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NEWS BRIEFS

Authorities looking for teen

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in finding a missing teenage runaway.

Christopher Havens, 15, was reported missing Dec. 26 after being last seen around noon on Dec. 25 in Homosassa. He was wearing camouflage pants, a red T-shirt and black sneakers, according to the sheriff's office.

Havens is 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. Those with information on Havens' whereabouts are being asked to call the sheriff's office at 352-726-1121 and ask for the Major Crimes Unit.

Tipsters can also remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-888-269-8477 or by going online to www.crimestopperscitrus.com.



Christopher Havens

Help sought to locate woman

Citrus County Sheriff's Office investigators are asking for the public's help to find a missing woman.

Michelle Presnell, 40, was reported missing Dec. 29, after being last heard from Dec. 25 and she is believed to be in the Crystal River area, according to the sheriff's office.

Presnell is 5 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, has blonde hair, blue eyes, a pierced nose, and a tattoo on her hip and thigh. Those with information on Presnell's whereabouts are being asked to call the sheriff's office at 352-726-1121 and ask for the Major Crimes Unit.

Tipsters can also remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-888-269-8477 or by going online to www.crimestopperscitrus.com.



Michelle Presnell

Dead bodies, dead dogs in mobile home

TARPON SPRINGS — Police conducting a welfare check in a retirement community found three human bodies in an "advanced state of decomposition," along with three dead dogs.

Tarpon Springs police Maj. Jeffrey Young said Wednesday that the deaths were "not a random act."

Investigators said the victims likely knew their killer, so Young said there doesn't appear to be a wider threat to public safety.

— From staff/wire reports

Felon voting rules remain unclear

Amendment goes into effect in days, but actual implementation remains unclear

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill and her office are all set to accept new voter applications on Jan. 8, as they would any day.

But for those new voters who check the "felon" box, the direction is not so clear.

Voters in November approved Amendment 4, which restores voting

rights to most convicted felons who have served their time and completed probation or parole. Excluded are those convicted of murder or felony sexual offenses.

The amendment is set to take effect Jan. 8, the same day Ron DeSantis takes office as governor.



Susan Gill
 Citrus County elections supervisor.

DeSantis wants to hold off implementing the amendment until lawmakers have a chance to review it.

Gill said Wednesday she is ready to process applications unless the state Division of Elections says differently.

"It's new territory so I

don't know what they're going to do," she said.

Voter registration applications have always contained a place for felons to state their rights have been restored, which allows them to vote. However, prior to Amendment 4, only the governor and Cabinet could restore rights to felons who have served their time.

Amendment 4 will bring voter eligibility to about

1.4 million felons, according to Second Chances, the organization that pushed for Amendment 4's approval.

Gill said she doesn't know how many Citrus County residents will be eligible. However, she said the state removed 967 felons from the county voter rolls in the last five years because their rights had

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Housing market ripples



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

This home in Crystal River is for sale, as are many others around the county.

Sales brisk last year; whither 2019?

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Many analysts believe the housing market, which has been "full speed ahead" for the last year or two, may finally be chugging to a halt.

Or at the very least,

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Former Realtor president looks back

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

C.J. Dixon, whose term of president of the Realtors Association of Citrus County (RACC) ended Dec. 31, looked back on 2018 and cited some of these accomplishments in a column:

- Stressing the benefits of people using local real-estate agents: "This important point cannot be overstated. Distant real estate agents who are

unfamiliar with the properties, homeowners associations, current road projects, waterfront ordinances and the neighborhoods of Citrus County have done great damage to our fellow citizens."

- Supporting passage of Amendment 2 in November: "This amendment continued the 10-year limit on property tax hikes on commercial



C.J. Dixon

property (and) will help keep rent affordable for our residents."

- Raising about \$13,000 for local charities such as Jessie's Place child resource center, Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation and Humanitarians of Florida.
- RACC leadership academy: "The leadership academy helps foster our next generation of Realtor leaders."

Robbery suspect caught in traffic stop

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A fast-acting clerk, surveillance footage and a well-timed traffic stop helped police arrest a Beverly Hills man for an attempted early-morning break-in at an Inverness-area internet cafe.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies

on Monday charged 25-year-old Tyler Matthew Patton with the masked armed robbery of Blazing Dragon, located on the 3000 block of State Road 44, according to Patton's arrest report.

Authorities are accusing Patton of using a BB gun to threaten an employee into opening the



Tyler Patton

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Shooting commission OKs final recommendations

Report includes proposal to allow armed teachers

TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — The commission investigating a shooting massacre at a Florida high school unanimously approved its initial findings and recommendations Wednesday, including a controversial proposal that teachers who volunteer and undergo training be allowed to carry guns.

The 15-member Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission's 446-page report details what members believe happened before, during and after the Feb. 14 shooting attack that left 14

students and three staff members dead and 17 wounded.

The report, which the commission sent to Gov. Rick Scott, incoming governor Ron DeSantis and the Legislature, is also critical of the Broward County sheriff's deputies who failed to confront suspect Nikolas Cruz, and of Sheriff Scott Israel, whose office did not at the time have a policy requiring them to rush the three-story freshman building where the shooting happened. Israel's critics hope the report will result in DeSantis suspending Israel shortly after the new governor takes office Tuesday. Israel has said

that he has done nothing to warrant his removal.

The report also details failures in the county school district's security program that members believe allowed Cruz, a former student known to have serious emotional and behavioral problems, to enter campus while carrying an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle in a bag.

Even since the shooting, not all Florida school districts and campuses have been taking security seriously, the report says, noting that several districts have been slow to complete mandated reviews of their safety

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Around the COMMUNITY

Friday, January 4

BH Irish American Club meets

The Beverly Hills Irish American Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle Beverly Hills.

Guest speaker will be Terri Jones, Director of Parrot Educational & Resource Center & Habitat (PERCH). PERCH is a local 501(c)(3) that rescues exotic birds. Terri will bring some rescued birds.

There will be light refreshments of donuts, coffee or tea.

We will go over the January schedule of events. Those interested in attending the play on Feb. 17 should bring \$19 for a ticket.

Meetings are open to anyone who is of Irish descent or is interested in learning of Irish culture.

For information, contact Janet Berek at 616-648-1242 or janet.berek@yahoo.com.

Saturday, January 5

Shop at church flea market

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills will have its monthly outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, on the church property at 6 Roosevelt Blvd.

Shoppers are welcome. Commercial vendors and private individuals are welcome to bring and sell goods. Spaces are available for \$10 and should be reserved in advance. Coffee, sodas, doughnuts and hotdogs are available for breakfast and lunch.

For information or to reserve call Rose Mary at 352-527-6459 or email wjeselso@tampabay.rr.com.

Join the Colonial Dames

The Colonial Dames of 17th Century is a society dedicated to the preservation of records and historic sites, fostering aid in colonial research and aiding in the education of youth by providing scholarships.

Order of the Eastern Star, VFW split can collecting funds



Special to the Chronicle

Since 2016, Berley Underwood has been collecting cans to be recycled as a fundraiser for Order of the Eastern Star Inverness Chapter No. 65. When VFW Auxiliary 4252 realized that he spearheaded the project, they began helping in his efforts by saving cans for him. At a recent meeting of Inverness Chapter No. 65, Berley made a motion to split the profits with the VFW. This way, Berley is helping two organizations in his endeavor to raise funds. Pictured from left are R. Ofield, Treasurer of the VFW Auxiliary; Berley Underwood, Treasurer of Inverness Chapter No. 65; and Sandra Duval, Auxiliary President.

Members are able to prove lineal descent of an ancestor who lived and served prior to 1701 in one of the original colonies of the United States of America.

The Dames meet quarterly for a business meeting and luncheon at 11 a.m. at the Stonecrest Country Club in Summerfield.

Meeting dates include Saturday, Jan. 5, March 2 and May 4.

For information, call President Beverly Gentry at 352-212-2363.

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 include:

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Homosassa Library at 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave. Call instructor Phillip Mulrain at 352-628-7633 to register for the class.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Brown Funeral Home, 5430 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto. Call Pat Hubbell at 352-586-2731 to register for the class. Bring a bag lunch.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills. Call 352-513-5566 to register for the class.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, and

Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Senior Circle Center, 11537 W. Emerald Oaks Dr., Crystal River. Call Kevin Spiddle at 352-795-2102 to register for the class.

Monday, January 7

Learn to use Twitter for business

Social media has become an important factor in the success of small businesses. Effective use of social media platforms allows entrepreneurs to reach audiences that would otherwise be inaccessible through traditional marketing methods.

The Citrus County Library System wants to help growing businesses in the county by offering a class to inform the public about the most effective uses of Twitter.

Attendees will learn how to create a Twitter account for their business, schedule posts, understand analytics

and find relevant hashtags for their industry.

This free class will be at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills. Register in advance by visiting citruslibraries.org or calling 352-746-6622.

Meet with NJ & Friends

Start the New Year with friends, both old and new, at the next meeting of the New Jersey & Friends Club. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the VFW Post 4252 on State Road 200 in Hernando.

CASA, the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association, will present an overview of their mission to help victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Charitable donations such as toiletries and basic personal needs will be most welcome.

For information on club activities, call Stella at

Watch 'Holiday Inn' at VITAS

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Monthly Movie Matinee feature is "Holiday Inn," starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Marjorie Reynolds. It will be presented at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7, at VITAS in Citrus at 3280 W. Audubon Park Path in Lecanto. Discussion follows the movie.

Monthly Movie Matinees are open to the public. For reservations, contact Jonathan Beard at 352-249-1470.

Tuesday, January 8

Genealogical Society meets

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto.

The speaker, Debbie Smyth, a professional genealogical, will present, "Indirectly Evident: Finding William's Parents." Challenges arise in identifying parental relationships when the time period lacks traditional birth and death records. Research is further complicated by early marriage records that did not name parents. This presentation will explore a case study using indirect evidence to arrive at a conclusion.

Guests are welcome. For information, call Mary Ann Machonkin at 382-5515 or go to www.citrusgenealogy.com.

Christian Women's luncheon

The public is invited to the Crystal River Christian Women's Club's luncheon at noon Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center on the Key Training Center campus.

Melinda Cusack of Cherokee Winds Farm will be featured with a display of Lula Fay's soaps and sample gifts. Susan Werthem will provide the inspirational message.

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

VOTING

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not been restored.

Gill's office will not be checking the accuracy of voter applications that check

the felon/rights restored box.

Voter registration applications are sent to the state Division of Elections for processing and final approval. Usually the turnaround is one or two days before applicants are officially added to the voter roll, Gill said.

Legislators who represent Citrus

County are divided on DeSantis's call for legislative review of the amendment.

"I don't see any issues with the wording," state Rep. Ralph Massullo, R-Lecanto, said.

State Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said the Legislature should do whatever it decides is necessary — in a hurry.

"There's nothing wrong with taking a few months and making sure it's crystal clear," Simpson said. "Not more than a few months. This process cannot drag out."

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ready to hit a bump in the road.

And depending on how you look at it, that could be a good thing.

Home prices in Citrus County rose sharply last year, pricing many out of the market. There is some concern that the runaway train was getting eerily similar to the housing bust of 10 years ago.

The market may finally be stabilizing and growing at a more relaxed pace.

The Chronicle asked several local real estate experts to share their views on the year past and what may be ahead.

Here's what they said.

Edwards takes the reins

Ruth Edwards, new president of the Realtors Association of Citrus County, said she does not believe conditions locally or nationally are mirroring what took place in 2008-09 when the bottom fell out of the market.

Home prices, she said, should level off soon and maybe even decrease slightly. Demand will remain high and supply low, she added.

Edwards said the county needs to bring in more jobs and affordable housing to attract new families to buy homes. Rental and single-family home prices are too high and many families are priced out of

the market, she said.

Citrus County is small, rural and dominated by retirees and there's not much here, she said, to attract younger families. It needs more industry, more retail, more roads and more entertainment options, she said.

Speed bumps ahead?

Former RACC president C.J. Dixon said 2018 continued the robust real estate market in Citrus County.

"The steady rise of home prices is built on a solid foundation of increased economic activity," Dixon wrote in a column. "There is no reason to believe that 2019 will be any different."

But Dixon, whose term as president of the association ended Dec. 31, said there will be challenges, especially if mortgage rates continue increasing and erode buying power.

"Our prices are still going up here and that's pricing people out of the market slowly," Dixon said.

The septic-to-sewer conversion law that goes into effect in January could be a selling point for homeowners who have already paid the price of conversion. Buyers, he said, won't have to absorb that cost down the road.

But even so, new-home buyers will know that any future repairs to the system will likely be expensive, he said.

There is also an expectation by some analysts that the economic bubble that Americans have been enjoying will burst and that could upset the housing market, Dixon said.

Even though he doesn't see that happening, talk and speculation like that tend to be a self-fulfilling prophecy, he said.

"If everyone thinks it's going to happen, it will happen," Dixon said.

A fine balance

John Finley, sales manager for ERA American Suncoast Realty, sees a stable market for 2019 with an increase in inventory "which gives more balance to the number of sellers and buyers in the

marketplace, as opposed to the strong seller's market we experienced for most of 2018."

"Though year-over-year median price increases will be smaller, say in the 3-5 percent annual range, this is indicative of a historically normalizing market," Finley said. "This range is sustainable just as the double digit increases of the recent past are not."

Mortgage rates will continue to gradually increase in 2019 but will have little impact on markets, he added.

Finley said buyers will have more inventory to choose from in 2019 and sellers will continue to see the value of their home appreciate but more in line with historical standards.

Statewide picture

Florida Realtors (FR) said rising mortgage rates dragged down home sales in the past year, discouraging many builders and causing a slump in the overall housing market. Sales of new and existing homes are dropping and home price gains are slowing, according to the

state association.

The unemployment rate is at a five-decade low and incomes are rising more quickly, but many would-be buyers struggle to find homes they can afford, the association said.

Developers say that rising labor and materials costs make it harder for them to build more affordable properties, according to FR.

Interest rates continued their two-month slide and are currently hovering around the same level as the early summer, which was before the deterioration in home sales, according to Freddie Mac.

The negative headlines around the financial markets are concerning but the economy remains healthy, so the drop in mortgage rates should stem or even reverse the slide in home sales that occurred during the second half of 2018, according to Freddie Mac.

"Rising home prices and mortgage rates have created high hurdles for home-buyers, while cost increases have made it difficult for builders to

deliver homes at the most in-demand price points," said Danielle Hale, chief economist at realtor.com.

National picture

New findings from a National Association of Realtors survey show that despite a favorable view on the economy and the direction of home prices, the sentiment on home buying continued to diminish at the close of 2018 — though a majority still think it is a good time to buy.

Consumer sentiment about home buying weakened in the fourth quarter with only 34 percent strongly indicating it is now a good time to buy, down from 39 percent in the third quarter and 43 percent one year ago, the NAR survey found.

The percentage of those who believe that is not a good time to buy was unchanged in the fourth quarter, remaining at 37 percent, though up from 28 percent one year ago.

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Around the
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Man prequalifies for superintendent

Paul John Reinhardt of Beverly Hills has prequalified to run for superintendent of schools for Citrus County in the 2020 election.



Paul Reinhardt

Reinhardt, now registered as a Republican, ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for the Florida House of Representatives District 34 seat against incumbent Ralph Massullo in 2018.

Poster contest open to students

Citrus County Utilities is seeking student participation in the 2019 Drop Savers poster contest. Students in grades K-12 are encouraged to create a poster depicting a water-saving idea, in slogan form, drawing form, or both. Posters must focus on how to use less water and encourage water-conservation behaviors.

A \$25 cash prize will be awarded to the county-wide first-place winners in each of the five divisions. Posters will be judged by grade level as follows: Division 1 — kindergarten and first grades; Division 2 — second and third grades; Division 3 — fourth and fifth grades; Division 4 — sixth, seventh and eighth grades; Division 5 — ninth through 12th grades.

A \$50 cash prize will be awarded to each division winner's school to be used for art supplies, as well as a plaque displaying the winning artwork.

Applications and posters must be received by 5 p.m. Feb. 22. Mail or deliver submissions to: 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 202, Lecanto, FL 34461. For an application and contest guidelines call 352-527-7684 or visit www.citrus-bocc.com/waterres/conservation.

The Citrus County Utilities poster contest is part of the Keep Citrus County Beautiful annual Save Our Waters Week campaign and the Florida Section of American Water Works Association statewide Drop Savers poster contest.

Landfill accepting Christmas trees

Citrus County residents may recycle natural, live Christmas trees at the Citrus County Central Landfill, free of charge during the months of December and January only.

Trees must be cleaned of all decorations, lights, and artificial snow. The Christmas tree disposal program will end Jan. 31.

Artificial trees brought to landfill for disposal will be charged standard solid waste/trash rates.

FFMA offers class for contractors

Citrus County Building Division is hosting a Substantial Damage/Substantial Improvement class on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

The class is offered by the Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA). The cost to attend the class is: members of FFMA — \$50; online registration, non-member — \$150; online registration, student — \$25.

This is an informative and educational class for contractors who renovate, repair or remodel structures in flood plain areas. Registration is required and can be accomplished at www.floods.org. For more information, call 352-527-5264.

— From staff reports

Meth nabbed during traffic stop

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Police are accusing a Homosassa man of hauling roughly three ounces of methamphetamine in his vehicle last Friday.

A Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy pulled over

26-year-old Daniel Anthony Scheer at around 1:49 a.m. on Dec. 28 for driving with an obstructed license plate decal on U.S. 19 through Homosassa, according to Scheer's arrest report.

Scheer told authorities they could search his Chevrolet Tahoe, saying there was

nothing illegal inside, his arrest report shows.

Deputies then found 93.91 grams of packaged meth in a backpack within the truck's center console, and \$680 in cash in Scheer's pocket.

Scheer was charged with trafficking in between 28 and 200 grams of meth, and faces

up to 30 years in prison, including a 15-year minimum-mandatory term, if convicted, according to his arrest report. His bond was set at \$50,000.

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



Daniel Scheer

Man sues county again



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Greg Williams is suing the county and County Attorney Denise Dymond Lyn for interfering with plans he had to give the sheriff's office employees a free holiday party in December at Lakeside Ranch, which Williams owns.

Claims officials interfered with plans for holiday party for law enforcement

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

Greg Williams had plans for a big holiday party to say thanks to the men and women of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

Then, he claims, County Attorney Denise Dymond Lyn intervened and ruined the whole thing.

Williams, whose company Williams LTC Inc. is suing the county over whether he can hold wedding receptions on his agricultural property near Inverness, sued Lyn and the county in mid-December.

Williams claims Lyn learned of the Christmas party and contacted the sheriff's office to

inform officials that Williams and the county were in litigation.

