter estates in Fort Myers, have lunch at Fishbones and shop at Shell Factory. Reservations are \$85 and food choices are needed by Feb. 1.

Mail checks to Homosassa River Garden Club, P.O. Box 4293, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447. Include lunch selection along with their check. Call

Barb at 352-586-0579 for other details.

We welcome new members: Christine Pisanski, Karen Brunner and Lucille O'Neil.

Dues for 2018 will be collected beginning in January. Members are invited to bring plants they'd like to share. Weeding dates will be announced as needed.

Check this publication for our monthly meetings. We look forward to having you join us.

For more information about the club, contact Suzanne Hyson at sbhyson@gmail.com or 352-382-7385 or homosassa.rivergardenclub.wordpress.com.

Author talks to League of Woman Voters



Biking the world's most dangerous road, near Paz, Bolivia, was one of the fascinating experiences author Jane Weber shared with League of Woman Voters at their Dec. 12 holiday party. Weber, who is also a Chronicle columnist, entertained with stories and tips about low-cost adventurous traveling. Weber resides in Dunnellon and has written "A Traveler's Travel Guide," available at Amazon.com. Shown here, Weber poses with a blank prototype of a bike rack designed for the county by the Citrus Cultural Alliance. This year, the Alliance will provide uniquely painted variations for private and public locations. Maybe you'll see Jane Weber parking her bike. Special to the Chronicle

Sewing guild donates to Salvation Army



For the past several years, the members of the Central West Coast Chapter of the American Sewing Guild have been sewing clothing, quilts, jackets, ponchos, purses and other items for the Salvation Army. This year was no exception. We made several hundred items for the Salvation Army to fill the needs of several families in Citrus County. Items were presented Dec. 7 to a thankful Maj. Lynn Irish and Angie Howland during the chapter's Christmas party. From left are Irish; Marcia Anderson, president; Howland; and Carole Antis. If interested in joining the American Sewing Guild, call Marcia Anderson at 352-601-6252 or Julia Clapp, membership chair, at 650-619-6720, for information. Special to the Chronicle

■ Send information at least two weeks before the event.
 ■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

■ Submit material at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to an event. Publication on a specific day can't be guaranteed.
 ■ Expect notes to run no more than once.

HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

■ **DEADLINE** to submit information is two weeks prior to an event — the earlier it is received, the better the chances it will appear more than once. Email community@chronicleonline.com.

■ **PUBLICATION** on a specific date or in a specific section cannot be guaranteed.

■ **OTHER SUBMISSIONS:** This calendar is for upcoming events open to the public. Solicitations for members or reports of past events may appear on community pages throughout the week.

■ **INFORMATION RELATING TO:** support groups and health seminars appears in Tuesday's Health & Life section; classes and schools appears in Wednesday's

Education section; theatrical events, concerts, recitals festivals and other special events appears in Friday's Scene section; religious groups appears in Saturday's Religion section; veterans news and groups appears in Sunday's Veterans section.

■ **TO DICTATE WHEN A NOTE RUNS:** Call Lori Driver at 352-564-2931 to purchase an advertisement.

Friday, Jan. 5

Learn about lichens with plant society

The Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will have a field trip to see and learn about lichens on at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at 11220 W. Dixie Shore Drive, Crystal River. The field trip will be led by lichen experts Roger Rosentreter and Anne DeBolt coming in from Idaho. Lichens are sensitive to environmental disturbances and are also used to assess air pollution, ozone depletion and metal contamination.

RSVP to Ben and ask for a map to the location: bfberauer@aol.com or text 727-217-5971. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join us.

Adopt a cat or kitten at Hardin Haven

Hardin Haven Pet Rescue will have cats and kittens up for adoption from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. today, at Rural King in the Crystal River Mall. All cats and kittens have been spayed or neutered, are up-to-date on shots and have been checked out by veterinarians. They can also be seen by calling 352-527-7866 or visit Hardin Haven on Petfinder.

Socialize with Irish Americans

Beverly Hills Irish American Social Club begins the new year with guest speaker from "Find-M' Friends" at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at the Central Ridge Community Center in Beverly Hills, 77 Civic Circle. Find M Friends uses bloodhounds to help locate lost and missing persons. Our speaker will go over how they train the dogs and how important it is to have a scent bag.

Meetings are open to the public. We will also be going over our January and February outings and upcoming events. Membership is \$10 per year. Light refreshments will be served.

Audubon to conduct annual bird count

Citrus County Audubon Chapter will do the annual Christmas Bird Count on Friday, Jan. 5. The count will cover a radius of 15 miles from the airport.

There will be 11 teams that will consist of 65 people to fan out to their designated areas. This is the 117th consecutive national count since 1900.

Up through the 19th century, many North Americans participated in the tradition of Christmas "side hunts," in which they competed at how many birds they could kill, regardless of whether they had any use for the carcasses and of whether the birds were beneficial, beautiful or rare.

In December 1900, the U.S. ornithologist Frank Chapman, founder of Bird-Lore (which became Audubon Magazine), proposed counting birds on Christmas instead of killing them.

Participants in the past year's count numbered over 59,000.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Try Dragon Boat Racing

The Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club will have a beginner's practice at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, starting at the Riverside Resort in Old Homosassa.

The practice will introduce participants to the ancient sport of dragon boat racing. Dragon boat racing is the fastest growing team watersport in the world.