Lyn declined to comment, though she informed commissioners by email in December that she and the county were being sued by Williams.

"The Citrus County Sheriff's Department was to have its Christmas Party at the property. Mr. Williams was providing the venue and events gratuitously to the Sheriff's Department," the email states. "The sheriff's department must have canceled its event when it learned that there was ongoing litigation relating to activities at the property."

The first lawsuit, filed in

August, is the result of county code officials saying Williams doesn't have the proper zoning to conduct wedding receptions on the 640-acre Lakeside Ranch.

Williams says the events are protected from county zoning by state agritourism laws that allow "civic and ceremonial" activities. The county's position is weddings are "civic and ceremonial," but receptions are not.

That case is pending.

Williams, in his second lawsuit, said he and the sheriff's office signed an "agritourism agreement" in October for free hay-wagon tours and a reception from 2 to 11 p.m. Dec. 15. Williams called it a "gratuitous holiday benefit" for the

sheriff's office, according to the lawsuit.

He said Lyn notified the sheriff's office that the activity would be "out of compliance" with law, giving sheriff's officials concerns that the Christmas party may be illegal.

In early November, the sheriff's office notified Williams it decided not to participate in the holiday event, citing the county's position, the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit asks for a declaration that the holiday party was legal, and for the county to pay costs to Williams.

Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 352-563-3228 or mwright@chronicleonline.com.

Fishermen, shrimper among those cited by FWC

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

State wildlife officers charged a Citrus County man and a Franklin County man with having hundreds of undersized and untagged oysters and shucking them on a Homosassa island.

On the afternoon of Nov. 24, officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Division on Law Enforcement reportedly spotted Larry Joe Skidmore standing on an island in the Salt River.

Tipsters had told FWC

that 26-year-old Skidmore, a commercial fisherman from Crystal River, was using the island as a base for unlawfully harvesting oysters, according to a FWC report issued Wednesday.

FWC officers waited for Skidmore to leave the island, and went ashore to find several bushels of oysters, a cull board piled high with the mollusks and several oysters disposed of nearby.

According to FWC's report, 358 of the 545 oysters were undersized, and the bags they were in were not tagged by the harvesters.

It's against Florida law to possess undersized oysters that account for more than 5 percent of a catch.

Oysters must also be culled — or shucked — in the bed they were harvested from. These oysters were taken from an area almost 2 miles from where they were being shucked, according to FWC's report.

Skidmore and 26-year-old Jonathyn Duane Crum, of Carrabelle, returned and were spotted moving the oyster bushels to their boat. They were then ordered to the ground by FWC officers who were

watching the pair.

Skidmore and Crum were issued notices to appear in court on Dec. 27 for misdemeanor charges of possessing undersized oysters, possessing untagged oysters, not culling on an oyster bar and failing to protect oysters from contaminants.

Skidmore has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Jan. 19 in Citrus County Court, and Crum was adjudicated guilty and ordered to pay \$318 in fines and court costs, according to court records.

■ A shrimper from Hudson was cited in late

November for trawling in closed waters along Citrus County's coast.

At around 7 p.m. on Nov. 23, an FWC officer spotted a 37-foot boat shrimping off-limits in St. Martins.

Due to harsh weather, the officer cited the 21-year-old shrimp captain, Travis Dillon Conner, on Nov. 25 for harvesting in a closed area. Conner was later adjudicated guilty Dec. 4 and ordered to pay \$318, court records show.

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

Around the **STATE**

Zoo closes exhibit after toddler enters enclosure

MELBOURNE — A zoo where a toddler stumbled into a rhinoceros enclosure is suspending exhibits offering "premium" animal experiences while officials review safety protocol.

The Brevard Zoo announced the suspension of the Rhino Encounters exhibit and similar displays in a statement Wednesday.

The 2-year-old girl was taken to a hospital for treatment Tuesday after she stumbled through steel poles sep-

arating the rhinos and spectators.

Officials at the zoo on Florida's Space Coast said a rhino's snout touched the girl before she was retrieved in a matter of seconds from the exhibit.

The girl's father said in a statement that his daughter is doing well.

Man drowns when wheelchair falls into pool

PALM HARBOR — Officials in Florida said a 68-year-old man drowned on New Year's Eve when his wheelchair fell into a backyard swimming pool.

The Tampa Bay Times reported Terry Chambers was unresponsive when he was found in the water on Monday afternoon. His 64-year-old wife Judy Burns and 61-year-old caretaker Steve Miller were at the home at the time, but authorities said they were unable to rescue him.

The newspaper reported Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies attempted multiple life-saving efforts, but Chambers died.

Sheriff's officials said they don't consider the death to be suspicious. An investigation continues.

Train hits, kills man who may have been sleeping

LAKELAND — Authorities said a train hit a man who was possibly sleeping on the rails, killing him.

Polk County Sheriff's officials said the CSX train struck 58-year-old Randolph Eugene Rhymes of Lakeland around 4 a.m. Wednesday.

The crash resulted in the temporary closing of four railroad crossings in the area as officials investigated. Foul play is not suspected.

— From wire reports

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Don't let temptation take control. Stay focused on what's important if you want to come up with a plan that will help others. Ignoring what's going on around you will not solve anything. Step up and be the one to make a difference.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Keeping busy should be your prime objective. Search for ways to make your life better.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Expand your interests and circle of friends. Information will be shared if you get in touch with an old friend.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Gather information from people you know you can trust, not someone who is manipulative or uninformed. A personal improvement or change is favored.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Take a break or learn something new. Broaden your horizons and consider what you'd like to do next.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Rely on your resources, skills and connections to help you get things done your way. If you pay extra attention to your partnerships, you will learn something.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Only trust people who actually live up to their promises. A financial change will help you save money.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Consider what you can do differently to get ahead. Set an example for others to gain respect and admiration.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Taking a day trip or visiting someone who has something to offer will open a window of opportunity. Don't hesitate to make a decision or move.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Size up a situation you face and do your homework. Knowing what you are up against will help you come to a decision.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Learn all you can about a situation before you make a decision. Don't fold under pressure.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Share ideas and see who the best candidate is to help you pursue your goal. Choosing to live an unusual lifestyle will bring out the best in you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Emotions will take charge and lead the way. Before you reveal something, consider the consequences.

ENTERTAINMENT

Netflix criticized for yanking Patriot Act episode in Saudi

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Netflix faced criticism on Wednesday for pulling an episode in Saudi Arabia of comedian Hasan Minhaj's "Patriot Act" that criticized the kingdom's powerful crown prince.

The American comedian used his second episode, released on Oct. 28, to lambaste Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman over the killing of writer Jamal Khashoggi and the Saudi-led coalition at war in Yemen.

Minhaj said the crown prince was being hailed as the reformer the Arab world needed until Khashoggi's killing.

"But the revelations about Khashoggi's killing have shattered that image and it blows my mind that it took the killing of a Washington Post journalist for everyone to go: 'Oh I guess he's not really a reformer,'" he added. Khashoggi wrote critically of the crown prince in columns for the newspaper.

Khashoggi was killed and dismembered by Saudi agents inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul last year. The U.S. Senate has said it believes the crown prince is responsible for the grisly killing, despite insistence by the kingdom that he had no knowledge of the operation.

In the roughly 18-minute monologue, Minhaj also mentions the ruling Al Saud family and its vast wealth, saying: "Saudi Arabia is crazy. One giant family controls everything."

The Saudi-led coalition's airstrikes in Yemen have also come under intense scrutiny since Khashoggi's killing. The war, which began in March 2015, has killed thousands of civilians and pushed millions to the brink of famine.



Associated Press

Muslim-American comedian Hasan Minhaj cracks jokes for the audience after New York Mayor Bill de Blasio proclaimed May 10, 2017, as "Hasan Minhaj Day," at Gracie Mansion, in New York. In December 2018, Netflix is facing criticism for pulling an episode, from viewing in Saudi Arabia of Minhaj's "Patriot Act" that lambasted Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman over the killing of writer Jamal Khashoggi and the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

The Financial Times first reported that Netflix yanked the episode from streaming in Saudi Arabia last week after the government's Communications and Information Technology Commission informed the internet streaming service that its content violated cyber-crime laws in the kingdom. The FT says the episode can still be seen on YouTube in Saudi Arabia.

Netflix told the FT it strongly supports artistic freedom worldwide and only removed the episode after it received a legal request and to comply with local law.

Rights group Amnesty International said Saudi Arabia's censorship of Netflix is "further proof of a relentless crackdown on freedom of expression."

"By bowing to the Saudi Arabian authorities' demands, Netflix is in danger of facilitating the kingdom's zero-tolerance policy on

freedom of expression and assisting the authorities in denying people's right to freely access information," said Samah Hadid at Amnesty International.

Netflix did not immediately respond to an Associated Press request for comment.

The Saudi cyber-crime law states that "production, preparation, transmission, or storage of material impinging on public order, religious values, public morals, and privacy, through the information network or computers" is a crime punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine, according to rights group Amnesty International.

Saudi prosecutors have used the broadly worded law to imprison rights activists, poets and others who've expressed views deemed critical of the government or its policies on social media.

—From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2019. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Jan. 3, 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, California, by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Makkula Jr.

On this date: In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease. In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

Ten years ago: After seven days of pummeling the Gaza Strip from the air, Israel launched a ground offensive; Hamas vowed that Gaza would be a "graveyard" for the Israelis.

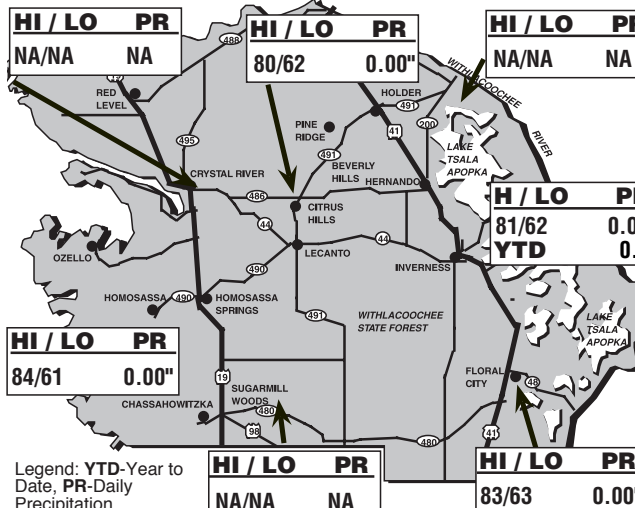
Five years ago: The secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court ruled again that the National Security Agency could keep collecting every American's telephone records every day.

One year ago: President Donald Trump signed an executive order disbanding the controversial voter fraud commission he had set up to investigate the 2016 presidential election after alleging without evidence that voting fraud cost him the popular vote; the White House blamed the decision to end the panel on more than a dozen states that refused to cooperate.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dabney Coleman is 87. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Hull is 80. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 76. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 73. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 63. Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 44. NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 38.

Thought for Today: "The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't." — Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman (1813-1887).

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK Exclusive daily forecast by: **9**

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 81° Low: 63°
Partly cloudy. Some fog.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 76° Low: 54°
Mostly cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers. Breezy.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING
High: 68° Low: 45°
Showers ending. Decreasing clouds, turning cooler.

ALMANAC Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE	80/64	DEW POINT	Wednesday at 3 p.m. 64°
Wednesday	80/64	HUMIDITY	Wednesday at 3 p.m. 56%
Record*	84/28	POLLEN COUNT**	Today's active pollen: Juniper, maple, oak
Normal	69/43	Today's count: 7.8/12	
Mean temp.	72	Friday's count: 9.2	
Departure from mean	16	Saturday's count: 8.7	
PRECIPITATION	0.00"	AIR QUALITY	Wednesday observed: Good
Wednesday	0.00"		Pollutant: Ozone
Total for the month	0.00"		
Total for the year	0.00"		
Normal for the year	0.27"		

*Official record values from Tampa International
UV INDEX: 4
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 30.10

SOLAR TABLES Provided by ezfishn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
01/03	THURSDAY	5:15	10:35	4:00	11:05
01/04	FRIDAY	6:05	11:25	4:45	11:55

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 5:44 p.m.
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:23 a.m.
MOONRISE TODAY 5:11 a.m.
MOONSET TODAY 4:03 p.m.

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

WATERING RULES

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 Friday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. and odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Hand watering or micro-irrigation of non-grass areas, such as vegetable gardens, flowers and shrubs, can take place any day at any time.

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.

TIDES

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

THURSDAY

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka*	3:46 a.m. 0.6 ft. 4:09 p.m. 0.2 ft.	11:49 a.m. 0.1 ft. 9:19 p.m. 0.2 ft.
Crystal River**	1:36 a.m. 2.2 ft. 3:15 p.m. 1.4 ft.	9:05 a.m. 0.1 ft. 8:36 p.m. 0.9 ft.
Withlacoochee*	12:46 p.m. 2.6 ft. 11:48 p.m. 3.1 ft.	7:02 a.m. -0.7 ft. 6:35 p.m. 1.2 ft.
Homosassa***	2:11 a.m. 1.3 ft. 4:26 p.m. 0.7 ft.	11:35 a.m. -0.1 ft. 8:24 p.m. 0.4 ft.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	82	64	pc	Miami	81	70	sh
Fort Lauderdale	81	71	sh	Ocala	81	62	pc
Fort Myers	80	67	f	Orlando	84	65	pc
Gainesville	78	63	pc	Pensacola	67	56	sh
Homestead	81	70	sh	Sarasota	77	66	f
Jacksonville	77	62	pc	Tallahassee	76	66	r
Key West	84	75	pc	Tampa	77	66	f
Lakeland	80	65	f	Vero Beach	85	67	pc
Melbourne	85	68	pc	W. Palm Bch.	81	69	sh

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: South winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: South winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

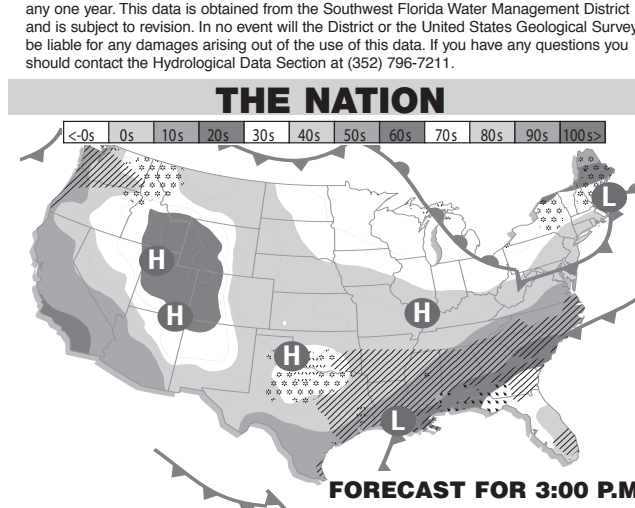
Gulf water temperature 70°
Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	WED	TUE	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	31.43	31.46	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.18	38.19	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.38	39.38	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.66	40.67	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. THURSDAY

City	WED H L Pcp.	THU H L Fcst	City	WED H L Pcp.	THU H L Fcst
Albany	32 20	40 27 sn	New Orleans	72 62	62 48 r
Albuquerque	29 11 .06	34 17 s	New York City	39 35	47 35 pc
Asheville	51 41	52 42 sh	Norfolk	51 47	52 37 r
Atlanta	59 49 .21	56 49 sh	Oklahoma City	29 23 .02	37 28 sn
Atlantic City	43 33	48 31 r	Omaha	36 15	45 24 s
Austin	40 36	1.88 47 36 r	Palm Springs	64 40	61 43 s
Baltimore	45 37	48 31 r	Philadelphia	43 37	46 32 pc
Billings	28 16	38 29 pc	Phoenix	52 30	57 35 s
Birmingham	54 48 .13	55 48 r	Pittsburgh	38 34	37 27 pc
Boise	32 18	36 25 pc	Portland, ME	31 22	36 24 sn
Boston	37 28	42 31 sn	Portland, OR	45 30	51 43 r
Buffalo	31 23	34 33 cd	Providence, RI	37 28	44 29 sn
Burlington, VT	24 14	32 28 sn	Raleigh	54 47	56 43 r
Charleston, SC	71 61	70 58 sh	Rapid City	35 7	48 28 pc
Charleston, WV	47 40	45 31 pc	Reno	44 19	49 27 pc
Charlotte	58 51	57 48 sh	Rochester, NY	32 24	34 32 cd
Chicago	30 26 .01	37 28 pc	Sacramento	53 29	55 37 pc
Cincinnati	42 39	41 30 pc	Salt Lake City	25 11	28 17 pc
Cleveland	33 19 .57	36 23 sn	Savannah	42 39 .40	52 37 r
Columbia, SC	29 26	45 27 s	San Antonio	42 32	42 28 pc
Columbus, OH	42 37	39 29 pc	San Diego	62 41	62 46 s
Concord, NH	33 19	36 23 sn	San Francisco	54 38	56 44 pc
Dallas	35 32 .68	38 34 sn	Savannah	79 59	72 60 sh
Denver	38 2	51 25 pc	Seattle	45 32	52 45 r
Des Moines	33 15	43 26 s	Spokane	35 21	38 34 i
Detroit	33 26 .02	35 29 pc	St. Louis	34 31	45 30 s
El Paso	37 24	45 26 s	St. Ste. Marie	22 12 .03	30 26 fl
Evansville, IN	39 37	43 31 pc	Syracuse	29 18	35 28 sn
Harrisburg	43 39	43 30 pc	Topeka	38 19	47 25 s
Hartford	35 24	43 28 i	Washington	48 42	48 34 r
Houston	58 51 .73	52 40 sh			
Indianapolis	37 34 .02	40 28 s			
Kansas City	33 18	46 26 s			
Las Vegas	48 28	52 36 pc			
Little Rock	39 37 .19	46 38 r			
Los Angeles	63 38	65 46 s			
Louisville	45 42	45 32 pc			
Memphis	43 40 .17	49 41 r			
Milwaukee	31 24 .01	33 28 pc			
Minneapolis	22 2	35 25 pc			
Mobile	69 60	64 54 ts			
Montgomery	60 57 .19	60 53 r			
Nashville	48 45	48 38 pc			

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c-cloudy; dr-drizzle; f-fair; h-hazy; pc-partly cloudy; r-rain; rs-rain/snow mix; s-sunny; sh-showers; sn-snow; ts-thunderstorms; w-windy.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW
HIGH 88, Immokalee, Fla.
LOW -28, Craig, Colo.

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DeSantis taps ex-judge for juvenile justice post

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The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Continuing to tap state-government veterans for posts in his administration, incoming Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday chose former appeals-court Judge Simone Marsteller to serve as secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

Marsteller was a judge on

the 1st District Court of Appeal for nearly six years before retiring in December 2015. She earlier held high-level positions in the administrations of former Gov. Jeb Bush and former Attorney General Bill McCollum, including a stint as secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

"Few people have the leadership experience and government expertise to match Simone Marsteller,"

DeSantis, who will take office Tuesday, said in a prepared statement. "Simone is among the most talented and experienced professionals that our state has to offer, and I am proud to have her join the administration as the secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. She's established an exceptional record of professional accomplishment and I look forward to working with her to further improve our

state's juvenile justice system."

Timothy Niermann has served as interim secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice since August.

Since leaving the 1st District Court of Appeal, Marsteller has worked with the law firm Gunster, Yoakley, Stewart, P.A. Former U.S. Sen. George LeMieux, who is chairman of the Gunster firm, is helping lead DeSantis' transition team.

SUSPECT

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locked doors of the business, before running away just after midnight on Monday.

According to Patton's arrest report, the employee told investigators she had just dead-bolted the front door shut when she heard a bang and saw a man wearing a black ski mask, brandishing an unknown firearm and yelling at her to unlock the doors.

Instead of answering to the man's demands, the woman ran into

another room and called the sheriff's office. Her assailant then ran off in an unknown direction, but the business's cameras recorded his moves.

As police were responding to the robbery, a deputy pulled over a white Infiniti for running a stop sign on South Smith Avenue. Deputies detained Patton, who was the front-seat passenger, because he was acting suspicious.

After getting consent to search the vehicle, authorities found a BB gun, a black beanie and red bandana — articles seen by the employee and cameras, Patton's arrest report shows.

According to Patton's arrest report, the Infiniti's driver told police Patton asked to be picked up so he could get some money, and he dropped Patton off behind Blazing Dragon.

A few moments later, Patton returned holding a firearm, got in the vehicle and told the driver to leave.

Patton denied being involved in the robbery, but admitted ownership of the BB gun and black beanie but not the red bandana, his arrest report shows.

Patton's bond was set at \$50,000.

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

PANEL

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plans and procedures.

"Safety and security accountability is lacking in schools, and that accountability is paramount for effective change if we expect a different result in the future than what occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas," the report says.

Among the panel's chief findings and recommendations:

■ State law should be changed to allow teachers who pass an intense training program and background check to carry concealed weapons on campus. Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gaultier, the panel's chairman, argued last month for the change, saying teachers are often

the ones who have the best chance to stop a school shooting quickly. Under a law passed after the shooting, districts can elect to arm non-classroom employees such as principals, other administrators, custodians and librarians who undergo training. The only teachers allowed to arm themselves are current or former police officers, active military members or Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors. Thirteen of the state's 67 districts arm non-teaching employees, mostly in rural parts of the state. The state teachers union and PTA oppose the proposal to arm teachers. They argue that adding more armed people will make campuses more dangerous and say teachers should not also be acting as armed guards.

■ Deputy Scot Peterson, the long-time school resource officer assigned to Stoneman Douglas, "was derelict in his duty" by not entering the freshman building and confronting Cruz. Video shows Peterson drawing his gun and taking cover outside the building. He retired shortly after the shooting and has denied wrongdoing. The report also criticizes other deputies who failed to enter the building during the shooting, but praises officers from the Coral Springs Police Department who quickly ran inside.

The report says Israel is partly to blame by eliminating a requirement that his deputies confront active shooters, in direct contrast with current law enforcement practices. Israel told the commission he did not want his

deputies engaging in suicide missions. He has since changed the policy again, however, to require deputies to confront shooters.

■ Neither Stoneman Douglas nor the Broward School District had clear procedures for locking down classrooms during a shooting, which led to a three-minute delay in classrooms being shut and "left students and staff vulnerable to being shot."

The commission includes law enforcement, education and mental health professionals from around the state, a legislator and the fathers of two slain students.

Cruz, now 20, has pleaded not guilty to the shooting, but his lawyers say he would plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Domestic battery arrest

■ Christopher Davis, 35, of Hernando, at 3:06 p.m. Dec. 24 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

Other arrests

■ Lance Wicker, 44, of South Snapp Avenue, Inverness, at 12:47 a.m. Dec. 24 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. According to his arrest affidavit, Wicker was a passenger in a vehicle pulled over for a stop sign violation and approximately 0.5 grams of methamphetamine was found in his possession. His bond was set at \$2,000.

■ Nathan Carfango, 32, of Homosassa, at 11:22 a.m. Dec. 24 on a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$1,000.

■ Douglas Harding, 33, of Beverly Hills, at 6:49 a.m. Dec. 25 on a felony charge of aggravated battery with use of a deadly weapon.

■ James Rosen, 64, of West Halls River Road, Homosassa, at 3:46 p.m. Dec. 25 on a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. According to his arrest affidavit, Rosen is accused of causing a scene and shouting obscenities at a Christmas dinner. His bond was set at \$500.

■ Amy McGlocklin, 38, of Crystal River, at 4:10 p.m. Dec. 25 on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance and introducing contraband into a detention facility, along with a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

Burglaries

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 10:08 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, in the 10 block of Hemlock Court South, Homosassa.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 12:01 p.m. Jan. 1 in the area of South Meredith Avenue and East Stage Coach Trail, Floral City.

Theft

■ A misdemeanor retail theft was reported at

ON THE NET

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

■ Also under Public Information on the CCSO website, click on Crime Mapping for a view of where each type of crime occurs in Citrus County. Click on Offense Reports to see lists of burglary, theft and vandalism.

3:38 p.m. Tuesday, Jan 1, in the 2800 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Vandalisms

■ A vandalism was reported at 7:14 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, in the 2800 block of Van Buren St. W., Inverness.

■ A vandalism was reported at 11:16 p.m. Jan. 1 in the 100 block of N. Edinburgh Drive, Inverness.

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Obituaries

David Brainerd, 64

INVERNESS

David Paul Brainerd, age 64, of Inverness, FL went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 29th. David



David Brainerd

was born June 18, 1954 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Margaret (Cooper) and Ira Brainerd Sr. He is survived by his loving wife Desiree Smith Brainerd who shared their lives for 18 years, Brothers Ira, Robert, and Carl Brainerd and sisters Beverly Fuller, Barbara and Carol Brainerd, and several nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his sister Betty Brainerd.

David and Desiree moved to Inverness in 2001 from Key Largo, FL when they came to visit friends and David found his dream home which he named the D-N-D Ranch. He retired as a Journeyman Electrician. David graduated with honors from the Tampa Technical Institute with a degree in Computer Engineering Technology. He was a member of the VFW Post 4337 and a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles #3992 in Inverness, FL. David was an avid NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt, and dragster fan. He spent many years going with his family and friends to races and even took his nephew Tyler Brantley to his first drag race. He taught some of his nieces and nephews to drive on the ranch. First with the golf cart and then with the old ranch truck, and always flooded the gas pedal on them as they were driving across the pastures. He loved riding his Harley, driving his truck, and most of all he loved his dogs who he called his boys, Jake, Cody and Munchkin. He was never without a pat, a kind word and biscuit or treat for them.

He was a Christian who prayed daily and was a patient and faithful loving husband to Desiree. He was a kind and giving man and was always the first to help someone in need. David and Desiree met in Key Largo when David moved there after Hurricane Andrew. They spent many wonderful years boating and enjoying life with there many friends. He was known for his pineapple and ham dish at every potluck there and always had a smile and would ask "Who loves ya" and give that pinch. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

There will be a "Celebration of his Life" Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Citrus Eagles Aerie #3992, located at 8733 E. Gulf to Lake Highway, Inverness, FL 34450. Final arrangements provided by the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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- Full obituaries are \$175, and include placement in the newspaper and online, a standard-size headshot and a keepsake plaque. Text exceeding 850 words will be subject to an additional fee of \$80.
- A flag will be included for free for those who served in the U.S. military. (Please note the branch of service when submitting an obituary or notice.)



Robert Brunton, 78

HERNANDO

Robert D. Brunton, age 78, of Hernando, FL passed away at Vitas Healthcare in Lecanto on December 5, 2018. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army. Friends are invited to join Robert's family for a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Garden Room of the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Cremation care provided by the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Margaret Hirsch, 95

CRYSTAL RIVER

It is with great sadness that the family of Margaret K. Hirsch announces her passing on Sunday, December 30, 2018, at the age of 95 years. She was born on November 20, 1923 in Brockport, New York to George Lee and Helen Kishlar.



Margaret Hirsch

Margaret is lovingly remembered by Claude, her husband of 62 years, her daughters Pamela and Claudia, son-in-law Todd and grandsons, Robert, Daniel, Mason and Matthew, sister Gertrude and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Alta and Sally, and her brother, Bill. Raised in Churchville, NY, she was a spirited girl who served as her high school drum major-ette, entered dancing contests, and held the title of Apple Blossom Queen. She earned a BA in Education from Brockport State Teachers College in 1946. After graduation she moved to Long Island, NY where she taught first grade students for five years. Yearning for adventure, Margaret moved to Venezuela to teach American school children living abroad. There she met and married Claude Hirsch, an Exxon affiliate employee. In 1960, Margaret, Claude and their two daughters embarked on the adventure of a lifetime while traveling the world with Claude's job. She raised her family in the Libyan cities of Benghazi, Tripoli, and Marsa el Brega, Ahwaz (Iran), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) before retiring to Crystal River, Florida with Claude in 1985. Margaret made lifelong friends wherever she traveled. She dabbled in painting, and played golf and bridge. As a fierce competitor, Margaret won several tournaments in both activities. She earned a Bronze Life Master and a Golden Age Master for bridge.

Memorial services will be held at Strickland Funeral Home in Crystal River, FL on Friday, January 11 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to VITAS Inpatient Hospice Unit of Citrus County, 3350 W. Audubon Park Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.

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Martin 'Corky' Hogue, 79

INVERNESS

Martin "Corky" Donald Hogue, age 79, of Inverness, FL passed away at Bayonet Point Medical Center in Hudson, FL on December 28, 2018. Corky was born to Charles and Wilma (Crandall) Hogue on November 9, 1939 in Gouverneur, N.Y. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy, the Navy Reserves and later the Army Reserves for 25 years. Following his military service, he worked for the Gouverneur Talc Company and later the Corning Glass Company as an electrician. Corky was married to Diane (Edwards) for 57 years until her passing on April 12, 2018. He and Diane were Florida "Snowbirds" for a few years until finally becoming permanent Citrus County, FL residents in 2000. He attended worship services at the United Methodist Church of Inverness. Corky was a volunteer for God's Kitchen in both New York and Florida, a volunteer at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness, FL and the Mended Hearts organization. He was also a Volunteer Firefighter in Gouverneur, N.Y. for over 30 years. In his spare time he enjoyed making knives out of deer antlers and enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and being outdoors.



Martin Hogue

Those left to mourn Corky's passing include his son, Jon Hogue of Jacksonville, FL; daughters: Denise Kingsley of Gouverneur, N.Y., Natalie Kelley and her husband Jonathan of Fowler, N.Y.; sons: Charles Hogue and his wife Patti of Gouverneur, N.Y., Kevin Hogue and his wife Sarah of Cicero, N.Y.; sister, Brenda Sipher and her husband Paul of Watertown, N.Y.; grandchildren: Dustin and Kristopher Kelley; and great grandchild, Morgin Kelley. Corky was preceded in death by brother, Brian Hogue; sister, DeAnne Jungkind; and son in law, David Kingsley.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with the Reverend Donald Pratt of the First United Methodist Church of Inverness officiating. Military honors will be rendered by Inverness VFW #4337 Honor Guard. Friends may join Corky's family in visitation beginning at 2:00 PM until the hour of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to God's Kitchen, Inverness First United Methodist Church, 1140 Turner Camp Road, Inverness, FL 34453 or Gouverneur Volunteer Exempt Firemen, C/O Charles Halpin, 110 Rowley Street, Gouverneur, N.Y. 13642. Arrangements are under the direction of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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- Extra plaques are available for \$40 each.
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André Mergen, 92

André Bodson Mergen died peacefully at her home on December 23, 2018 surrounded by her family. Born in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on July 31, 1926, she was the



André Bodson

daughter of Victor Bodson and Thérèse Simonis Bodson. Educated in seven countries, she was fluent in four languages and had a working knowledge of several more.

Her whole life, vocation and avocation, was dedicated to teaching. She had an extraordinary gift for sharing her vast knowledge with others. She was a member of the Crystal River Woman's Club for over 25 years, where she chaired the International Affairs Department for over 15 years starting in 1989. During her time in Homosassa, she taught international affairs, German and French classes for over 20 years, forming many strong friendships with her students. One of her joys was hearing about their travel abroad and how they had used their language skills.

Having fled to Canada after the invasion of Luxembourg, she returned to England, and was on a ship hit by a dud torpedo during the Atlantic crossing. Having achieved the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Luxembourg Army, she translated Luxembourgish for General Patton during the Battle of the Bulge. She met her future husband, François Mergen, in Luxembourg following the war. After attending McGill University in Montreal, she married him in New Brunswick, Canada in 1947. Both she and her husband became US citizens in 1956. She subsequently lived in New Haven, CT and Jacksonville, FL before returning to settle in Hamden, CT where her husband was a Professor and Dean at Yale University. She came to Sugarmill Woods, FL in 1987 when her husband retired.

She traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and North and South America. She lived in Munich, Germany while her husband was a Fulbright Professor during the 1970s. She loved knitting, opera, the Tour de France, football, yoga, bridge and gourmet cooking.

Survivors include her son, John-Francis Mergen, daughter-in-law, Lynne Durbin, and grandson, Christopher Francis Mergen, of Baltimore, MD, as well as many relations in Luxembourg. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 42 years, François Mergen, in 1989.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be planned for a later date. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Ralph 'Jack' Oxendine, 63

INVERNESS

Ralph Jackson "Jack" Oxendine, age 63, Inverness, FL passed suddenly on December 30, 2018 at his home. Ralph was born in Washington, DC on May 19, 1955 to the late Ralph and Ida Homerine Weiss Oxendine, Sr and came to Citrus County in 1995 from Winter Haven, FL. He worked in the construction industry as an electrician prior to retirement and served our country in the U.S. Army. Jack enjoyed hunting and fishing. He earned his



Ralph Oxendine

Charter Captain's License and enjoyed being a fishing guide as his favorite pastime.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 20 years, Vickie Sue (Oliver) Oxendine of Inverness; faithful companion Ellie; a son, Justin Morris and his wife, Jamie Milliron of Summerfield, FL; 1 brother, Joe Oxendine and wife Janet, Villa Rica, GA; 2 grandchildren, Bentley C. Morris and James A. Morris; a niece, Keri Ruth Harp and his aunt, Joyce Greene. He was predeceased by two sisters, Esther Weiss and Lynne Bader.

The family will lay his urn to rest at a later date in Mt Gilead Cemetery in Mills River, NC. Cremation care was under the direction of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home With Crematory.

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Deaths ELSEWHERE

'Mean Gene' Okerlund, 76

PRO WRESTLING INTERVIEWER

MINNEAPOLIS — Eugene "Mean Gene" Okerlund, whose deadpan interviews of pro wrestling superstars like "Macho Man" Randy Savage, The Ultimate Warrior and Hulk Hogan made him a ringside fixture in his own right, has died. He was 76.

World Wrestling Entertainment announced Okerlund's death on its website Wednesday. Okerlund's son, Tor Okerlund, told The Associated Press that his father died early Wednesday at a hospital in Sarasota, Florida, near his home in Osprey, Florida, with his wife, Jeanne, by his side.

Tor Okerlund said his father, who had received three kidney transplants, fell a few weeks ago "and it just kind of went from bad to worse."

Okerlund started as an interviewer in the Minneapolis-based American Wrestling Association. He moved to WWE in 1984 and hosted several shows, including "All-American Wrestling," "Tuesday Night Titans" and "Prime Time Wrestling." Besides being WWE's lead locker room interviewer, he also provided ringside commentary.

Former wrestler and ex-Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, who wrestled as "The Body," dubbed Okerlund "Mean Gene."

Ventura told the Minneapolis Star Tribune on Wednesday that in an interview he "laughingly called him 'the Mean Gene Hot Air Machine,' and the 'Mean Gene' stuck."

Ventura called Okerlund "the best at what he did, the best straight man interviewer in wrestling history."

A native of Sisseton, South Dakota, Okerlund was known for his natty attire and mustache. He was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2006.

Okerlund also could sing and performed the national anthem at the first WrestleMania in 1985. He sang "Tutti Frutti" later that year on the WWE's "The Wrestling Album."

"He really was the ultimate, the consummate entertainer," his son said.

In a 2015 interview with the Star Tribune, Okerlund credited the late pro wrestling pioneer Verne Gagne for his start.

Okerlund worked in sales at the television station where Gagne's AWA was based and had experience in radio. Gagne approached Okerlund in the hallway when the regular interviewer could not make a taping in the early 1970s, Okerlund recalled.