This event is free; all equipment and coaching will be provided.

For information on the club and sign up, visit www.meetup.com/Nature-Coast-Dragon-Boat-Club or call Andrew at 201-280-9683.

Eat chili with Dunnellon Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will host a Chili Lunch Break from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the clubhouse, 11756 Cedar St.

Enjoy a wide variety of homemade chilis for \$7 eat in, or \$10 takeout. Baked good will also be available for purchase. All proceeds support local charities.

For information, contact Joan at 352-465-0782.

Meet with the Colonial Dames

The Timucua Chapter of Colonial Dames 17th Century will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Stone Crest Country Club, 11560 SE 176th Place Road, Summerfield.

For information, contact President Beverly Gentry at 352-212-2363 or Timucua26@gmail.com.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Try wild game at VFW dinner

Members of VFW Post 7122 will host their first Wild Game Dinner at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at the post, 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City.

Try the buffalo chili, venison, elk, hog and Louisiana crayfish. Dinner is an \$8 donation and includes side dishes, dessert and iced tea or coffee.

The event will also feature a Chinese/American auction from 12 to 3 p.m.

This fundraiser is for Paws for Patriots — Southeast Guide Dogs, who provide service dogs to our veterans at no charge.

For information, stop by the post or call the canteen at 352-637-0100.

'Day of Beauty' to benefit CASA

The Women's Combat Alliance will host "A Day of Beauty" from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Agogi Academy of Combatives, 200 Tompkins St., Inverness, as a fundraiser to benefit CASA, the Citrus Abuse Shelter Association.

The event will feature raffles and door prizes, complimentary haircuts and styling, complimentary nail manicures, self-defense strategies and more. Donations are welcome.

For information, call 240-687-0854 or email agogisd@gmail.com.

Monday, Jan. 8

Talk sewing with the Sew-Ciety

The Florida Sewing Sew-Ciety will hold its first meeting of 2018 at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the YMCA, 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto.

For information, call Dee at 352-527-8229; leave a message.

Meet council for the developmentally disabled

The Area 13 Family Care Council will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 8, at the Wildwood Agency for Persons with Disabilities office, 901 Industrial Drive Suite 100, Wildwood. All persons interested in issues of those with developmental disabilities and their families are encouraged to attend. For information, email secretaryfcc13@gmail.com

Area 13 covers Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties. There are 15 Family Care Councils across the state, with Governor appointed volunteer members, who are individuals with a developmental disability or are a family member. Developmental Disabilities are defined as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, Prader-Willi Syndrome, Spina Bifida and Intellectual Disabilities.

Masons to meet

Members of the Ridge Masonic Lodge No. 398 will have their monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Masonic Building in Floral City.

The newly installed officers are all fired up and ready to go. All Master Masons in good standing are welcome to come for coffee and goodies at 10 a.m.

New Jersey & Friends to host speaker

The next meeting of the New Jersey & Friends Club will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 8 at VFW Post 4252, State Road 200 in Hernando. Our monthly luncheon will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Peck's Old Port Cove, 139 Ozello Trail, Ozello. Ron Ditmore our speaker, will talk about issues relating to consumer fraud. For information on club activities, call Stella at 352-270-8427. For membership information, call Tony at 352-746-9455.

Hadassah to meet in Beverly Hills

The Beverly Hills chapter of Hadassah will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Kellner auditorium, 102 Civic Circle. Our discussion will be Books we have read recently. All are welcome; coffee and cake will be served.

For information, call Miriam at 352-746-0005.

Hadassah is a charity organization founded in 1912 and is open to everyone of all faiths. We support hospitals, universities, medical schools and youth programs both in Israel and America.

Retired educators meet for New Year's lunch

Retired educators and school personnel are invited to attend the Citrus County Retired Educators New Year's luncheon at 12:20 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at Mama's Kuntry Kafe, 1787 W. Main St., Inverness. Cheri Simek will share with the group about Reading Pals opportunities.

Call Terry Rooks, President, at 352-382-4352.

USCG Auxiliary invites public to meetings

Due to the holiday, the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 15-1 of Crystal River has changed its meeting this month to Jan. 8 instead of Jan. 1. Flotilla 15-1 invites anyone interested in learning more about the USCG Auxiliary to attend the group's meetings at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday monthly at the Army National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., Crystal River. For membership information, call Vince at 917-597-6961.

Check out Nature Coast Anglers

Nature Coast Anglers meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday monthly at the Moose Lodge at 1885 S. Suncoast Highway (U.S. 19) in Homosassa.

Visitors are welcome to attend as a guest with a current NCA member or after completing the "Contact Us" form and being contacted by a board member.

Regular tournaments for members are held monthly and special tournaments are held annually. We also have a monthly breakfast at Luigi's in Homosassa on the third Saturday.

Contact NCA at www.naturecoastanglers.com for full information or check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/naturecoastanglers.

Meet with German American Club

The German American Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Lecanto.

After a brief business meeting, there will be a social hour with refreshments and music or games.

Members are encouraged to attend and guests are always welcome. For information, call 352-746-7058 or 352-637-2042.

Learn about environmental portraits

The Art Center Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at 2644 N. Annapolis Ave. in Hernando. Curtiss Bryant will speak about Creating Environmental Portraits. In his discussion he will explain how to use lighting and find interesting locations.

In addition to speakers, the camera club also has workshops that enable our members to learn and improve their photographic skills. First-time visitors are welcome.