"I said, 'Verne, I know zero about wrestling.' He said, 'Do you have a suit and tie? That's all you need.' There were a few bucks involved, so I dived in," Okerlund said.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

— Associated Press

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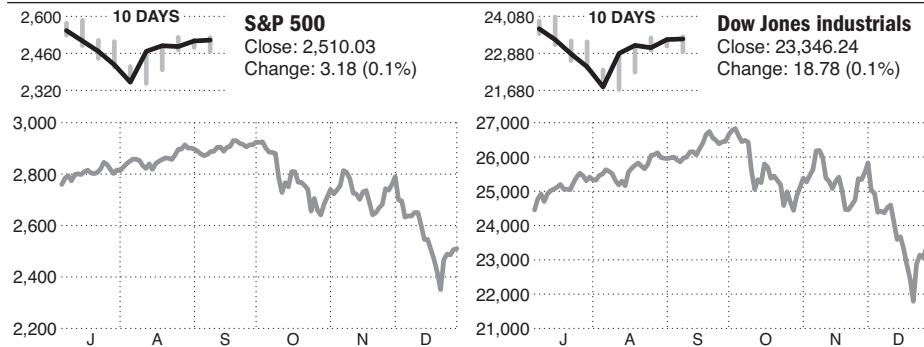
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	NYSE	NASD	DOW	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,662	2,202	DOW Trans.	23413.47	22928.59	23346.24	+18.78	+0.08%	+0.08%
Pvs. Volume	3,384	2,038	DOW Util.	9232.25	8972.51	9202.47	+32.07	+0.35%	+0.35%
Advanced	1990	2095	NYSE Comp.	710.58	697.18	701.04	-11.89	-1.67%	-1.67%
Declined	855	848	NASDAQ	11408.26	11204.28	11383.54	+9.15	+0.08%	+0.08%
New Highs	7	10	S&P 500	6693.71	6506.88	6665.94	+30.66	+0.46%	+0.46%
New Lows	60	64	S&P 400	2519.49	2467.47	2510.03	+3.18	+0.13%	+0.13%
			Wilshire 5000	1664.68	1630.26	1657.93	-5.11	-0.31%	-0.31%
			Russell 2000	25882.58	25336.24	25794.72	+45.00	+0.17%	+0.17%
				1357.77	1325.18	1355.90	+7.34	+0.54%	+0.54%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AK Steel Hold	AKS	2.05	6.80	2.39	+14	+6.2	▲	▼	▲	+6.2	-60.3	11	...
AT&T Inc	T	26.80	39.29	29.54	+1.00	+3.5	▲	▼	▲	+3.5	-21.5	6	2.04f
Ametek Inc	AME	63.14	81.92	67.49	-21	-0.3	▲	▼	▼	-0.3	-5.8	28	0.56f
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	64.55	117.06	65.91	+10	+0.2	▲	▼	▲	+0.2	-38.1	16	3.19e
Bank of America	BAC	22.66	33.05	24.96	+32	+1.3	▲	▼	▲	+1.3	-14.7	12	0.60
Capital City Bank	CCBG	19.93	26.95	23.39	+18	+0.8	▲	▼	▲	+0.8	+2.6	19	0.36
CenturyLink Inc	CTL	13.97	24.20	15.44	+29	+1.9	▲	▼	▲	+1.9	+3.8	6	2.16
Citigroup	C	48.42	80.70	53.53	+147	+2.8	▲	▼	▲	+2.8	-28.0	9	1.80f
Disney	DIS	97.68	120.20	108.97	-68	-0.6	▲	▼	▼	-0.6	+3.6	15	1.76f
Duke Energy	DUK	71.96	91.35	84.70	-160	-1.9	▼	▼	▼	-1.9	+6.9	21	3.71
EPR Properties	EPR	51.87	72.18	63.12	-91	-1.4	▼	▼	▼	-1.4	+4.4	19	4.32f
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	27.96	32.66	29.36	-65	-2.2	▼	▼	▼	-2.2	+6.6	30	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	64.65	89.30	69.69	+150	+2.2	▲	▼	▲	+2.2	-14.6	13	3.28
Ford Motor	F	7.41	13.48	7.90	+25	+3.3	▲	▼	▲	+3.3	-32.9	4	0.60a
Gen Electric	GE	6.66	19.39	8.05	+48	+6.3	▲	▼	▲	+6.3	-54.5	dd	0.04m
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	84.92	147.42	121.76	-269	-2.2	▼	▼	▼	-2.2	+43.3	18	0.35p
Home Depot	HD	158.09	215.43	172.41	+59	+0.3	▲	▼	▲	+0.3	-7.2	19	4.12
Intel Corp	INTC	42.04	57.60	47.08	+15	+0.3	▲	▼	▲	+0.3	+4.3	18	1.20
IBM	IBM	105.94	171.13	115.21	+154	+1.4	▲	▼	▲	+1.4	-21.9	9	6.28
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	23.14	43.86	23.70	-03	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	-0.1	-41.7	14	...
Lowes Cos	LWO	81.16	117.70	92.27	-09	-0.1	▲	▼	▼	-0.1	+1.3	21	1.92
McDonalds Corp	MCD	146.84	190.88	176.06	-151	-0.9	▲	▼	▼	-0.9	+5.6	27	4.64f
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	83.83	116.18	101.12	-45	-0.4	▲	▼	▼	-0.4	+20.2	42	1.84
Motorola Solutions	MSI	89.18	133.97	114.78	-26	-0.2	▲	▼	▼	-0.2	+29.7	21	2.28f
NextEra Energy	NEE	145.10	184.20	169.83	-399	-2.3	▼	▼	▼	-2.3	+14.1	13	4.44
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.92	4.75	1.14	+10	+9.6	▲	▼	▲	+9.6	-67.1	dd	...
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	16.43	20.57	16.76	-28	-1.6	▼	▼	▼	-1.6	-8.8	8	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	12.39	20.21	13.67	+29	+2.2	▲	▼	▲	+2.2	-19.9	12	0.56
Smucker, JM	SJM	91.32	133.38	93.88	+39	+0.4	▲	▼	▲	+0.4	-22.1	12	3.40
Texas Instru	TXN	87.70	120.75	94.45	-05	-0.1	▲	▼	▼	-0.1	-7.7	24	3.08f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	133.17	193.05	145.01	+194	+1.4	▲	▼	▲	+1.4	-13.0	19	0.45f
Verizon Comm	VZ	46.09	61.58	56.02	-20	-0.4	▲	▼	▼	-0.4	+10.7	7	2.41f
Vodafone Group	VOD	18.45	32.75	19.72	+44	+2.3	▲	▼	▲	+2.3	-34.1	1.74e	
WalMart Strs	WMT	81.78	109.98	93.34	+19	+0.2	▲	▼	▲	+0.2	-3.6	54	2.08f
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	59.07	86.31	68.04	-29	-0.4	▲	▼	▼	-0.4	-3.6	12	1.76

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

Interest Rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.66 percent Wednesday. Yields affect interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
LAST	5.50	2.38
6 MO AGO	5.00	1.88
1 YR AGO	4.50	1.38

Commodities

U.S. crude oil rose 2.5 percent and natural gas prices rose less than 1 percent. Gold prices edged higher and silver rose 0.7 percent.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	2.30	2.38	-0.08	1.39
6-month T-bill	2.46	2.48	-0.02	1.53
52-wk T-bill	2.58	2.60	-0.02	1.73
2-year T-note	2.50	2.49	+0.01	1.89
5-year T-note	2.50	2.51	-0.01	2.21
7-year T-note	2.56	2.58	-0.02	2.28
10-year T-note	2.66	2.69	-0.03	2.41
30-year T-bond	2.98	3.02	-0.04	2.74

BONDS	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
Barclays Glob Agg Bd	2.03	2.05	-0.02	1.67
Barclays US Aggregate	3.28	3.32	-0.04	2.74
Barclays US Corp	4.20	4.24	-0.04	3.27
Barclays US High Yield	7.95	7.98	-0.03	5.73
Moodys AAA Corp Idx	3.99	4.02	-0.03	3.48
10-Yr. TIPS	.97	0.96	+0.01	.43

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	46.54	45.41	+2.49	+2.5
Ethanol (gal)	1.27	1.26	+0.87	+0.8
Heating Oil (gal)	1.70	1.69	+1.26	+0.2
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.96	2.94	+0.61	+0.6
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.33	1.32	+1.78	+0.3

METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1281.00	1278.30	+0.21	+0.2
Silver (oz)	15.54	15.43	+0.71	+0.7
Platinum (oz)	799.10	795.90	+0.40	+0.4
Copper (lb)	2.63	2.63	-0.11	-0.1
Palladium (oz)	1255.50	1253.90	+0.13	+0.1

AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.24	1.25	-0.52	-1.0
Coffee (lb)	1.00	1.02	-2.31	-2.3
Corn (bu)	3.76	3.75	+0.07	+0.2
Cotton (lb)	0.71	0.72	-1.88	-1.9
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	329.00	331.50	-0.75	-0.2
Orange Juice (lb)	1.22	1.25	-2.20	-2.2
Soybeans (bu)	8.95	8.82	+1.36	+1.4
Wheat (bu)	5.07	5.03	-0.94	-0.7

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	24.92	+0.2	+0.1	-3.0	+6.9	+6.4
	CptWldGrInC m	42.63	-1.8	-0.4	-11.6	+5.9	+4.1
	CptIncBlidrA m	56.16	-1.7	-0.3	-7.7	+4.2	+3.4
	FdmtilnvsA m	52.41	+1.2	+0.2	-7.3	+9.1	+8.1
	GrfAmrcA m	42.81	+0.5	+0.1	-4.0	+10.0	+9.1
	IncAmrcA m	20.61	-0.2	-0.1	-5.5	+5.9	+5.1
	InvCAmrcA m	33.92	+0.1	0.0	-7.3	+8.7	+7.4
	NwPrspctvA m	37.58	-0.9	-0.2	-7.1	+7.2	+6.2
	WAMtilnvsA m	11.07	-0.1	0.0	-3.5	+9.8	+8.2
	Dodge & Cox	Int	13.27	+0.1	+0.1	-0.1	+3.2
	IncStk	36.98	+0.7	+0.2	-18.7	+3.3	-0.1
	Stk	173.73	+9.2	+0.5	-7.7	+10.3	+7.4
Fidelity	500ldxInsPrrm	87.21	+1.1	+0.1	-5.1	+9.3	+8.7
	Contrafund	11.03	+0.2	+0.2	-3.1	+10.2	+9.5
Franklin Templeton	TiIMkldxInsPrrm	70.66	+0.7	+0.1	-6.0	+9.0	+8.1
	IncA1 m	2.14	...	0.0	-5.7	+6.1	+2.8
Schwab	SP500Idx	38.31	...	-4.4	-4.4	+9.2	+8.4
	BCGr	95.96	-0.7	-0.1	+0.5	+12.0	+11.5
T. Rowe Price	GrStk	57.14	+0.3	+0.1	-2.3	+10.3	+10.3
	HCAAdmrl	231.73	+2.9	+0.1	-5.1	+9.3	+8.7
Vanguard	500ldxAdmrl	79.80	-5.4	-0.7	-0.8	+3.1	+9.9
	IncAdmrl	13.92	+0.1	+0.1	+1.4	+2.1	+3.3
	MdCpldxAdmrl	170.59	-4.5	-0.3	-10.1	+6.3	+6.6
	PmCpAdmrl	121.14	+1.9	+0.2	-3.3	+12.1	+11.4
	STInwmGrdAdmrl	10.45	+0.1	+0.1	+1.1	+2.0	+1.8
	SrCpldxAdmrl	63.17	-0.6	-0.1	-10.1	+7.6	+5.4
	TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.01	...	0.0	-5.6	+5.7	+4.8
	TiBMldxAdmrl	10.46	+0.1	+0.1	+0.3	+2.1	+2.5
	TiInBldxAdmrl	21.75	+0.6	+0.3	+3.5	+3.4	+4.0
	TiInSlxAdmrl	25.29	-0.8	-0.3	-15.6	+4.4	+1.2
	TiInSlxInv	15.12	-0.5	-0.3	-15.6	+4.4	+1.1
	TiSMldxAdmrl	62.15	+0.6	+0.1	-5.9	+9.0	+8.1
	TiSMldxInv	62.14	+0.6	+0.1	-5.9	+8.9	+8.0
	WingInAdmrl	64.14	+0.4	+0.1	-3.6	+7.2	+5.4
	WislyncAdmrl	59.23	+0.5	+0.1	-2.4	+5.2	+6.0

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John Locke

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

Bay cleanup project making huge strides

By all accounts, Save Crystal River's efforts to clean up and restore King's Bay and its canals a resounding success.

The grassroots group just finished its fourth season of work, which typically runs from March 31 to Nov. 15, so its in-water work doesn't conflict with the migration of manatees. The project, which is funded through local and state money, vacuums muck from the bay floor and spring vents and then plants Rockstar eelgrass — named for its durability — into the freshly uncovered sand.

The scope of what has been accomplished thus far is mind-boggling:

- More than 20 acres of King's Bay back to natural state.
- More than 100 million pounds of Lyngbya and other invasive vegetation has been removed.
- More than 400 total spring vents have been unclogged.
- Almost 80,000 plants

have been sown across 20 acres of King's Bay.

■ Eelgrasses now number well over 10 million plants in Save Crystal River's 3.41-acre pilot project site.

This year alone, project contractors removed 24,000 tons of unwanted vegetation and transplanted 20,500 eelgrasses in the 8.05 acres of canals restored between Paradise Point Road and Three Sisters Springs.

Ultimately, the goal is to rehabilitate 72 more acres before Crystal River's 100th birthday on July 2, 2023.

Next year, the focus will be on coves around Shatz Island and canals leading up to Three Sisters Springs.

This ambitious project has exceeded expectations and should be recognized for the environmental impact it is making. Future generations will benefit from the work they are doing today and hopefully others will learn from the work they are doing. We applaud their efforts.

THE ISSUE:

Save Crystal River completes fourth year of cleanup.

OUR OPINION:

Impressive work.

So you going to use those bikes?

It's that time of the year once again — Christmastime. That is the only time of the year that you will see Citrus County Sheriff's (Office) motorcycles out on the streets and they will be in, as you know, in the Christmas parades. Whether it be in Beverly Hills, Crystal River, Homosassa, wherever, those Harley bikes will be in the parade. That is the biggest waste of money that the county has spent. I would like to know how many miles are on those motorcycles since they were bought brand new many years ago. With all the speeders going down (U.S.) 19 between Crystal River and Homosassa. It would be a shame not to have those motorcycles sitting in front of the Harley dealership in the median with their radar guns facing north and south and pulling these speeders over.

It's not just about speeders

I have no complaints about speeders. What I do fear are those people who pull out of side streets, gas stations and shopping centers right in front of you and expect you to not hit them. Also, drivers texting and even talking on cellphones while their car is weaving all over the

road. I would like to bet that most rear-end collisions are caused by a distracted driver. We need a law against talking or texting while driving.

Still nobody helping us out

I'd like you to print about the four-wheelers and the dirt bikes that are harassing Cinnamon Ridge again on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They cut wires, they cut gates open and they are terrorizing us. The only one I can get is one of the sergeants, who is not on duty until Wednesday. We need something done out here now, not tomorrow, not yesterday. We need it done now.

Would you please print this in the paper? Please, I beg you. We need something done.

No love for rap songs

Just to let everybody know, they should get rid of all the rap songs because it has all the cuss words, plus they talk about booty and they talk about "in the trunk." They should get rid of the rap. You know, the kids will get it from the rappers. Don't have the rap songs out there for the kids because kids today, they use the "F" word. All the music, if you listen to it, has the "F" word and "in the trunk," which means your butt. To me, it's all trash and I don't like the rap songs.



'Handy' men haven't been much help

It will soon be the fourth anniversary of my kitchen's destruction, after a pipe leak, with the help of crowbars and hammers by a "restoration" company.

Four long, upsetting years of ugly. The sink and counter are precariously balanced on 2-by-4s, there is no hot water, and the block walls are sledge-hammered and broken. Floor tile is torn up, exposing rough cement — great for traction; bad for beauty.

The insurance claim was denied and the leak inside the block wall was deemed "regular maintenance." Health issues that slow me to an old hag crawl make repair impossible on my own, certainly a hardship.

All I've wanted for Christmas these past few years is obvious, but Santa forgot me! Six men, who identify as "handy" men, have viewed my dilemma, which brings me to Merriam Webster's explanation of said title. Handyman: Competent in a variety of skills; ingenious in repair and maintenance work.

Two of these self-proclaimed handymen deflated like tired balloons, gasping in awe. One stuttered, pretending to be knowledgeable. Three of them measured, drew rough drafts on scrap paper, feigning interest while promising estimates. All six are in the wind with Hurricane Irma, still advertising skills they don't have or won't use.

To say I'm disheartened isn't adequate and I don't know where to find help. The project is relatively simple, requiring sink removal but no new plumbing. I purchased sheetrock and cabinets, but am physically unable to install them, as they are heavy and awkward. Besides, my walker gets in the way!

What happened to pride of workmanship, skills and ambition? A local plumber quoted over \$100 to replace a toilet tank kit. How much is labor these days? Instead, I limped to Lowe's, bought an \$11 kit, and voila! It took 15 minutes to install!

Not long ago, I considered myself relatively "handy." Perhaps this is intimidating to those believing women aren't supposed to know their way around power tools, hammers and nails. Not professing expertise while realizing livings must be made, it's apparent ethics and attitude have changed in these modern times.

My kitchen remains an eyesore and Santa has gone once again. Unfortunately, I don't have a Valentine "honey-do," helpful leprechaun or qualified Energizer bunny.

On the upside, my spirit isn't broken and my hope remains high. It's a new year, my blessings are many, and who needs hot water anyway?

Ken Everts
Beverly Hills

Joanie Welch
Inverness

Connections with the past

"I have a hat exactly like yours!" I told the lady exiting the Beverly Hills thrift store wearing a Red Sox cap. Hearing my dialect, her husband asked, "Where in Boston are you from?" Over the years living in Citrus County and elsewhere, I have encountered countless similar instances where unexpectedly I have been confronted with people with a relationship to my past. Even vehicles parked next to mine while shopping often have Massachusetts plates or Red Sox/Patriots stickers.

It also is peculiar to accidentally meet my son on several occasions in stores, both alone in the same shopping aisles. He also sometimes accidentally meets people who reveal information about other people and places from where we lived in the past.

LETTERS to the Editor



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There are countless unexplained instances of my "bumping" into people with some kind of relationship to me.

How do you explain, for example, a long-forgotten relative suddenly appearing by me at the Fryeburg State Fair horse pulling contest, an unusual event and remote location? Then there are experiences with neighbors.

The serviceman who fixed my broken mower I learned came from my town. Moreover, he said a person up our street in Crystal River was also from our town, including his sister and the police chief. When hearing that person's name, it was someone who also lived previously within a mile of where my wife and I lived in Massachusetts. Furthermore, we all went to the same hometown schools as kids, but without knowing each other.

My next door neighbor in Beverly Hills came from Worcester, Massachusetts as did a neighbor earlier in Ormond Beach. I was a baby in Worcester and later worked there. The very first house my wife and I bought had a neighbor we initially did know about until seeing his name on the mailbox identifying him as a schoolmate. Before Whitey Bulger "moved" from Boston, I lived in the same Santa Monica neighborhood.

We always read about children unknowingly separated from each other early in life, but ultimately reuniting. Is there something in the psychic makeup of people? A personal magnetism? Test it for yourself. Wherever you are from, say Green Bay or New York, next time you see a stranger with a Packers or Yankees cap or car sticker, strike up a conversation. The familiar past may become surprisingly renewed.

countries unless the wall is funded. Two years of gridlock, here we come!

Forcing a government shutdown over the border wall that President Trump promised his base only reinforces his position with them. It's also a very good thing to do this far out from the 2020 elections, and also sets up possible shifts towards conservative principles as goodwill increases among independents and his core base.

It doesn't matter which party ends up owning the shutdown; voters have very short memories and tend not to punish the party that caused a government shutdown. Both current politics and history are on President Trump's side in this standoff. There is no reason President Trump shouldn't dig in and wait for the Democrats to allow him the \$5 billion for his border wall.

Let us look at this with our eyes wide open. We have another government shutdown — and another good gamble by President Trump, which is highly unlikely to hurt him or the Republican Party. The president continues to prove that he is man of his word as he continues to honor his promises.

Mr. President, we wish to thank you for your stance taken to secure our southern border. The American people will be there to support you! Let's build the wall — and build it now!

Bill Claustre
Inverness

We should all strive to get along

Why are Christians being attacked for celebrating Christmas? This country is a Christian country. And Christmas is good for our economy.

"Black Friday" is so named because it represents the start of the Christmas season, which enables stores, which have been running in the red all year, to finally make money and move into the "black." The stock market rose 1,000 points after Christmas, despite the Fed chairman's best efforts to tank the market by raising interest rates four times in one year, when he had not raised interest rates at all in eight Obama years. During Christmas, we have had the best sales season in six years.

When I was a kid in Sri Lanka, nearly 85 percent were Sinhalese Buddhists, 6 to 8 percent were Tamil Hindus, about 5 percent were Christian and Muslims comprised the rest. We celebrated everyone's holidays. We looked forward to Ramadan and being invited to the great feasts prepared by our Muslim friends. We celebrated Diwali and their wonderful lights with our Hindu friends. We loved going around to see pandals depicting Buddhist scripture and the incredible handmade translucent paper lanterns swaying in the breezes. And everyone loved and celebrated Christmas — lights, gifts, fireworks! They celebrate Christmas even today, with all those of every religious and ethnic background making trips "home" around Christmas.

So why do we tolerate those grinchers in America who claim to be "offended" when others celebrate Christmas? What is this nonsense that Christians cannot celebrate because of an alleged "caging of little children" by Trump? Demanding our crosses be taken down and putting baby Jesus in a cage? ...

It is actually a part of the politics of envy and division practiced by the left — if they are not included, then they are going to stop everyone else from celebrating. It is evil, selfish and destructive. And must stop now.

Rohini DeSilva, Esq.
Hernando

Thanks, we'll pass it on

My husband, a World War II veteran, and I were having breakfast at Papa J's when a young man thanked my husband for his service. When we were ready to leave, we were told that the young man had paid for our breakfast and we want to thank him so much and wish him a merry Christmas and a blessed new year and we will pass it on.

Not the greatest job

The Halls River Bridge Road is really messed up. They weren't drinking SmartWater when they built that thing. They've got three cranes that can reach to (U.S.) 19 and they can't pick something from behind the crane and put it next to the other crane. The least they can do is look like they're working when they're sitting out there looking over the bridge at the manatees, which is probably a job stop. They should make it an attraction like Disney World — fun, scary and scenic to drive across. Have a good day. A grumpy old man.

We miss the old sheriff

Sheriff Dawsy, please come back. Please come back. There's no deputies on the road, traffic is rampant with speeders and there's drugs all over the place. Dawsy, please come back.

Who will help the cow?

On Sunday morning (Dec. 16), I looked out my window and see a cow down, unattended, on my neighbor's property. This is now Monday, 4:30, two days and no one is helping this animal. I have called the Humane Society all day since 7 a.m. Voicebox is full again at 4:30. Animal Control was supposed to handle this. She is still without food or water. So much for the people in charge.

Road needs serious repair

I would like to know who is in charge of maintaining Gem Street in Crystal River. I had occasion to go down that road to visit a friend and the last hundred yards are so absolutely unbelievable — holes 2 feet deep all over the place. I hate to think of an ambulance that has to go down there and take an emergency patient out of that nursing home. There's a rehabilitation nursing home down at the end of the street and the street is just unbelievable. I wonder if anyone can tell me who to call to get that road repaired.

Help with a 4-year-old

What should a 4-year-old that just turned 4 start learning to do? What should a 4-year-old start learning to do? Would you put it in the paper, please?

We need competition

Subject's too many gas stations. For you folks complaining about too many gas stations: What do you think the prices would be if there was no competition? I'm looking forward to seeing what happens once we get some real competition in the area.

Great job with Bealls

Wow, I was just at the new refurbished Bealls store in Crystal River and a big thank you. The whole shopping center looks awesome. The Bealls inside is so much improved. Merchandise is a lot more than it was before. I really enjoyed shopping there yesterday. Hopefully, some new stores will come in. Now if we can just tackle the mall and get a Jo-Ann's or Michaels, I'd be a happy camper. Thank you — looks great.

Just doing our job

For observation in the Sound Off and in the paper and whatnot: Every time there is an accident — be it motorcycle, car accident or whatever — you guys list the make, model and the color of the car or whatever's involved. And I'm just curious that it kind of reads like a car ad. So, keep up the good work.

Missed seeing the winner

I'm calling about the Homosassa Boat Parade. It was really great this year but I was really surprised you didn't have a picture of the winner and the names, so forth, in the paper somewhere.

The winning float was spectacular and I really wish they would have printed something about it and put a picture in. That would be great because the people worked really hard on that float.

Thanks, Toys for Tots

Congratulations to Citrus County and the Toys for Tots charity. They did a wonderful job this past Saturday (Dec. 15) at Rock Crusher Pavilion raising money and lots of toys for the children. Just remember, children are the most important asset we have. Keep them happy and keep them well. Thank you again, Young Marines and the Marine Corps and the Toys for Tots.

Great job during holidays

I'd just like to compliment the workers at the Crystal River Post Office. Yesterday I was there and the line was out the door and the clerks were still very patient and conscientious and had big smiles on their face. Thank you, Crystal River Post office. You're doing a great job.

You owe us veterans

I've seen a (Sound Off) in the paper about someone complaining about vets getting too much. All I can tell those people is this: You have not lived until you hear that first bullet go by your head. Then you age about 20 years and it changes your whole perspective on life. I'm sorry to say this, but someone owes us a lot.

Got a deal for you vets

I've got a trade-off for all the veterans that feel they should have a free ride. We'll give you the free ride if you give us open doors to the PXs, give us full medical coverage, dental coverage and all the other benefits you have.

Red light runners all over

My husband and I are traveling north on Suncoast Highway through Homosassa. We just were at the red light on Cardinal and we had to (stop) because three cars went through the red light going onto Cardinal and a cop sat there and looked at them. Seriously? What are they doing? I'm asking a serious question, not a rhetorical one.

Tag doesn't tell everything

I was reading this morning's paper in the Sound Off on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Whoever wrote or called in and said that she's a snowbird and that these drivers that are speeding all around Citrus and all are not snowbirds, they're former snowbirds. Most of them I've found speeding all around the area are mostly from the North. They just came down to Florida and retired. So they're the ones that are doing the speeding. Occasionally you'll see a local with a pickup truck, but mostly it is the snowbirds. So, lady, just because they have a Florida tag doesn't mean they weren't snowbirds. They came from somewhere else (to) here. They're not a Florida native. They're the same. You can change your tag, but you're still a snowbird. Have a good day.

He only handles Inverness

People, listen: Frank DiGiovanni only uses the funds that go the city of Inverness and of course he's the city manager for Inverness, the city only. He spends the money the city people are paying for taxes for things going on in Inverness. The county is not paying for Frank DiGiovanni's renewing of Inverness, Florida, the city. You guys keep calling in and saying we need a boat ramp. Well, Crystal River boat ramp, Fort Island Gulf Beach Road boat ramp, barge canal boat ramp, anything on Crystal River, Homosassa — anything in the county — Frank DiGiovanni has nothing to do with. Frank DiGiovanni is using funds that are for the city of Inverness, which can't be used for anything else but for the city of Inverness.

Solution: More boat ramps

Boy, the commissioners and their boat ramp plan being revised is a big joke. Just more hot air and no action. Seems like if they can't take money out of our pockets, they're not interested. The only solution is more boat ramps. There is no more parking at Fort Island Beach. There is no more parking at the MacRae's ramp in Homosassa. You have to add the barge canal boat ramp. Where's Mr. Carnahan when he was mouthing about it during his re-election? It's been talked about for years. The TDC money, there's a lot of money out there, the registration's money. Put that ramp in.

Huge parking area, nice ramp. It's the only solution. But of course, they're not talking about it at all.

They don't want a solution. They just wanted parking fees.

They don't care about the destruction of the rivers or the overuse of the boat ramps. They just want money in their pockets taken from ours and that's obvious.

Finish it now

I've said all along that the parkway should extend north to (U.S.) 19 for no other reason than it would alleviate traffic in case of a hurricane or storm and people would have a choice. They would be able to drive up through Perry. The road, there's never any traffic on it to speak of. From Perry they can take (U.S.) 98 west, if they want to do that. They can go on through there and go to Capps, turn right and go about 10 miles to get to Interstate 10. They can go west again or they can go east to pick up I-75 and (U.S.) 98 or they can continue on (U.S.) 19, which is four-laned all the way up there to Augusta. I don't understand why the state would think of saying, "Well, it will be 10 years down the road before we take it to Red Level," when they've got all of the equipment, all the engineers, everything in place now. Who knows what the cost is going to be, but it's going to be a lot more than what it is right now to extend it. Everything is there, so they should go ahead and do it. It makes sense. Would they rather have four lanes of traffic on both sides of I-75 trying to get out of Tampa? This would relieve some of that — not all of it, but some of it — and it makes more sense than anything else or stopping it at (County Road) 486, which is no sense at all.

Advice to your columnist

Just this retired, old hippie giving his 2 cents worth about Cortney Stewart's column about "Going phone free?" (Dec. 16's Commentary section). VitaminWater's going to pay somebody \$100,000 if they don't use their smartphone for a year. Well, I don't even own one and I really don't want one. I have to use reading glasses to see the info. I have a cheap little mini-cellphone. I could care less. I could do that easy, but that's not just what I'm calling about is VitaminWater, which is supposed to be healthy. She wrote about going to the gym but not really going to the gym even though she paid for it for months automatically and she said she went inside only once. I get the feeling she's young, meaning under 30. That should be easy to do. I go usually twice a week. Of course I can go for free. I just go to Silver Sneakers or I usually go to Anytime Fitness, but there's other ones...I would suggest to her to just buy a few things at the store next to the fitness center; things that you could mount in just 10 minutes. That's all you've got to do — seven, eight machines, one set. I can do it in 15 minutes. Better than doing nothing. The next day walk and then try to hit the gym every third or fourth day and use the machines. If you can do more, do more, but it shouldn't take that much time. You don't have to be a real gym rat and stay there for an hour. At my age, 70, that would be kind of hard recuperating the next day.

You elected these people

Is anyone else in this county as tired as I am of all the whining that goes on on this page? Whining about the 45-mph speed limit, whining about where the parkway ends, where it might be extended to, snowbirds, left-hand-lane drivers, speeders, the sheriff's lack of enforcement, "Jimmie What's-his-name's" spending, the wasting of our tax dollars, the commissioners' lack of any effort, not enough gas stations, too many gas stations, too many stoplights, too many cats, new government offices, construction on (U.S.) 19, extended construction on (U.S.) 19 — it just goes on and on. Hey, people, you elected these politicians. You get what you elect. Why do we re-elect the same people when they don't do what they say they're going to do or what you wanted them to do? They waste your money and then they retire on your tax dollars.

Remember this when you vote. Re-elect no one.

LETTERS to the Editor

Thank you for your kind care

I have been a children's caseworker, a caseworker for adults with mental illness, and a program manager in the mental health field. I always thought of the health department as working with young families. However, at age 69, I had such a positive experience with this agency, despite the circumstances of my being treated.

On Nov. 10 a large dog, unknown to me, jumped up and scratched my arm badly. Because I am on a biologic for my rheumatoid arthritis, my arm bled profusely and was torn up. When getting treatment at a clinic, I had to fill out a report for the health department.

On Nov. 16, I went to the health department. Dr. O and the nurses were very professional and empathetic. They gave written handouts about the treatment and explained the process well. They explained every step of the process. I was given five vaccines on that initial visit and came back on three more days for one shot each day, for a total of eight.

I want to thank the Citrus County Health Department for their sincere concern for me. They advocated for further treatment for me when my arm was infected on the initial visit.

Thank you Dr. O and nurses Laura and Yanet. You are true advocates for the citizens of Citrus County.

God bless you.

Carla Nicklas
Homosassa

Veterans helping veterans

Sunday, Nov. 18 was an emotional day for Katherine Romanowski, director, and John Romanowski, assistant director of Mission In Citrus, Crystal River. Soldiers Freedom Outdoors was able to donate close to 80 meals for needy families because of three Citrus County sponsors. Accurate Pest Management, Stype Termite and Pest Control and Home Team Inspection Service (Citrus Hernando) donated eight large turkeys, stuffing, sides, nearly 1,000 bottles of water, and a \$100 Publix gift card.

With the help of these local businesses, Soldiers Freedom Outdoors and Mission in Citrus ensured that 29 veterans, 27 adults and 11 children between the two shelters got a traditional home-cooked Thanksgiving meal that so many of us take for granted.

Soldiers Freedom would like to personally thank Ed Williams and Tiffany Vega of Accurate Pest Management and Stype Termite and Pest Control, and Josh

Holland (Army veteran) of Home Team Inspection Service (Citrus/Hernando) for their generosity this holiday season. Without local businesses like this, none of this would have been possible.

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Jason Bucy
Dunnellon

A beautiful example of friendship

TV's CNN news had a very sad and yet beautiful true story it reported on several days ago.

A 12-year-old boy had a classmate for several years who was his best friend. The one youngster fought leukemia for several years but recently succumbed.

His friend started a fundraising drive, and there was enough money to pay for a headstone. The deceased child's mother did not have enough money to pay for one. It is so unusual for a 12-year-old to think of such an idea.

The one boy was white and the other was black. True friendship transcends color, religion and ethnicity.

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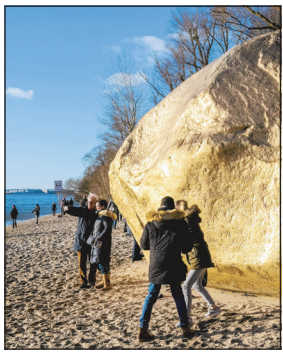
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Gold rock



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People take selfies Wednesday beside a boulder called 'the thick Swede' which had been painted golden by unknown persons at the bank of the river Elbe in Hamburg, northern Germany.

Mexican national charged with killing California police officer

MODESTO, Calif. — A Mexican national was charged with murder Wednesday in the shooting death of a California police officer last week, prosecutors said.

Gustavo Perez Arriaga was expected to be arraigned later in the day in Modesto, said John Goold, spokesman for the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office. Authorities say Perez Arriaga was in the country illegally and had previous arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol.

He was arrested Friday after a dayslong manhunt as he prepared to flee to Mexico, officials said. He is accused of killing Cpl. Ronil Singh of the tiny Newman Police Department, who pulled over the suspect Dec. 26 to investigate if he was driving drunk.

3 dead after SUV crashes into river during police chase

MILWAUKEE — A toddler, her young mother and a man died when their vehicle drove into a frigid river while being chased by the Milwaukee Police.

Surveillance video shows the vehicle speeding and the driver losing control before the SUV crashed into the Kinnickinnic River Monday night. It's unclear who was driving the vehicle. Police Chief Alfonso Morales said the adults were suspects in several armed robberies.

The body of the toddler's 19-year-old mother was recovered from the water Monday but she was pronounced dead at the scene. Divers found the bodies of a 2-year-old girl and a 29-year-old man on Tuesday afternoon after the SUV was removed from the water.

Death toll in Russian apartment collapse rises

MOSCOW — Search crews in Russia pulled more bodies Wednesday from a huge pile of rubble where part of an apartment building collapsed, bringing the known death toll to 28 and 13 residents unaccounted for as the grim recovery work entered a third night.

A 3-year-old girl was among the latest victims of the collapse in the Russian city of Magnitogorsk, Russian news agencies reported, citing the Russian emergencies ministry.

An 11-month-old boy who was found alive Tuesday nearly 36 hours after the collapse was in serious but stable condition at a children's hospital in Moscow.

—From wire reports

Trump says 'could be a long time'

No deal to end shutdown

LISA MASCARO AND CATHERINE LUCEY
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No one budgeted at President Donald Trump's White House meeting with congressional leaders Wednesday, so the partial government shutdown persisted through a 12th day over his demand for billions of dollars to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico. They'll try again Friday.

In one big change, the new Congress convenes Thursday with Democrats taking majority control of the House, and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said outside the White House that there would be rapid passage of legislation to re-open the government — without funds for the border wall. But the White House has rejected that package, and Trump said ahead of the session with the congressional leaders that the partial shutdown will last "as long as it takes" to get the funding he wants.



Associated Press

A closed sign is displayed on a door at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, Tuesday, as a partial government shutdown stretches into its third week.

"Could be a long time or could be quickly," Trump said during lengthy comments at a Cabinet meeting at the White House, his first public appearance of the new year. Meanwhile, the shutdown dragged through a second week, closing some parks and leaving hundreds of thousands of federal employees without pay. Democrats said they asked

Trump directly during Wednesday's private meeting held in the Situation Room why he wouldn't consider their package of bills. One measure would open most of the shuttered government departments at funding levels already agreed to by all sides. The other would provide temporary funding for Homeland Security, through Feb. 8, allowing talks to continue

over border security.

"I said, Mr. President, Give me one good reason why you should continue your shutdown," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said afterward. "He could not give a good answer."

Added Schumer, "We would hope they would reconsider."

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy said there's no need to prolong the shutdown and he was disappointed the talks did not produce a resolution. He complained that Democrats interrupted Homeland Security officials who were trying to describe a dire situation at the border.

"We were hopeful that we could get more of a negotiation," said McCarthy.

He said the leaders plan to return to the White House Friday to continue negotiations.

The partial government shutdown began on Dec. 22. Funding for the wall has been the sticking point in passing funding bills for several government departments.

Pelosi, who is expected to become speaker on Thursday, said Tuesday that Democrats would take action to "end the Trump Shutdown" by passing legislation Thursday to reopen government.



Associated Press

Rescue workers at the site of a train accident Wednesday on Great Belt Bridge in Nyborg, in Denmark. At least six people were killed and 16 others injured.

Deadly day in Denmark

Six die in country's worst train accident since 1988

JAN M. OLSEN
 Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Six passengers were killed when a Danish train sustained damage while crossing a bridge that was closed to cars because of high wind Wednesday, and authorities investigated if falling cargo from a freight train caused Denmark's deadliest railway accident in 30 years.

Authorities said the two trains were traveling in opposite directions on the bridge linking Denmark's islands. Aerial TV footage showed a front side of the passenger train ripped open. Photos showed crates of beer on the freight train and a tarpaulin on top torn in pieces.

Jesper Nielsen told Denmark's TV2 he was riding on the passenger train and it "was out on the bridge when there was a huge 'bang' ... very quickly thereafter, the

train braked."