For information, call 352-400-4466.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Stay updated on driving education

Florida is a mandated state and any insurance company doing business in Florida must give a discount to those completing an AARP Smart Driver Course, open to all age 50 and older. Contact your agent for discount amounts.

Update yourself to earn a discount and get newly enacted motor vehicle and traffic laws. Course fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for all others.

Upcoming classes are:

■ Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brown Funeral Home, 5430 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto. Register with instructor Pat Hubbell at 352-586-2731. Bring lunch and a check payable to AARP day of class. No cash accepted.

■ Jan. 16-17, 1 to 4 p.m. at Senior Circle Center in the Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center annex, 11537 W. Emerald Oaks Drive, Crystal River. Register with instructor Kevin Spiddle at 352-795-2102.

Join the Homosassa Christian Women's Club

Welcome the New Year by joining the Homosassa Christian Women's Club for a morning of entertainment, refreshments and inspirations at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Southern Woods Clubhouse, 1501 Corkwood Blvd., Homosassa.

Music and program will be provided by Hands of Praise.

Nada Decker, of Edgewood, will be the speaker (Do you feel like you've lost all your marbles? Nada tells how it all came together with a wow!). Cost is \$12 per person.

To RSVP, call Sandie at 352-382-5501.

Solar is coming to Citrus County

The League of Women Voters will have a presentation on Solar United Neighbors, a new program which will enable Citrus County residents to purchase solar panels at an affordable price. This presentation is designed to inform homeowners of the benefits of co-op buying of solar and to answer questions that they might have.

The meeting will be at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 Crystal St., Crystal River. All interested men and women are invited to attend. For more information, call 352-382-0032 or visit www.lwvcitrus.org.

Genealogical Society to talk about ads

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto. The speaker will be Annette Burke Lytle, professional genealogist, will present the program, "How Advertising Brought Our Ancestors to the Midwest."

This presentation will examine how newspaper advertising, pamphlets, gazetteers and books were aimed at prospective migrants from the eastern parts of the U.S. and prospective immigrants from Europe to get them to come and work, buy land and settle in these sparsely populated frontier areas. For information, call Mary Ann Machonkin at 352-382-5515 or go to www.citrusgenealogy.com. Guests are welcome to attend.

Learn about "Let's Hike Citrus!"

Florida Trail Association (FTA) activity leaders Lenny Chew and Marcie Clutter will present the FTA program titled "Let's Hike Citrus!" from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Homosassa Library. Free trail maps and refreshments will be available. Come learn about the multitude of trails that can be hiked in our county.

CRCW to host New Year's luncheon

The public is invited to attend the Crystal River Christian Women's New Year's luncheon at noon Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center at the Key Training Center Campus in Lecanto.

Joan Lubbe, a representative of the Citrus Memorial Hospital YMCA Program, will be the special feature and Nata Decker will bring the inspirational message.

For luncheon reservations, call Kate at 352-419-8453.

NARFE meets monthly in Inverness

The next National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 776 meet the second Tuesday monthly, September through May, at Mama's Kuntry Kafe, 1787 W. Main St., Inverness. The social hour luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Joe Ponds, author of "The 600 M.O.L. — Black Helicopter Pilots in Vietnam." He will speak on "The Measure of a Man." His book is about the black helicopter pilots in Vietnam, some making the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives, and who certainly have a place in U. S. history.

NARFE is the only organization lobbying Congress to protect the earned benefits of all currently working and retired federal civil servants. Guests are always welcome at NARFE meetings.

No reservations are required for the regular meetings at Mama's. More information is available at www.narfe.org and www.narfeff.net.

BH Garden Club to meet

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Beverly Hills Senior Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Beverly Hills.

Athena Phillips, Citrus Chapter of the Native Plant Society, will present a program on "Alter-Native Plants — Plant this, Not That." Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Guests and new members are welcome.

For information, call Barbara Skellwies at 352-270-3823.

Find the right plant for the right place

The Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping program will offer a free gardening workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 9, at the Citrus County Extension Service building, 3650 W. Sovereign Path in Lecanto.

Once established the right plant is often sustainable without additional supplemental watering. Choosing appropriate plant materials, planting them correctly and managing them wisely, ensures a gardens success.

Contact Steven Davis at 352-527-5708 to confirm participation or register at <https://ccufflprogram.eventbrite.com>.

PFLAG support group meets monthly

PFLAG meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly at the Unity Church, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto. PFLAG is a support group for LGBT folks, their families and friends. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people through support, education and advocacy as well as promoting a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Meetings are open to everyone. For information, call Denise at 352-419-2738.

Pine Ridge Fishing Club to meet

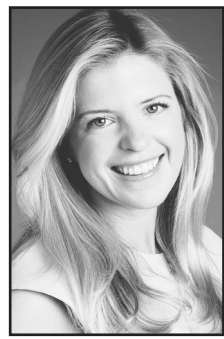
The monthly meeting of The Pine Ridge Fishing Club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the Pine Ridge Community Center, 5690 W. Pine Ridge Boulevard.

A social time will begin at 6:30, and guest speaker at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided; visitors are invited to attend. For information, call Bruce Roberts 860-204-7423.