The rail operator, Danish Railways, told Denmark's TV2 the victims were passengers on a train going from the city of Odense, on the central Danish island of Funen, to the capital of Copenhagen when the accident took place about 8 a.m.

Police declined to comment directly on a report from Denmark's TV2 channel that a large freight container had likely fallen off the cargo train.

"It is much too early to speculate as to what might have caused it," chief police investigator Joergen Andersen told reporters. "It has been a pretty serious accident."

The accident, in which 16 people were injured, took place on a road-and-rail bridge, part of the Storebaelt system of bridges and a tunnel that link the Danish islands of Zealand and Funen. The system was closed to cars overnight because of

strong winds but trains were allowed to continue using it.

Police spokesman Lars Braemhoej said one possible cause of the "considerable damage" on the passenger train was getting struck by cargo from the freight train, but noted that authorities "do not know precisely what caused the accident."

Kasper Elbjoern, spokesman for the Danish brewery group Carlsberg, confirmed that a freight train transporting its cargo was involved in the accident.

In 1988, eight people were killed and 72 injured when a train derailed because of high speed near Soroe, west of Copenhagen.

Denmark's worst train accident occurred in 1919, when an express train collided with a stopped train in Copenhagen due to a dispatcher error. A total of 40 people were killed and some 60 were injured.

Frigid temperatures chill much of West

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Snow was falling on cacti in southern Arizona, while Anchorage saw balmy weather — at least by Alaska standards. The weather was flipped Wednesday throughout much of the West.

The Southwest is seeing unusually cold weather, including suburban Tucson, which saw as much as six

inches of snow.

In Phoenix, the overnight low was 30 degrees for the first time in five years and more cold temperatures were expected Thursday.

Albuquerque saw heavy snowfall and icy roads that caused many government agencies and schools to close.

And the National Weather Service issued a

freeze warning in the Nevada county where Las Vegas is located. Snow fell and stuck Tuesday on a desert highway over a mountain just 20 minutes outside of Sin City.

The cold weather and snow is "quite uncommon" for the area, National Weather Service meteorologist Glenn Lader said. In Arizona, he said, Nogales, a city on the Mexico

border, had about six inches of snow.

Even Southern California got a bit of the action with rain expected as part of already cold, windy weather.

Meanwhile, some parts of Alaska rang in the new year with relatively balmy weather for the region that helped melt snow in Anchorage.

A change in the jet stream brought warmer air

from the south, taking temperature to 44 degrees on New Year's Day.

It was a nice respite from a winter mix that left 32.6 inches of snow on the ground in Anchorage in December, with most of it falling during the last half of the month.

Colder weather is in the forecast, with high temperatures dropping to the teens or even single digits.

THE NUMBER: 5

Florida football players who are leaving early for the NFL Draft after Jordan Scarlett and Vosean Joseph announced Wednesday.



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TOP SEEDS

NFC

No. 1



New Orleans (13-3)
Postseason record: 8-10

- Saints won the franchise's only Super Bowl appearance in 2010.
- Reached playoffs for second straight season.
- Went 1-1 in playoffs last season, losing at Minnesota in divisional round.
- Never lost a home playoff game since coach Sean Payton took over in 2006 (5-0).
- Quarterback Drew Brees is in 18th NFL season, 13th with Saints, and turns 40 on Jan. 15.
- Payton and Brees are 7-5 in postseason with Saints.

No. 2



Los Angeles Rams (13-3)
Postseason record: 19-25

- Rams are 1-2 in the Super Bowl.
- Won only Super Bowl title in 1999.
- Reached playoffs in consecutive seasons for first time since 2003-04.
- Seeking first playoff win since defeating Seattle in wild-card round in January 2005.
- Have not won a playoff game in Los Angeles since defeating Dallas in divisional round in January 1986.
- Went 7-1 at home this season.

AFC

No. 1



Kansas City (12-4)
Postseason Record: 9-18

- Won AFC West three consecutive seasons, the longest streak in franchise history.
- Quarterback Patrick Mahomes shattered franchise records for yards and touchdown passes.
- Only one playoff win since the 1993 playoffs, losing five straight divisional games.
- Spencer Ware and Damien Williams have starred after running back Kareem Hunt's midseason release.
- Chiefs defense ranks near bottom of NFL in nearly every statistical category. Tight end Travis Kelce has more than 1,000 yards receiving in third straight season.

No. 2



New England (11-5)
Postseason record: 34-20

- Patriots have won five Super Bowls and appeared in 10.
- Won fifth NFL championship with Tom Brady as quarterback in 2016 season.
- Won 10 straight AFC East titles.
- Brady and coach Bill Belichick are only such combination with five Super Bowl wins.
- New England has earned 13 first-round byes in AFC playoffs since 2001, most in NFL during that span.
- Patriots have never won Super Bowl without first-round bye.

NFL PLAYOFFS



PATRICK MAHOMES
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DEFENSIVE END
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DEFENSIVE END
CHICAGO BEARS

DREW BREES
QUARTERBACK
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

HIGH STAKES

BY BARRY WILNER | AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

The playoff chase went down to the final minutes of the season Sunday, when Baltimore squeezed in as AFC North winner and defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia got some help to secure an NFC wild card.

That left Pittsburgh and Minnesota out. Kansas City (12-4) grabbed the AFC's top seed, followed by New England (11-5), Houston (11-5) and Baltimore (10-6). The Chargers (12-4) own the first wild card and will play at the Ravens next Sunday at 1 p.m. EST. The Colts (10-6) beat division-rival Tennessee on the road to get the other wild card, which means they will travel to Houston on Saturday afternoon to face another division rival in the Texans.

The Saints (13-3) have the top seed in the NFC, and the Rams (12-4) got the No. 2 spot when they beat San Francisco. Chicago (12-4), whose win at Minnesota knocked out the Vikings and put the Eagles into the postseason, is seeded third and gets Philadelphia (9-7) next Sunday at 4:40 p.m.

Dallas (10-6) is the fourth seed and will play Seattle (10-6) on Saturday night.

C.J. Mosley intercepted a fourth-down pass by Baker Mayfield to preserve the Ravens' 26-24 win as Baltimore rushed for a season-best 296 yards. A year ago, Baltimore missed the playoffs by losing its finale at home to the Bengals, who rallied with a last-minute touchdown.

Steelers players remained on the field after they edged Cincinnati 16-13 and watched the drama from Baltimore on the videoboard. But their archrival Browns couldn't help them against the equally hated Ravens. Nick Foles, who led the Eagles to the Super Bowl title over the Patriots in Minneapolis last February, guided them to a resounding 24-0 victory at Washington. Then the Bears helped out at Minnesota with a 24-10 win even though they had nothing to play for, being set as the NFC's third seed.

Earlier, the Texans rallied from losing their first three games to win the AFC South and become the No. 3 seed. Houston

easily handled Jacksonville 20-3 Sunday as Deshaun Watson threw for 234 yards and ran for a touchdown, and DeAndre Hopkins had 147 yards receiving.

The Texans finished last in the division in 2017. They and the Bears have done the worst-to-first turnaround this season, making it 15 of the past 16 seasons that has occurred in the league.

"It's do or die now, so you've got to put everything on the line now," Watson said. "Prepare harder than you did before and anything can happen at this point. The tournament is wide open and it's my first playoff, so I'm just excited to get in and see how things go."

New England, meanwhile, will get a week off in early January for the 13th time since 2001, most in the NFL during that span. The Patriots routed the Jets 38-3, and because they defeated Houston during the season, they get the bye.

"Eleven and five is nothing to be sad about," Tom Brady said. "We fought pretty hard and put ourselves in good position."

WILD-CARD ROUND

ALL TIMES EST

SATURDAY, JAN. 5



Indianapolis (10-6)
at Houston (11-5)
4:35 p.m. (ESPN)

The AFC South champion Texans and their division rival Colts split their regular-season games. Indianapolis won the most recent matchup 24-21 in Houston on Dec. 9.



Seattle (10-6) at Dallas (10-6)
8:15 p.m. (FOX)

The Seahawks beat the then-inconsistent Cowboys 24-13 in Seattle on Sept. 23. That was before Dallas finished out the season with an impressive 7-1 record and won the NFC East title.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6



L.A. Chargers (12-4)
at Baltimore (10-6)
1:05 p.m. (CBS)

The Ravens beat the Chargers 22-10 in Los Angeles on Dec. 22, but this time get the added bonus of homefield advantage by winning their division, the AFC North.



Philadelphia (9-7)
at Chicago (12-4)
4:40 p.m. (NBC)

The defending champion Eagles barely made it back into the playoffs while the Bears make their first playoff appearance in nine seasons after winning the NFC North.

REST OF PLAYOFFS

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 12
■ Baltimore/Los Angeles Chargers/Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)
■ Chicago/Dallas/Seattle at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 13
■ Houston/Baltimore/Los Angeles Chargers at New England, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)
■ Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia at New Orleans, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 20
■ NFC (3:05 p.m., FOX)
■ AFC (6:40 p.m., CBS)

SUPER BOWL 53

Sunday, Feb. 3
at Atlanta



Saints, Rams, Bears top 3 in final AP Pro32 poll

SIMMI BUTTAR
AP sports writer

NEW YORK — The chase to Atlanta is on.

The regular season is over and there are 12 teams remaining in the run to the Super Bowl.

And at the top of the AP Pro32 poll, the new year starts right where the previous one ended.

The New Orleans Saints, Los Angeles Rams and Chicago Bears, the top three seeds in the NFC, retained their top three spots in the final AP Pro32 poll of the season.

New Orleans received 11 of the 12 first-place votes for 382 points in balloting Wednesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL. New Orleans will open the playoffs at home in the divisional round on Sunday, Jan. 13.

"The Saints lost in Week 1 and Week 17, both at home," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa. "In between, Drew Brees and company established

themselves as the team to beat in the Super Bowl chase."

The Rams, who also finished 13-3 in the regular season, will start their postseason at the Coliseum on Saturday, Jan. 12.

The Bears will close wild-card weekend when they host the defending Super Bowl champion Eagles on Sunday.

The next six spots in the poll are all taken by the AFC's playoff teams.

The Chiefs, who have the AFC's top seed, are No. 4. Kansas City, which received the remaining first-place vote — from John Czarnecki of Fox Sports — has won the AFC West for three consecutive seasons.

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Chicago Bears running back Tarik Cohen (29) celebrates after scoring Dec. 30 on a 3-yard touchdown run against the Minnesota Vikings in Minneapolis. The Bears are seeded third in the NFC playoffs and also third in the final AP Pro32 poll of the season.

Associated Press





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Orlando forward Wesley Iwundu, left, goes to the basket as Chicago forward Justin Holiday defends him during the first half Wednesday in Chicago. The Magic won 112-84.

Vucevic leads Magic to 112-84 rout of Bulls

Richardson leads Wade-less Heat past Cavaliers, 117-92

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nikola Vucevic had 22 points and 12 rebounds before sitting out the fourth quarter; Aaron Gordon added 18 points and a career-high nine assists, and the Orlando Magic led the entire way in a 112-84 rout of the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

Terrence Ross scored 15 off the bench and Evan Fournier had 13 points and seven assists for Orlando, which has won three of four. The Magic shot 58 percent from the field.

Zach LaVine had 16 points while Lauri Markkanen and Kris Dunn added 14 apiece for Chicago, which has dropped two straight after winning three of four.

It was the third game between the teams since Dec. 13. The Magic have won two, including 97-91 in Mexico City.

Chicago held Orlando to 80 points in a 10-point win Dec. 21 when the teams met at the United Center. It was the Magic's second-lowest point total of the season, but it was apparent early on things would be different this time.

Orlando charged out to a 32-16 advantage after the first quarter and took a 62-45 halftime lead. Gordon and Ross led the way with 12 first-half points apiece on 11-for-15 combined shooting. Vucevic added 11 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

Heat 117, Cavaliers 92

CLEVELAND — Josh Richardson scored 24 points and the Miami Heat — playing without Dwyane Wade — rolled past the Cleveland Cavaliers 117-92.

Wade missed the game because of an illness, but the Heat cruised without their third-leading scorer. Miami hit 16 of 31 3-pointers.

Tyler Johnson added 16 points, and Derrick Jones Jr. had 13. The Heat have won seven of nine to reach the .500 mark at 18-18.

Cleveland dropped to 8-30 — the worst record in the NBA — with its seventh straight loss.

Tristan Thompson and Rodney Hood returned from injuries and started for the Cavaliers, but it mattered little in their ninth loss in 10 games. Thompson had 14 points, and Hood added 13.

Mavericks 122, Hornets 84

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Luka Donic and Dennis Smith Jr. fueled an early long-range shooting blitz and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Charlotte Hornets 122-84 to end a nine-game road skid.

Donic and Smith each had 18 points, and Harrison Barnes added 17. The Mavericks hit 10 first-quarter 3-pointers — three from Donic and two from Smith — and finished with 18 overall.

Charlotte was led by Kemba Walker's 11 points.

Wizards 114, Hawks 98

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal had 24 points, Jeff Green added 22 and Thomas Bryant scored 16 to go with a career-high 15 rebounds as the Washington Wizards beat the Atlanta Hawks 114-98.

Tomas Satoransky had 14 points and a career-best 11 rebounds for the Wizards, who improved to 15-23. They've won consecutive games for the first time since taking three straight from Dec. 1-5.

Atlanta was led by Alex Len, who a season-high 24 points and 11 rebounds. John Collins scored 21.

Nets 126, Pelicans 121

NEW YORK — D'Angelo Russell had 22 points and 13 assists, and the Brooklyn Nets built up a big enough lead with a 73-point first half to withstand Anthony Davis' monstrous return to the lineup, beating the New Orleans Pelicans 126-121.

Davis finished with 34 points and a career-high 26 rebounds after a one-game absence.

Joe Harris added 21 points for the Nets, who had 105 points through three quarters.

Celtics 115, Timberwolves 102

BOSTON — Gordon Hayward came off the bench to score a season-high 35 points, and the Boston Celtics beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 115-102.

Terry Rozier scored 11 of his 16 points in the first quarter while making his third start of the season because Kyrie Irving scratched both of his eyes in Monday's game against San Antonio. Hayward took over from there, with 13 in the second quarter and 15 in the third to finish with his highest scoring game with the Celtics.

Andrew Wiggins scored 31 points, and Karl-Anthony Towns scored 20 of his 28 points — and grabbed five of his 12 rebounds — in the third quarter, when Minnesota trimmed a 22-point deficit to six points.

Pistons 101, Grizzlies 94

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Blake Griffin had 26 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, and the Detroit Pistons beat the Memphis Grizzlies 101-94 to snap a three-game skid. Griffin closed out a 13-0 Detroit run in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach. Six Pistons finished in double-figures scoring, including Reggie Jackson scoring 16 points, and Reggie Bullock and Luke Kennard with 13 each.

Jaren Jackson Jr. led Memphis with 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Kyle Anderson scored 15 points.

Maryland gets past No. 24 Nebraska 74-72

USF wins 7th straight by beating UConn

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Jalen Smith made a driving layup with 3.8 seconds left to break a tie, and Maryland used a late push to get past No. 24 Nebraska 74-72 on Wednesday night.

Bruno Fernando had 18 points and 17 rebounds, Anthony Cowan Jr. scored 19 points and Smith accounted for Maryland's final seven points to finish with 15.

Maryland (11-3, 2-1 Big Ten) trailed 71-70 before Smith made a follow-shot off a 3-point try by Cowan with 28 seconds left. After James Palmer converted 1 of 2 free throws for Nebraska, Smith drove the middle of the lane for his decisive layup.

Following a timeout, Nebraska (11-3, 1-2) tried to work the ball up the court before Ricky Lindo Jr. knocked away a pass under the basket.

Palmer scored 26 points and Glynn Watson Jr. added 12 for the Cornhuskers, whose four-game winning streak ended.

No. 5 Kansas 70, No. 23 Oklahoma 63

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Detric Lawson had 13 points and 15 rebounds, Kansas' young backcourt made enough crucial plays when it mattered, and the fifth-ranked Jayhawks held off No. 23 Oklahoma 70-63.

Devon Dotson added 16 points and fellow freshman Quentin Grimes had 14 for the Jayhawks (12-1, 1-0 Big 12), who survived a nery final minute to win their 28th consecutive conference opener.

The last time Kansas lost its initial Big 12 game was against Oklahoma on Jan. 8, 1991.

The Sooners (11-2, 0-1) nearly turned the trick again Wednesday night, rallying just about every time the Jayhawks went on a run.

No. 8 Michigan State 81, Northwestern 55

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Nick Ward scored all 21 of his points in the first half to help No. 8 Michigan State build a big lead and it went on to beat Northwestern 81-55.

The Spartans (12-2, 3-0 Big Ten) have won seven straight this season and 10 consecutive games against the Wildcats. Northwestern (9-5, 0-3) had won three of four, losing only to No. 23 Oklahoma in overtime.

Northwestern's Derek Pardon scored 19 points and didn't have much help offensively as the only player in double digits on his team.

No. 11 Texas Tech 62, West Virginia 59

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jarrett Culver scored each of his 18 points in the second

half, and No. 11 Texas Tech overcame some early shooting troubles to beat West Virginia 62-59 in their Big 12 opener.

Matt Mooney added 14 points and Davide Moretti scored 12 for Texas Tech (12-1, 1-0).

Lamont West led West Virginia (8-5, 0-1) with 22 points. Derek Culver finished with 12 points.

No. 15 North Carolina 77, Harvard 57

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Luke Maye scored 14 points to help No. 15 North Carolina beat Harvard 77-57.

Cameron Johnson and Coby White added 13 points apiece in the Tar Heels' final non-conference game of the regular season.

North Carolina led 44-39 early in the second half before pulling away with a 22-3 run over the next 10 minutes.

Harvard missed 11 consecutive shots from the floor as North Carolina extended its lead to 66-42 with 6:20 to play.

Nassir Little scored 12 points and Kenny Williams had 11 for the Tar Heels (10-3), who shot 42 percent.

Robert Baker scored 10 points for Harvard (6-6), which had 22 turnovers.

No. 19 Houston 74, Tulsa 56

HOUSTON — Corey Davis Jr. scored 21 points and hit six 3-pointers and No. 19 Houston remained undefeated, beating Tulsa 74-56 in the American Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

Houston (14-0) extended the longest home winning streak in the nation to 27 games.

Nate Hinton had 13 points and eight rebounds, and Galen Robinson Jr. added 10 points for Houston. The Cougars shot only 37 percent, but outrebounded Tulsa 52-40, including 16-9 on the offensive glass, and had an 18-7 edge in second-chance points.

Martins Igbanu had 18 points and eight rebounds, and Daquan Jeffries added 10 points and six rebounds for Tulsa (10-4).

South Florida 76, UConn 68

TAMPA — Laquincy Rideau had 25 points, David Collins overcame foul trouble to add 17 key second-half points, and South Florida battled back from a double-digit deficit to beat UConn 76-68 in the American Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

USF (11-2, 1-0) also got 12 points from Alexis Yetna in its seventh consecutive victory. Jalen Adams led UConn (9-5, 0-1) with 25 points.

Central Florida 78, Temple 73

ORLANDO — B.J. Taylor scored 24 points, including two clutch free throws to seal the win, and Central Florida (11-2) defeated Temple 78-73 in an American Athletic Conference opener.

Nate Pierre-Louis led Temple (10-3) with 21 points.



Associated Press

Nebraska forward Isaiah Roby, right, shoots over Maryland forward Bruno Fernando in the first half Wednesday in College Park, Md. Maryland defeated the Cornhuskers, 74-72.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	28	11	.718	—
Philadelphia	24	14	.632	3½
Boston	22	15	.595	5
Brooklyn	18	21	.462	10
New York	9	29	.237	18½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	18	.500	—
Charlotte	18	19	.486	½
Orlando	17	20	.459	1½
Washington	15	23	.395	4
Atlanta	11	26	.297	7½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	26	10	.722	—
Indiana	25	12	.676	1½
Detroit	17	19	.472	9
Chicago	10	28	.263	17
Cleveland	8	30	.211	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	15	.583	—
San Antonio	21	17	.553	1
Memphis	18	19	.486	3½
Dallas	18	19	.486	3½
New Orleans	17	22	.436	5½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	24	11	.686	—
Oklahoma City	23	13	.639	1½
Portland	22	16	.579	3½
Utah	18	20	.474	7½
Minnesota	17	21	.447	8½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	25	13	.658	—
L.A. Clippers	21	16	.568	3½
L.A. Lakers	21	16	.568	3½
Sacramento	19	18	.514	5½
Phoenix	9	29	.237	16

Wednesday's Games

Dallas 122, Charlotte 84
Miami 117, Cleveland 92
Washington 114, Atlanta 98
Brooklyn 126, New Orleans 121
Boston 115, Minnesota 102
Detroit 101, Memphis 94
Orlando 112, Chicago 84
Philadelphia at Phoenix, late
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Toronto at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 5

Indianapolis at Houston, 4:35 p.m. (ESPN)
Seattle at Dallas, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 6

L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:40 p.m. (NBC)

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 12

Baltimore/Los Angeles Chargers/Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)
Chicago/Dallas/Seattle at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 13

Houston/Baltimore/Los Angeles Chargers at New England, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia at New Orleans, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 20

NFC

TBD, 3:05 p.m. (FOX)

AFC

TBD, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 27

At Orlando, Fla.

AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 3

At Atlanta

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

2018-19 bowls

Tuesday, Jan. 1	
Outback Bowl	
Tampa, Fla.	
Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22	
Citrus Bowl	
Orlando, Fla.	
Kentucky 27, Penn State 24	
Fiesta Bowl	
Glendale, Ariz.	
LSU 40, UCF 32	
Rose Bowl	
Pasadena, Calif.	
Ohio State 28, Washington 23	
Sugar Bowl	
New Orleans	
Texas 28, Georgia 21	
Monday, Jan. 7	
College Football Championship	
Santa Clara, Calif.	
Clemson (14-0) vs. Alabama (14-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)	

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
Tampa Bay	40	31	7	2	64	168 117
Toronto	39	26	11	2	54	144 109
Boston	40	22	14	4	48	114 105
Buffalo	40	21	13	6	48	115 115
Montreal	40	21	14	5	47	128 128
Florida	38	17	15	6	40	124 134
Detroit	42	15	20	7	37	118 145
Ottawa	41	15	21	5	35	129 163
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
Washington	38	24	11	3	51	138 112
Pittsburgh	40	22	12	6	50	140 117
Columbus	39	23	13	3	49	129 119
N.Y. Islanders	38	21	13	4	46	114 102
N.Y. Rangers	39	17	15	7	41	113 130
Carolina	38	16	17	5	37	94 109
New Jersey	38	15	16	7	37	113 127
Philadelphia	39	15	19	5	35	111 140
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
Winnipeg	39	25	12	2	52	134 111
Nashville	41	24	15	2	50	124 104
Colorado	40	19	13	8	46	134 123
Dallas	40	20	16	4	44	108 106
Minnesota	38	18	17	3	39	110 108
Chicago	42	15	21	6	36	121 153
St. Louis	37	15	18	4	34	102 123
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
Calgary	41	25	12	4	54	146 115
Vegas	43	24	15	4	52	130 115
San Jose	41	21	13	7	49	140 129
Anaheim	41	19	15	7	45	102 120
Vancouver	43	20	19	4	44	128 136
Edmonton	39	18	18	3	39	111 126
Arizona	39	17	20	2	36	100 112
Los Angeles	41	16	22	3	35	92 121
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Pittsburgh 7, N.Y. Rangers 2						
Calgary 5, Detroit 3						
Vancouver 4, Ottawa 3, OT						
New Jersey at Dallas, late						
Edmonton at Arizona, late						
San Jose at Colorado, late						
Today's Games						
Minnesota at Toronto, 2 p.m.						
Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.						
Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.						

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early)

2-8

PICK 2 (late)

0-5

PICK 3 (early)

3-4-4

PICK 3 (late)

5-9-6

PICK 4 (early)

7-2-1-0

PICK 4 (late)

7-3-1-4

PICK 5 (early)

4-9-4-9-7

PICK 5 (late)

8-7-7-2-0

FANTASY 5

Unavailable

LOTTO

6-13-30-34-46-48

XTRA

5

POWERBALL

8-12-42-46-56

POWER BALL

12

Tuesday's winning numbers and payouts:

Lucky Money: 12-25-30-33

Lucky Ball: 2

4-of-4 LB 1 winner \$800,000

4-of-4 6 winners \$893

3-of-4 LB 35 \$335.50

3-of-4 604 \$57

2-of-4 LB 1,121 \$21.50

1-of-4 LB 10,192 \$2.50

2-of-4 19,344 \$2

Fantasy 5: 6-8-24-30-35

5-of-5 1 winner \$181,781.21

4-of-5 226 \$129.50

3-of-5 7,329 \$11

Mega Millions: 34-44-57-62-70

Mega Ball: 14

5-of-5 MB No winner

5-of-5 No winner

4-of-5 MB 4 winners \$10,000

4-of-5 77 \$500

3-of-5 MB 219 \$200

3-of-5 5,539 \$10

2-of-5 MB 4,880 \$10

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

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. (ESPN) Penn State at Michigan

7 p.m. (ESPNU) North Carolina State at Miami

7 p.m. (FS1) Illinois at Indiana

7 p.m. (SEC) Women: Mississippi State at Arkansas

7 p.m. (SUN) Women: Duke at North Carolina State

9 p.m. (ESPN) Women: Connecticut at Baylor

9 p.m. (ESPN2) Saint Mary's (Calif.) at San Francisco

9 p.m. (ESPNU) Jacksonville State at Belmont

9 p.m. (FS1) Colorado at Arizona

9 p.m. (SEC) Women: South Carolina at Texas A&M

11 p.m. (ESPN) Stanford at UCLA

11 p.m. (ESPNU) BYU at Pacific

NBA

8 p.m. (TNT) Toronto Raptors at San Antonio Spurs

10:30 p.m. (TNT) Houston Rockets at Golden State Warriors

FOOTBALL

12 p.m. (SEC) Fiesta Bowl: LSU vs Central Florida (Taped)

6 p.m. (ESPN2) High School Under Armour All-American Game

GOLF

6 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Sentry Tournament of Champions, First Round

HOCKEY

8 a.m. (NHL) 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship: Canada vs Finland. Second quarterfinal (Taped)

7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Chicago Blackhawks at New York Islanders

10:30 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Lightning at Los Angeles Kings

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

2:55 p.m. (NBCSPT) Manchester City FC vs Liverpool FC

TENNIS

6 a.m. (TENNIS) Brisbane-ATP/WTA, Shenzhen-WTA & Pune-ATP Quarterfinals, Auckland-WTA Early Round, Hopman Cup Session 10 GRE vs SUI

12:30 p.m. (TENNIS) Brisbane-ATP/WTA, Shenzhen-WTA & Pune-ATP Quarterfinals, Auckland-WTA Early Round, Hopman Cup Sessions 9 & 10 (Same-day Tape)

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS GIRLS BASKETBALL

6 p.m. Seven Rivers at Bell Creek Academy

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Fired offensive line coach Juan Castillo and receivers coach Terry Robiskie.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DT Andrew Brown to a reserve/future contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DL Daniel Ekale and Devaroe Lawrence, OL Kyle Friend and Brad Seaton, RB Devante Mays, WR Daniel Williams and DBs Robert Jackson, Lenzy Pipkins and Tigie Sankoh to reserve/future contracts.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed RB Mark Thompson to a reserve/future contract.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed S A.J. Hendy from the practice squad. Placed S Mike Tyson on injured reserve.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WR Jeff Badet, LB Reshard Cleit, DT Curtis Cothran, C Cornelius Edison, TE Cole Hikutini, CB Jalen Myrick, DE Ifeadi Odenigbo, RB Roc Thomas and OTs Adam Bisnowaty and Storm Norton to reserve/future contracts.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed LS Taylor Pepper, RB Robert Martin, DB Ronald Zamort, LB Jonathan Anderson, WR Brittan Golden, DEs Myles Humphrey and Jake Ceresna and OTs Victor Salako and Jylan Ware to reserve/future contracts.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed TE Marcus Lucas, CB Tarvarus McFadden, WR Jordan Smallwood, S Terrell Williams Jr. and OL Christian Dilauro and Najee Toran to reserve/future contracts.

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COLLEGE

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Monday National Championship Game

At Santa Clara

FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG

Alabama -9 -5 (59) Clemson

ST. JOHN'S — Promoted interim head softball coach Bob Guerrero to permanent head coach.

WASHINGTON — S Taylor Rapp will enter the NFL draft.

WISCONSIN — OT David Edwards will enter the NFL draft.

POINT SPREADS

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NBA

FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG

at SAN ANT 1½ (216½) Toronto

Denver 3 (227½) at SACRAM

at GOLDEN ST 8½ (225½) Houston

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG

Southern Miss 7 at RICE

at TROY 6 Coastal Carolina

at PURDUE 7 IU

Nature Coast Angler's Angler of the Year



Special to the Chronicle

Judith Ogier earned top points to become Nature Coast Angler's Angler of the Year. She is pictured with a large sheephead she caught in Homosassa on Dec. 27. The 130-member saltwater fishing club holds monthly tournaments throughout the year and Dec. 27 marked the final competition for 2018. Top Anglers will be honored at the February banquet. In addition to tournaments and special events, the Nature Coast Anglers hold a 7 p.m. meeting at the Homosassa Moose Lodge the second Monday of each month. For those interested in becoming a member, the next meeting will be Jan. 14 with Captain William Toney as the featured speaker. More information is available on the Club website www.naturecoastanglers.com and on the Nature Coast Anglers Facebook page.

Another great year on the water

I want to wish every one of you folks a very Happy New Year. I sincerely hope you had a good 2018 and have an even better 2019.

Looking back at the year, 2018 brought many different challenges. Some good, some maybe not so good.

The good was that a lot of nice fish were brought into the boat by a lot of good clients.

The not so good was that we sure had plenty enough windy and rainy days that canceled or rescheduled charters and made us stay at shore or at home for another day.

For the most part, the temperatures were mild most of the year. We did have a lot of hot summer days, but at least we didn't have any bad freezes or any of the dreaded red tide like down south. So the fishing

should be even better and the snook should be a little more abundant this year when we get past this winter. Barring any hard freezes.

I can be thankful that the trips I did have with each and every friend and client were fun, but most of all safe. Good angling enjoyment, and nothing more than a couple catfish stings. So, I consider myself fortunate for the most part. Too many times people take for granted or get complacent and don't realize how much and what all can happen out there just on a day's trip. Hooks embedded in body parts isn't a new type of piercing. Heart attacks, strokes, slip and falls, to just name a few could happen at any given moment. Naturally, the unforeseen could occur. But always safeguard yourself and know you've done what you can do to make the most out of each trip. Always be mindful to be cautious and leave the bananas at home.

The fish we're catching are right near or at the islands and in the mouths of the rivers and creeks. The reds and trout are staging and waiting in case a nasty cold front approaches. They would rather be hunkered in and around near structure than out in the open flats when the water temp takes a sudden drop. Mangrove snapper, some sheephead and snook are in the river and up near the spring areas. Although snook season is closed right now, it never gets boring hooking into the next one for a good fight and quick release. Weedless flukes, or jerk baits, and shallow running plugs should get the jobs done around any overhanging structure. Treat it almost like you would be bass fishing. Which is another reason they're so popular.

Again, have a happy, safe, and prosperous New Year, and I hope to fish with ya in 2019.

Capt. Rick Burns runs Reel Burns Charters out of Homosassa. He can be contacted at 352-201-6111 or visit his website at www.homosassafishingguide.com.



Special to the Chronicle

While out with a buddy in his jon boat, I took this bass on the long rod up in the river in the same place where I've caught snapper and snook before. You just never know sometimes at this time of year.

Women on the hunt

Happy New Year my friends! I hope that each of you enjoyed 2018 and will have a very blessed 2019! For us outdoorsmen, I predict it'll be a banner year for hunting and trapping here in beautiful Citrus County. I'm seeing an awful lot of rutting activity on the various WMAs and the turkey population is once again booming!



Toby Benoit
REBEL YELL OUTDOORS

The new year is beginning on a bit of a sad note for myself and many archers around our county, as we learned of the passing of Eileen "Mom" Creason. Mom and her late husband Garland "Pop" Creason had been true legends amongst the Florida Archery industry. Having begun their business in the mid-1950's as Creason's Custom Arrows, they later expanded upon their contracting with Bear Archery and opened a full service archery pro-shop in Tampa in the late 1960s. Eventually, Mom and Pop moved their business to the northern end of the Citrus WMA where Creason's Archery flourished and became the iconic fixture in our industry as we know it today.

Mom didn't hunt often with her husband, greatly preferring the competitive ranges and she founded the Citrus County Archers in 1978, a club of competitive archers still active today at their range near Dunellen. A recipient of many awards and honors amongst her industry peers, Eileen "Mom" Creason, will be greatly missed. My heartfelt condolences go out to all who knew and

loved her. Mom was a pioneer of women's archery during a time when such competitions and hunt camps were overwhelmingly male dominated. And that really has gotten me thinking of how far our sport has come. Women in the outdoors and involved in the shooting sports are very much mainstream these days and their numbers are still growing. I enjoyed conversing with my friend, HR Ross about this only recently. HR is the owner of the Ross Hammock Ranch, the most epic hunting preserve you could hope to visit, and situated just north of our county line.

I asked him, if he has noted any increases in lady hunters participating on the hunts at his ranch and he answered, "We are seeing a lot of adult female hunters, literally from age 18 to 80. For example, new Ross Hammock Ranch client, Karen Cartwright (80+) came a couple months ago and took a beautiful BlackBuck antelope, and immediately booked a Spring '19 Osceola Hunt. A recent University of Alabama Grad (age 21), bow hunter, is coming back again with her Grand Dad in about a week."

Not surprising at all as the current state of the outdoors industry is jumping with the excitement brought to our sport by the ladies. HR went on, "We are seeing lots of moms, bringing their sons to hunt.



Special to the Chronicle

Lakeisha Woodard and her daughter Angel found success with acorn cover scents when harvesting Angel's first doe.

Perhaps for one reason or another dad may not be around the house or available. Moms are still observant and they see how badly their son wants to hunt. I have a mom from Tampa arriving today, having booked a three-day hunt for her 18-year-old son. That's one smart mom! I always got a pair of socks for Christmas, and this lucky young man is getting a hunt! Mom of the Year candidate in my book!"

Agreed, that was one heck of a thoughtful Christmas gift!

"This one may be surprising, but we see a lot of young girls, say age 8 to 18 that love to hunt, and in

many cases are brought by their dad's that are not hunters. On Sunday, I have a US Military member that is bringing his 11 year old daughter, who is already an 'accomplished' hunter, for a one-week Florida adventure to include hunting an Axis Buck, hunting an alligator, horse back riding, fishing, hiking, and hanging out on the front porch (and campfire at night) just talking to each other."

I can surely see a lot of that going on, as there is no better way to bond than to head outdoors with your family.

As always, I'd love to hear about your adventures and maybe see a photo or two of your successes, so drop me a line at RebelYellOutdoors@gmail.com. God bless and Good Hunting!



Special to the Chronicle

Lakeisha Woodard on the archery range preparing for an upcoming hunt.

Tide charts

	Chassahowitzka*		Crystal River**		Homosassa***		Withlacoochee*	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
THURS 1/3	3:46 a.m.	11:49 a.m.	1:36 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	2:11 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	12:46 p.m.	7:02 a.m.
	4:09 p.m.	9:19 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	8:36 p.m.	4:26 p.m.	8:24 p.m.	11:48 p.m.	6:35 p.m.
FRI 1/4	4:30 a.m.	12:34 p.m.	2:24 a.m.	9:51 a.m.	3:33 a.m.	1:13 p.m.	—	7:43 a.m.
	4:57 p.m.	9:51 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	6:08 p.m.	10:04 p.m.	1:22 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
SAT 1/5	5:13 a.m.	1:17 p.m.	3:09 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	2:52 a.m.	12:27 p.m.	12:26 a.m.	8:20 a.m.
	5:36 p.m.	10:27 p.m.	4:23 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	9:11 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	7:52 p.m.
SUN 1/6	5:54 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	3:51 a.m.	11:16 a.m.	4:15 a.m.	1:52 p.m.	1:01 a.m.	8:54 a.m.
	6:13 p.m.	11:05 p.m.	4:57 p.m.	10:49 p.m.	6:47 p.m.	10:59 p.m.	2:27 p.m.	8:28 p.m.
MON 1/7	6:36 a.m.	2:41 p.m.	4:32 a.m.	11:56 a.m.	4:58 a.m.	2:26 p.m.	1:35 a.m.	9:26 a.m.
	6:50 p.m.	11:45 p.m.	5:32 p.m.	11:31 p.m.	7:18 p.m.	11:53 p.m.	2:58 p.m.	9:04 p.m.
TUES 1/8	7:16 a.m.	3:22 p.m.	5:12 a.m.	12:33 p.m.	6:26 a.m.	12:45 a.m.	2:08 a.m.	9:56 a.m.
	7:29 p.m.	—	6:08 p.m.	—	8:07 p.m.	3:11 p.m.	3:29 p.m.	9:41 p.m.
WED 1/9	7:57 a.m.	12:27 a.m.	5:53 a.m.	12:10 a.m.	5:41 a.m.	2:53 p.m.	2:41 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
	8:10 p.m.	4:03 p.m.	6:47 p.m.	1:10 p.m.	7:43 p.m.	—	4:00 p.m.	10:19 p.m.