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 5, 2018. Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes channels like WESH, WEDU, WUFT, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WTVT, WCJB, WCLF, WFTS, WMOR, WTTA, WACX, WTOG, WYKE, WOGX, WVEA, WXPX, A&E, AMC, ANI, BET, BRAVO, CC, CMT, CNBC, CNN, DISN, ESPN, ESPN2, FBN, FLIX, FNC, FOOD, FREEFORM, FST, FSNFL, FX, GOLF, HALL, HBO, HBO2, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, LIFEMOV, MSNBC, NBCSN, NGE0, NICK, OWN, OXY, SHOW, SPIKE, STARZ, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TMC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN-A.

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: Over the past six months, a wonderful friendship has been developing with a potential friend who enjoys the cultural and outdoor activities that I do. We are both exchanging viewpoints, backgrounds, likes and dislikes freely. However, I have two problems: When I share my experience about a difficult health situation or maybe a familial situation, she has to top it or go one better with her own personal experiences. I don't ever feel as if she's really listening in a compassionate way. And sometimes her response doesn't even relate to the actual topic at hand. The other difficulty is that she repeats and repeats her own stories. I respond — kindly, I hope — with "Yes, I remember you telling me about that." How can I bring about changes without hurting feelings or losing the friendship? — One-Upped



DEAR ANNIE

Dear One-Upped: Though relating to a friend is nice, listening is even better. That's something your new friend doesn't seem to understand. Her serial one-upmanship may be an attempt, however misguided, at impressing and connecting with you. You can try gently raising the subject: "Have you ever noticed that when I tell a story, you seem to have a tendency to tell a similar but more extreme story? I think you're trying to relate, but sometimes it makes me feel as though what I had to say wasn't important." She's probably annoyed other people with this habit, too, and you'd be doing her a favor by bringing it to her attention so she has the chance to correct the behavior.

But the one-upmanship and repeat storytelling could also be a case of pure self-absorption. In that case, calling the issue to her attention would do little to change it, and you'd have to look for close friendship elsewhere.

Dear Annie: I'm writing in to sound the alarm bells. I just read the letter from "Problems in Pennsylvania" — about her husband's porn habit, as well as his sudden interest in connecting with friends on Facebook — and it could have been the story of my ex. He had become more and more interested in sexual fantasies and looking at porn online, and when I realized his interest in our marital intimacy had diminished, I discovered long letters and conversations he was having with old girlfriends on Facebook, in which he expressed a desire to hook up again, with some very suggestive language. I subsequently learned that some meetings were taking place, and I moved out. When he begged me to come back, promising he wouldn't continue, I foolishly did. Not a month later, I learned he was in a new affair, and this resulted in our divorce. I do believe, looking back at other behaviors, that he was a sex addict. Don't overlook the warning signs. — Been There

Dear Been There: No voice is wiser than that which speaks from direct experience. Thanks for sharing your cautionary tale. Readers, if you think your spouse may be a sex addict, visit the S-Anon International Family Groups website for resources: www.sanon.org.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

Bridge PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn. Wallace D. Wattles, an author who died in 1911, said, "The calm and balanced mind is the strong and great mind; the hurried and agitated mind is the weak one." At the bridge table, it helps to be calm and have a strong and great mind. But if you have a balanced hand, be a tad cautious. Unless partner has a long suit or two, you will probably not win as many tricks as your combined point count suggests.

count suggests. In yesterday's deal, Lorenzini and Quantin from France bid an excellent grand slam with only 24 combined high-card points. Quantin's club void was opposite three low cards, so they had no duplication, as it is called. In contrast, look at the South hand in today's diagram. You open one heart, and partner responds three hearts, a game-invitational limit raise with at least four-card support. What would you rebid? After finding a fit with partner, I like to apply the Losing Trick Count. The South hand has six losers: two spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club. Partner should have eight losers for a limit raise, which he does because you deduct one loser for a 10-card or better fit. Six plus eight from 24 gives 10. You should win 10 tricks. So, do not even think about a slam! At the table, South control-bid three spades. North should have signed off in four hearts, but he thought it couldn't hurt to show his club control. However, South launched into Blackwood and bid to six hearts. Note that even with the club finesse winning, declarer had to lose a spade and a diamond.

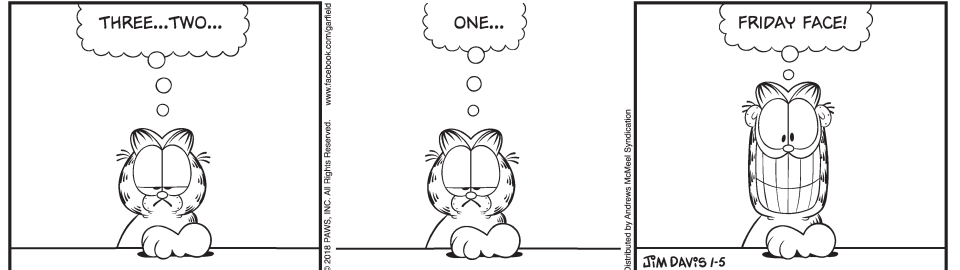
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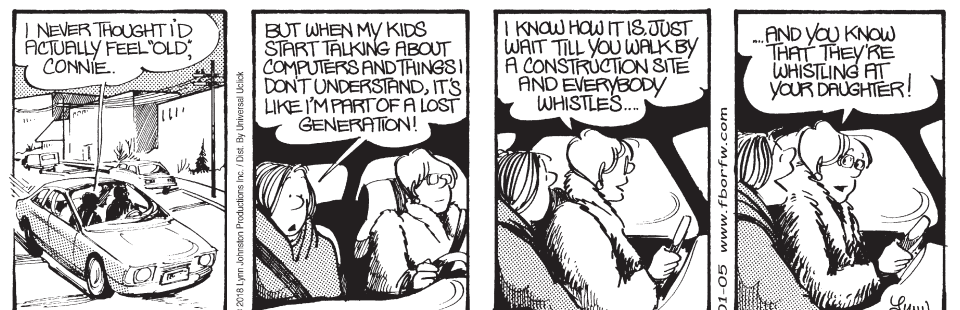
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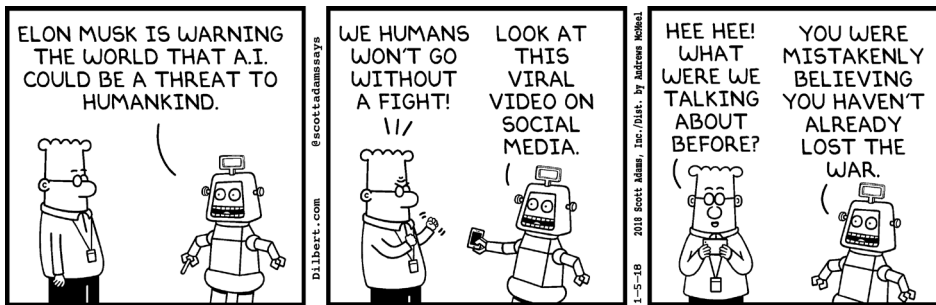
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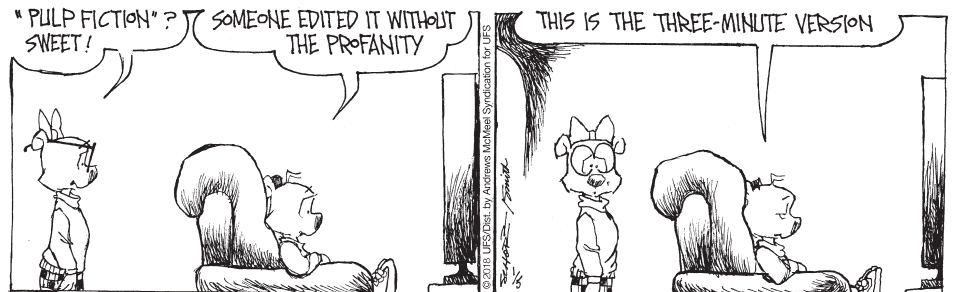
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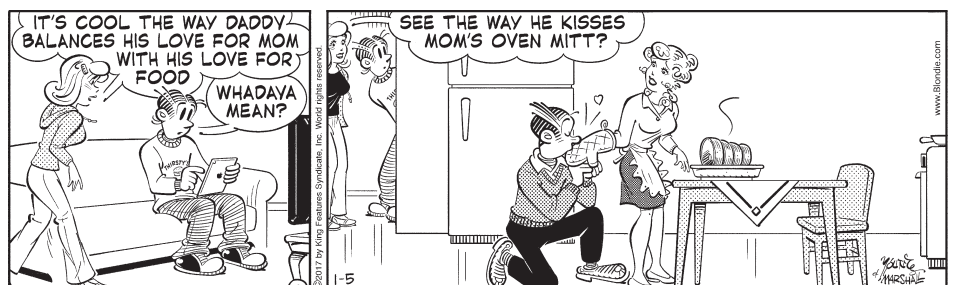
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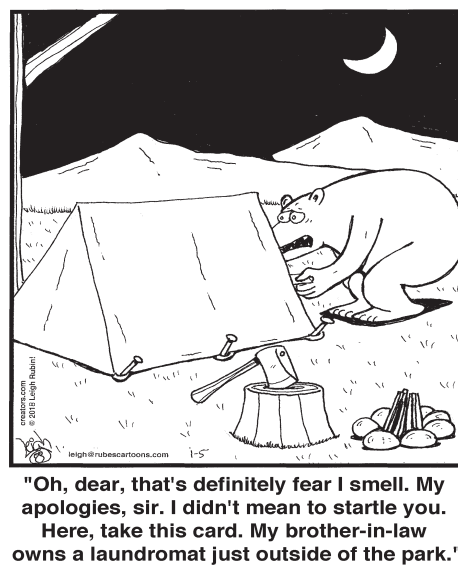
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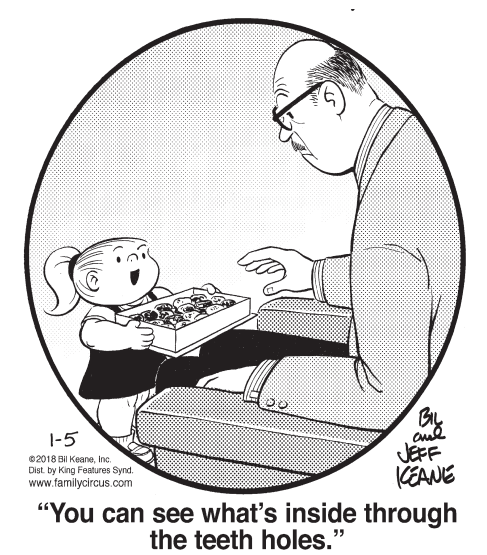
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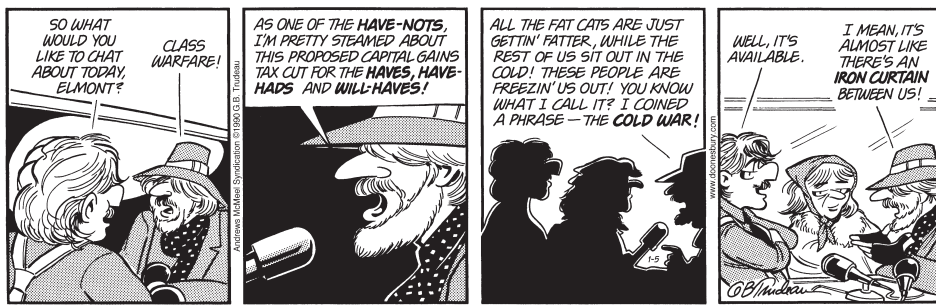
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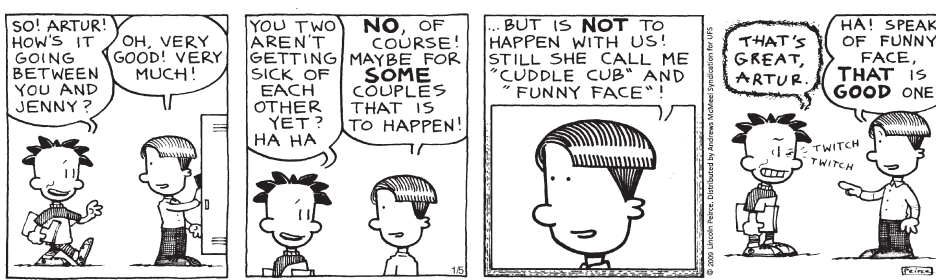
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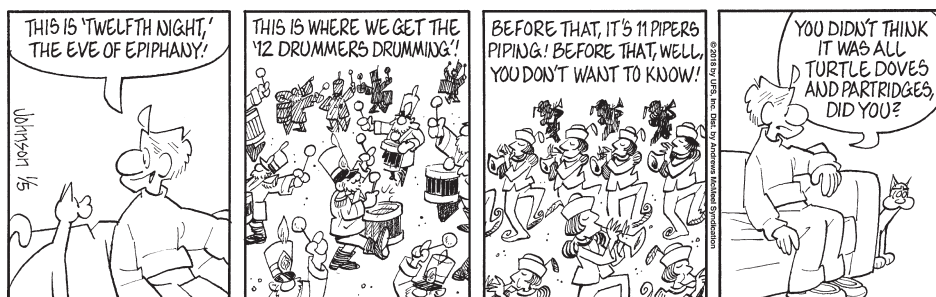
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Today's MOVIES

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead. Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864. Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos. Today's clue: W equals X. Cryptogram: ... J'NY HYYK OTCH TU UGKKI DYK; / HTDY ZJOO MTR ITG ZJCV S HJW-BGK / SKL HTDY ZJCV S UTGKCSJK FYK. -- ZTTLI BGCVMJY.

BUZZ

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Tuesdays. Rehearsals will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Lutheran Church, 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive, Lecanto. New voices, male and female, are welcome and will be accepted through Feb. 16. New singers should arrive by 6:30 p.m. to register and meet with Director Jacki Scott to establish voice placement. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. If you are not sure of your vocal range, the director will make certain you are placed appropriately.

Scheduled concert dates are:

- At 3 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hernando.
- At 3 p.m. Sunday,

April 15, at Faith Lutheran Church, Lecanto.

The music for the spring concert will be "Missa Americana" by Ed Lojeski and the famous "Gloria" by Vivaldi. For more information, visit www.citruschoir.com or call 352-212-1746.

■ Shepherd's Way Cowboy Church sponsors a "Country and Gospel Music Jam" at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the church building, 965 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. Admission is free; however, a love offering is received at each gathering. The CC Wranglers house band does an excellent job of accompanying the Jammers in country and gospel music. Food and drinks are available.

■ Audience of One returns at 7 p.m. Fridays to the free coffee house in the Holy Grounds Café at Calvary Chapel of Inverness, 960 U.S.

41 South, Inverness. Doors open at 6. Come out as Audience of One takes old songs we've known and loved, and changes the words. Parodies are a lot of fun. Family evening, free pastry. Other snacks offered at a nominal fee.

■ The Citrus County Barbershoppers, or the Chorus of the Highlands, is the local chapter of the International Barbershop Harmony Association singers. The Barbershoppers meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Calvary Chapel, U.S. 41 in Inverness. The group has been in Citrus County with this hobby for 30-plus years. If you are a man who loves to sing, please visit us — you do not need to read music. If you've done barbershop harmony before, we want you. Call Bob Spence, 352-382-0336 for more information.

■ Everyone is invited to the Acoustic Meet Up from 2-4:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays each month in the Community Room at Coastal Region Library, Crystal River. Bring acoustic instruments and singing voices, or come to listen. Call Paula at 260-316-4099 for more information.

■ Suncoast Harmony Chorus, west-central Florida chapter of Sweet Adelines International, has a new home in Spring Hill. The group rehearses a cappella four-part harmony at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Salishan, 191 Astaire Lane, Spring Hill (across Barclay from Silverthorne). Women of all ages who enjoy singing are invited to attend rehearsals. Formal musical training or the ability to read music are not prerequisites.

Donna at 352-726-8666 or Maria at 352-382-0336.

■ Accordion Adventure meetings are from 5:30-9 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly at Kally K's Restaurant, 3383 Commercial Way, Spring Hill. This is an informal group of accordion enthusiasts of all levels. Public invited. Cathy, 352-686-0975; Peg, 352-442-5574.

■ Country Sunshine Band plays classic country music for listening and dancing pleasure every Friday at the East Citrus Community Center, 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway (State Road 44 East), Inverness. Call Annie at 352-362-7288.

■ John Thomas traditional country music show and jam. 6-9 p.m. Mondays. Oxford Assembly of God activities building, 12114 N. U.S. 301, Oxford (approximately 1/4 mile north of County Road 466). Coffee, other drinks and finger food

available. For cost and information, call 352-341-4404.

■ P.D. Smith, classical guitarist, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at the Museum Café, 10466 Yulee Ave., Homosassa. 352-628-1081.

Dance

■ Hawaiian Heritage, a journey through the history of the Hawaiian Islands told through narrative and dance with Kalina, Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 10:30 a.m. at West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W. Veterans Drive, Homosassa; Friday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. at Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court No. 114, Lecanto. For more information, contact Carolyn at 727-251-0424 or email Karina@KarinSchool.com. There will be live Hawaiian music before and after with Carole White. Free.



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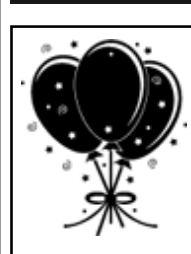
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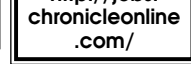
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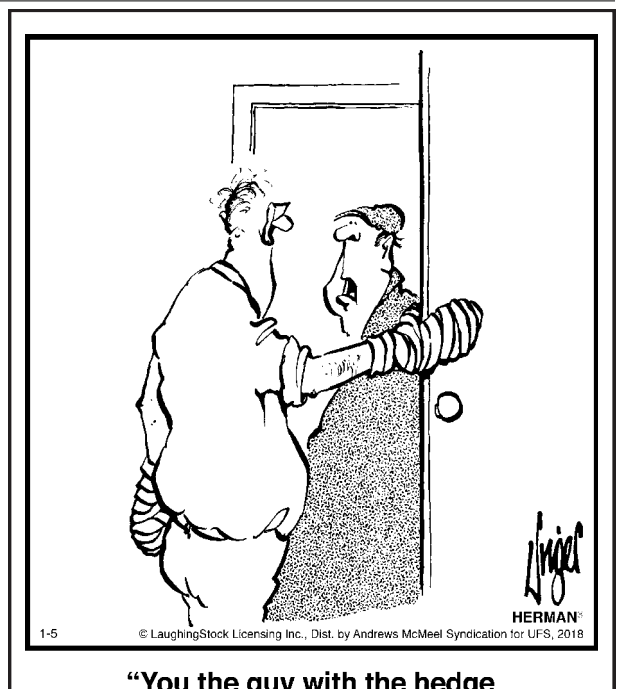
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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY PUZZLE 1/5/18

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

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ACROSS

1 Yak
4 Bat wood
7 Fleur-de —
10 Rope-a-dope boxer
11 Cement section
13 Macbeth's burial place
14 Health resort
15 Brazil's soccer great
16 On a slant: Abbr.
17 Greek god of the sea
19 Rustic lodgings
20 Arith. term
21 Notched, as a leaf
23 Caroler's tune
26 Eye nerve
28 Capp quaff
29 Elev.
30 Hose fiber
34 Contradict
36 31-day mo.
38 Equal: Prefix

DOWN

1 Huff and puff
2 Puppy-chow brand

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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3 One-sidedness
4 Tomato jelly
5 Husky (2 wds.)
6 Moon phenomenon
7 Cuts of meat
8 Witless

9 Sinks down
12 Stephen Vincent —
13 Folly
18 Architect's wing
22 Onion goody
23 Snatch
24 Bullfight yell
25 Underwater shocker
27 Egyptian god
29 Whodunit suspect
31 Found a perch
32 She-bear, in Seville
33 Cambodia's Lon —
35 Aim
37 Completely
40 Injures with a horn
41 911 responder
42 Fable guy
43 Ramp alternative
45 Shake off
46 Coffee, slangily
48 Business subj.
49 Klutzes
50 Guitar ridge
51 Take aback

Friday, January 5, 2018

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mock	tact	coast	scat	stoat
most	task	coat	skat	stock

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- Advanced one penny to a borrower (1)
- Fifty percent chuckle (1)
- Blue Devils school's wacky flakes (1)
- Needing-to-scratch singer Lionel (2)
- Roughly elbow an old dinosaur bone (2)
- Hair stylists' boat havens (2)
- Barcalounger turner-downer (3)

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1. LENT CENT 2. HALF LAUGH 3. DUKES KOOKS 4. TICHY RICHER
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 27th, 2017 and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-000005 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is Plaintiff and NICHOLAS S. CASPARY A/K/A NICK S. CASPARY A/K/A NICHOLAS STEVEN CASPARY, et al., are Defendants, the Office of Angela Vick, Citrus County Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via online auction at www.citrus.realforeclose.com at 10:00 A.M. on the 18th day of January, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 12, IN BLOCK 1226, OF CITRUS SPRINGS, UNIT 17, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAN THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 1 THROUGH 18, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2018.

McCabe, Welsberg & Conway, LLC
By: Jonathan I. Jacobson, Esq. FL Bar # 37088

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Meeting Notices

Publications to Policy 8.807, Encryption

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

Sandra Himmel
Superintendent
Citrus County School Board

Published January 5, 2018

Lien Notices

6485-0105 FCRN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: KNIGHTLY AUTO INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 01/17/2018, 08:00 am at 7960 W. GULF TO LAKE HWY CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34429, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. KNIGHTLY AUTO INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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Lien Notices

6492-0112 FCRN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: KNIGHTLY AUTO INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 01/17/2018, 08:00 am at 7960 W. GULF TO LAKE HWY CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34429, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. KNIGHTLY AUTO INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

6491-0112 FCRN

Caspary, Nicholas S. 2017 CA 000035 A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2017 CA 000005 A

BAVVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
NICHOLAS S. CASPARY A/K/A NICK S. CASPARY A/K/A NICHOLAS STEVEN CASPARY,
et al.,
Defendants.

Meeting Notices

6484-0105 FCRN

CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Citrus County School Board will hold an Administrative Hearing: 3:00 p.m., Regular Meeting: 4:00 p.m. and a Public Hearing: 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in the Board Room of the District Services Center located at 1007 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida.

The purpose of the Administrative Hearing is act upon proposed student expulsion(s). The Regular Meeting is to discuss and act upon other business that needs to come before the Board. The Public Hearing is to approve the revision of Policy 3.60, Flag Display and Pledge, to approve the revision of Policy 5.80, Athletics, to approve the revision to Policy 6.301 Conflict of Interest in Purchasing, to approve the revision of Policy 8.80, Records Retention and Disposal, to adopt the revisions to Policy 8.804, Authenticator Management, to adopt new Policy 8.805, Bluetooth Technologies, to adopt the revisions to Policy 8.806, Disposal of Physical Media and to adopt the rev-

Fictitious Name Notices

6487-0105 FCRN

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

The Grass Barber

located at 27 W. Murray Street Beverly Hills, Florida 34465, in the County of Citrus, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.

Dated at Inverness, FL, this 2nd day of January, 2018.

Melissa Durham, Owner

Published January 5, 2018



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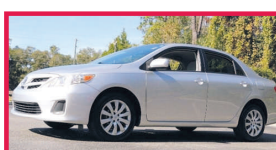






















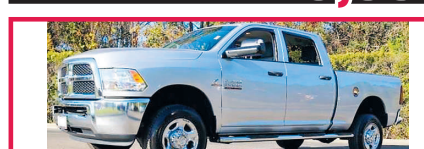
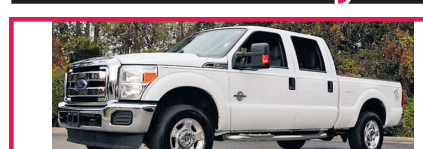


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 <p>2012 MINI COOPER S</p> <p>Stock #: 17120225 \$12,991</p>	 <p>2013 NISSAN ROGUE SL</p> <p>Stock #: 17110037 \$13,592</p>	 <p>2011 TOYOTA AVALON LIMITED</p> <p>Stock #: 17110065 \$13,694</p>	 <p>2010 CADILLAC CTS</p> <p>Stock #: 171201278 \$13,882</p>	
 <p>2005 BMW Z4</p> <p>Stock #: 17120310 \$14,491</p>	<p>CERTIFIED</p>  <p>2012 TOYOTA CAMRY XLE</p> <p>Stock #: 17120347 \$14,591</p>	 <p>2015 NISSAN ALTIMA</p> <p>Stock #: 17110237 \$14,991</p>	 <p>2017 NISSAN SENTRA SR</p> <p>Stock #: 17110256 \$15,991</p>	
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 <p>2016 MAZDA MIATA</p> <p>Stock #: 17110495 \$22,991</p>	 <p>2016 CHRYSLER 300C</p> <p>Stock #: 17120131 \$24,491</p>	<p>CERTIFIED</p>  <p>2012 TOYOTA 4RUNNER SR5</p> <p>Stock #: 17110227 \$24,591</p>	 <p>2012 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT</p> <p>Stock #: 17120157 \$24,991</p>	
 <p>2011 TOYOTA SEQUOIA</p> <p>Stock #: 17110367 \$24,991</p>	<p>CERTIFIED</p>  <p>2015 TOYOTA TACOMA PRE-RUNNER</p> <p>Stock #: 1719004 \$24,992</p>	 <p>2015 NISSAN PATHFINDER PLATINUM</p> <p>Stock #: 17120144 \$25,991</p>	 <p>2014 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500LTZ</p> <p>Stock #: 17110003 \$29,993</p>	
 <p>2015 LEXUS RX 350</p> <p>Stock #: 17110264 \$32,752</p>	<p>CERTIFIED</p>  <p>2015 TOYOTA 4RUNNER LIMITED</p> <p>Stock #: 17100461 \$34,993</p>	 <p>2013 DODGE RAM 2500</p> <p>Stock #: 17120197A \$37,491</p>	 <p>2015 FORD F250 XLT</p> <p>Stock #: 17120275 \$39,491</p>	

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