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



Gloria Yoder
THE AMISH COOK

Some of readers' best

Editor's note: Gloria took a week off from the column to celebrate the holiday with her family in Ohio. She will return next week. This week, we thought we'd take a look back at some favorite reader recipes. Check out these recipes you might have missed or old favorites you want to reconnect with!

WEDDING SALISBURY STEAK

- 6 pounds ground turkey
 - 1 1/2 pounds sausage
 - 2 cups quick oats
 - 2 cups cracker crumbs
 - 5 cups cold water
 - 2 tablespoons dehydrated onions
 - 1 tablespoon black pepper
 - 3 tablespoons salt
 - 1 tablespoon Lawry's seasoning salt
- Mix and press into a cookie sheet with sides. Chill overnight.

Cut into squares. Grill until juice runs clear and top with your favorite barbecue sauce.

GLORIFIED LORENE BARS

(Named after a friend of Gloria Yoder)

- 2 cups butter, softened
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup vanilla instant pudding
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 2 1/2 cups quick oats
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 1 cup coconut (optional)
- 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips (optional)

Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs, pudding and vanilla. Mix well and add dry ingredients.

Put into an 11 1/2- by 16-inch pan. Bake for 16-20 minutes at 350 degrees.

TACO PIZZA

Dough

- 2 cups flour
 - 1 tablespoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- #### Meat mixture
- 1 1/2 pounds hamburger, fried with onions
 - 1 package taco seasoning
 - 1 pint pizza sauce
- #### Dressing mixture
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream or 1 cup milk, scant
 - 1 tablespoon sour cream and onion powder
 - 2/3 cup salad dressing

Put dough into 9- by 13-inch pan. Spoon meat mixture onto dough.

Next, top on dressing mixture. If desired, sprinkle with peppers, onions, tomatoes or whatever you prefer.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Top with cheese and taco chips or white soup crackers for the last five minutes. Serves 15.

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A month of mmm....

Celebrate National Soup Month in January with hearty homemade recipes

JULIANNE MUNN
Chronicle food writer

Soup! It's what's for supper — or at least it should be since January is National Soup Month and there are so many amazing varieties of this one-dish meal to choose from.

So, pull that stock pot out from the back of the cupboard, heat up the slow cooker and stock your pantry and refrigerator with ingredients for a hearty, healthy soup day.

To ease that effort along, today's Flair for Food has gathered plenty of taste-tempting recipes.

The beautiful thing about making soup is that once everything is combined, it's not very labor intensive, and many soups only get better the second or third day as flavors marry.

With piping hot bowls of toothsome soup gracing your table, you will need little else to complement the meal. But warm homemade cornbread or muffins, crusty French or Italian bread or other favorites will be tasty accompaniments.

Other sides could include an apple-walnut salad, greens mixture or simply fresh fruit for a grand finish. Also a nice balance for a soup dish, is sliced chilled cucumbers and sweet onions in a sugar/vinegar mix of about 1/2 cup each.

Combining favorite ingredients in a soupy mixture is certainly not a novel idea.

The first American cooking pamphlet dedicated to soup recipes was written in 1882 by Emma Ewing: "Soups and Soup Making. Portable soup was devised in the 18th century by boiling seasoned meat until a thick, resinous syrup was left that could be dried and stored for months at a time, according to food historians.

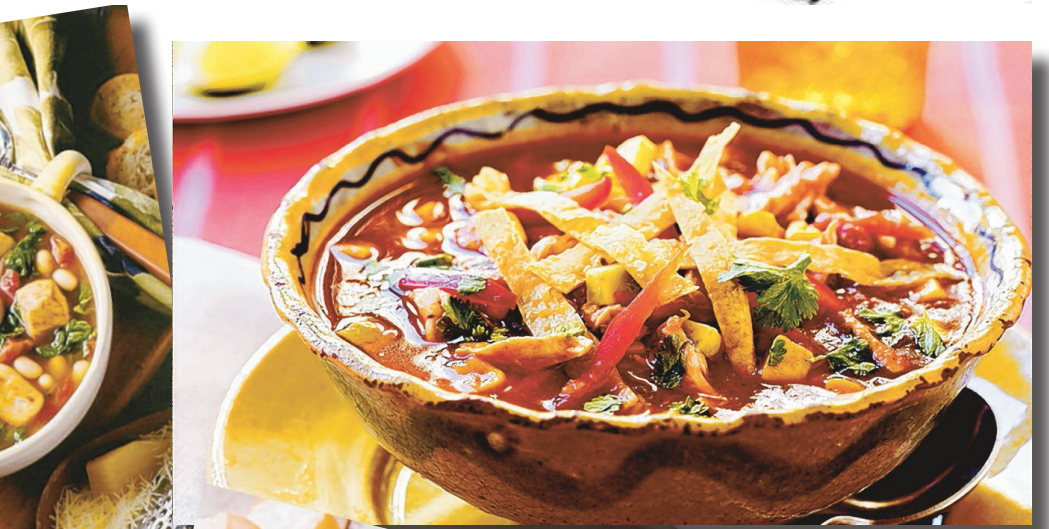
But Ewing's pamphlet wasn't all that innovative compared to what might have been some of the first soups in history.

The earliest archaeological evidence for the consumption of soup dates back to 6000 BC, and it was hippopotamus soup, say numerous food timeline sources.

Since hippopotamuses are not readily available worldwide for soup making in the 21st century, today's recipes focus on more obtainable and appealing ingredients.

CROCK-POT BEEF & OKRA SOUP

- 2 cups chopped okra (frozen works fine)
- 1 pound beef stew meat, chopped
- 1 can petite diced tomatoes
- 1/2 yellow onion, diced



ABOVE LEFT: Italian Cupboard Soup. ABOVE RIGHT: Hearth-Healthy Chicken Tortilla Soup. BOTTOM: Sweet Corn Potato & Sausage Soup.

- 2 carrots, thinly sliced
 - 2 cups beef broth
 - 1/2 cup tomato sauce
 - 2 teaspoons paprika
 - 2 teaspoons garlic powder
 - 1 Salt and black pepper to taste
 - 1 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 1/4 cup sun dried tomatoes, chopped
- Add all ingredients other than sun dried tomatoes to a Crock-Pot. Stir well. Cook on low heat for 7 hours. Divide stew between bowls and top each with sun dried tomatoes.

SLOW COOKER

CREAMY POTATO SOUP

- 2 1/2 cup potatoes shredded (a 20-ounce package of Simply Potatoes Shredded Hash Browns brand works well)
- 29 ounces chicken broth
- 1/2 pound of bacon, fried and crumbled

- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pinch red pepper flakes to taste
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sour cream plus more for garnish
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese plus more for garnish
- 2 tablespoons fresh chives chopped

In a 6 quart Crock-Pot (or larger), add shredded potatoes, chicken broth, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. Gently stir ingredients together.

Cover Crock-Pot and cook on high for 3 hours or low for 6 hours.

In a medium bowl, whisk together milk, sour cream, cheddar cheese and flour.

Remove lid from crock pot and pour in milk mixture, then stir. Add chopped cooked bacon. Cover again and cook on high for 30 minutes or low for 1 hour.

Remove lid, stir soup, then serve. Garnish bowls with more cheese, a dollop of sour cream and chopped chives.

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Recapping some of our favorite places

The past year was a roller coaster of things to fondly remember and things to hopefully forget or reconcile, but life has a way of going on and it's time to share some good memories in the world of cuisine.

The restaurant scene in the Citrus County area is popping with new places to enjoy our penchant for dining out and Nature Coast residents and



Julianne Munn
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visitors do like to explore such opportunities.

■ Notable meals that come to mind include the new Chop Stix Chinese restaurant in Crystal River, where is it virtually impossible to be served anything but a good meal.

The hot and sour and egg drop soups are divine, and we especially like the Lemon Chicken, Pecan Shrimp and Shredded Ginger Beef dishes.

Good job, Jack and Rachel!

■ We continue to appreciate World Fusion off County Road 486, where the sushi is fresh and bountiful, and the Vegetable and Shrimp Tempura is to die for. Can't go wrong here.

■ The Highlander Cafe in Crystal River is becoming almost iconic for consistently delightful lunches by Chef Natalie McPherson and her creative take on sandwiches, soups, salads and quiche.

■ Amy's On the Avenue in Crystal River is a treat for eyes and the taste buds, with its lovely outdoor patio, exquisite

sandwiches, quiche and crab bisque, among other delicious items.

■ Papa J's in Inverness continues to offer meals that speak of close attention to detail and we crave the French onion soup and banana pudding.

■ We don't often mention chain restaurants, but it's hard to top consistently good breakfasts at Denny's in Crystal River, the only place we've found that ALWAYS know how to fry a medium-fried egg!

And the coffee is tops, too.

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SOUP

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OLD FASHIONED HAM & BEAN SOUP

- 1 pound dry navy beans or great northern
- 1 meaty ham bone or 2 medium smoked ham hocks
- 2 medium carrots diced (adds nice color)
- 2 ribs celery, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt and pepper

Rinse 1 pound of navy beans. Pick through the beans for any stones or pebbles and put in slow cooker, covered by about 6 cups of water.

Under running water rinse any coating off a meaty ham bone. Trim large amounts of fat, leaving some for flavor. Add to pot, along with diced vegetables. Add seasonings.

Cook on high for 4 hours and then on low for 3 to 4 more hours. About half way through, remove ham bone to a cutting board. Allow the bone to cool for 10-15 minutes. Then remove all meat from the bone. Discard bone and any fat and waste. Place meat back into the cooker and finish cooking. Taste to add salt and pepper.

(TIP: For a thicker soup, use a potato masher to mash some of the nearly cooked beans and stir for a creamier consistency). Serve over or with freshly baked cornbread or corn muffins.

HEART-HEALTHY CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts (all visible fat discarded, cut into 1/2-inch cubes)
- 2 cups frozen whole kernel corn (thawed)
- 2 cups fat-free, no-salt-added chicken broth
- 14.5-ounce can of no-salt-added, diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon ancho powder
- 2 medium garlic cloves (minced)
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 6-inch corn tortillas (cut into 1/4-inch-wide strips)
- 1 6-inch corn tortilla (torn into pieces)
- 2 to 4 tablespoons snipped, fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup finely chopped avocado
- 1/4 medium red bell pepper (cut into matchstick-size strips)

In a 3- to 4 1/2-quart round or oval slow cooker, stir together the chicken, corn, broth, tomatoes with liquid, onion, sugar, ancho powder, garlic and salt. Cook, covered, on low for 6 to 8 hours or on high for 3 to 4 hours.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Arrange the tortilla strips in a single layer



Metro/Creative Outlet

Fluffy corn muffins can round out a hearty January soup supper.

on a baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until crisp. Transfer the baking sheet to a cooling rack. Let the strips stand for about 15 minutes, or until cool. Transfer to an airtight container and set aside.

When the soup is ready, transfer 1 cup to a food processor or blender. Stir in the tortilla pieces. Let the mixture stand for 1 minute so the tortilla pieces soften. Process until smooth. Stir the mixture into the soup. Stir in the cilantro.

Ladle the soup into bowls. Sprinkle with the avocado, bell pepper, and reserved baked tortilla strips. (Recipe from The American Heart Association)

SWEET CORN, POTATO & SAUSAGE SOUP

- 2 cups potatoes, diced
- 2 cups fresh sweet corn kernels
- 1 pound low-fat link sausage, diced
- 1 cup onion, chopped

- 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup flour
- 8 ounces cream-style corn
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 2 cups whole milk
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Cook the sausage and onion in a large skillet over medium heat until sausage is browned and onion is lightly browned and tender. Stir in flour until blended into the mixture. Add chicken broth and stir to blend.

Add diced potatoes, kernels and cream-style corn, ground pepper and hot sauce. Bring to a simmer and continue cooking for 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Cover, reduce heat to low and continue to simmer, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender.

Add milk and cook, covered, for another 15 minutes. Serve warm with crusty bread.

(Courtesy Fresh From Florida Chef Justin Timineri)

ROASTED POBLANO AND CHEDDAR SOUP

- 2 medium poblano peppers
- 1/2 medium cauliflower, broken into pieces
- 2 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 cup PLUS 2 tablespoons shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika

Set the broiler to high and arrange the poblano peppers on a baking sheet.

Roast, turning occasionally for even cooking, until the skins are dark and the peppers are tender.

Place peppers in a container with a lid and seal to cool. Set aside while you prepare the soup base.

(NOTE: If you have an air fryer, the above steps are even quicker.)

Steam cauliflower florets on the stove top or in a silicone steamer case until very tender. Approximately 5 minutes in the microwave or 7 to 10 minutes on the stove top.

Using a high-speed blender or food processor, puree steamed cauliflower and 1 cup stock. Drizzle in the remaining stock and continue to puree until the mixture is a smooth consistency.

Heat butter and onion over medium heat in a soup pot until the onion is translucent.

Add half the cauliflower puree, sour cream, and cheese to the pot and stir until thickened. Reduce to low heat.

Remove the skin and seeds from the cooled poblano peppers and dice, reserving about 1 tablespoon to garnish the finished soup.

Pour the remaining cauliflower puree and diced peppers into the soup pot. Return heat to medium and simmer for about 5 minutes.

Stir in the garlic powder, smoked paprika and cumin and remove from heat. Serve hot and top with reserved peppers and optional shredded cheese.

Makes about 4 servings. (Adapted from Yumley Recipes)

ITALIAN CUPBOARD SOUP

- 2 boneless pork chops (cubed)
- 15 ounces chopped tomatoes (undrained)
- 29 ounces chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons dried minced onion
- 15 ounces cannellini beans (OR great northern beans, drained and rinsed)
- 8 ounces fresh spinach leaves (torn)

In a deep saucepan, brown the pork in a little oil; add all ingredients except spinach; bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes; stir in torn spinach and cook for 2 minutes more.

Optional serving suggestion: Top with a sprinkle of grated Parmesan cheese just before serving.

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■ At Brothers Pizza in Crystal River, the homemade varieties of soup are always pleasing, as is the homemade sauce for all the scrumptious Italian pastas and subs. Their White Pizza is becoming almost legendary.

■ Katch 22 in Lecanto, one of the newer restaurants on the scene, is scoring high with its upscale diverse menu.

■ For super appetizers and such innovative items as Pork Belly, She Crab Bisque, rack of lamb, super service and so much more, Vintage on Fifth in Crystal River remains on our list of go-to places for special dining.

■ The Pizza Joint Wood Fired

Pies, also offering specialty wings and pasta, is another spot that continues to lure faithful customers at the intersection of County Roads 488 and Citrus Avenue — all prepared on a wood-fired oven.

■ The unassuming Just a Cupcake in Dunnellon is a little cafe you must try for incredible soups and sandwiches and more.

This by no means describes the number of good, better and best places to dine out in our area, but is a sampling of what we particularly enjoyed in the past year and hope to sample again and again in 2019.



Since I always hate to end a column without new recipe for readers, here are couple of new

ones recently discovered you might want to try in the new year:

MAC & CHEESE TWIST

- 1 cup Duke's Mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cup Mozzarella cheese
- 2 cups sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 3/4 cups elbow macaroni, cooked
- Townhouse or Ritz crackers
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix mayonnaise, sour cream, cheese and seasonings Stir well. Fold in cooked pasta.

Put in baking dish and cover with of crushed crackers (1/2 to 3/4 of 1 package).

Bake at 325 to 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until cheese is melted.

NO-STIR CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS CASSEROLE

(The secret of this is not to stir anything. That's what makes your dumplings. When you dish it out, you have your dumplings on top.)

- 2 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded (can use store-bought rotisserie chicken)
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 stick of butter, melted
- 2 cups Bisquick
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1 can cream of chicken soup (the herbed cream of chicken soup, if you can find it)
- 3 teaspoons of chicken granules
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

- 1/2 teaspoon of salt or more to taste

Layer 1: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix and place butter, then chicken in 9- by 13-inch casserole dish. Spread shredded chicken over butter. Sprinkle black pepper and dried sage over this layer. Do not stir.

Layer 2: In small bowl, mix milk and Bisquick. Slowly pour all over chicken. Do not stir.

Layer 3: In medium bowl, whisk together 2 cups of chicken broth, chicken granules and chicken soup. Once blended, slowly pour over the Bisquick layer. Do not Stir.

Bake casserole for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the top is golden brown.

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AMISH

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GRANDMA RABER'S POTATO SALAD

- 6 medium potatoes, cooked
- 6 eggs hard boiled

and diced
 ■ 3/4 cup celery chopped
 ■ 1/4 medium onion, chopped

Dressing:

- 1 1/2 cups salad dressing
- 3 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 1/4 cups sugar

- 1 3/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 cup milk

Cut potatoes in half and put into a pan of water so they are just covered. Cook potatoes in boiling water and when it reaches a boil, turn to low and simmer until fork-tender. Add eggs, onion and celery.

Mix together dressing ingredients, then mix with

first mixture. If it seems a bit thick, add more milk.

This salad tastes best when made the day before you plan to serve it. Makes two quarts and serves 16.

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5	(WUFT) PBS	5		5			DW News	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	This Old House Hr	Midsummer Murders			Doc Martin 'PG'		BBC	Business		
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22	(WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Joyce Meyer	Bay Focus	The Great Awakening	Joseph Prince	Quiet Brain 'A.	Womack	Abundant Life	Sound of Awak	Phil Driscoll	The Great Awake		
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62	(WMOR) IND	12	12		5		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Chicago P.D. '14' (DVS)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy '14'		
63	(WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Extra 'PG'	ET	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8	The Good Wife '14'		The Good Wife '14'		Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
40	(WACX) TBN	21		21			Paid Prg.	The 700 Club	Impact	Impact	Life Faith	Jeffress	Day Wind	700 Club	S.Channel	Faith	Prince		
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47	(WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	America Trends	INN News	Citrus Today	Sully's Biz Brew	Positively Paula 'G'	The Chef's		America Trends		Citrus Court	Citrus Today		
50	(WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Noticiero	Rosa de Guadalupe	Jesús		Mi marido		Amar a muerte '14'		Noticias	Noticiero		
51	(WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Fox 51	Fox 51	Big Bang	Gotham '14'		The Orville (N) '14'		FOX 51 News		Dateline 'PG' PG			
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	(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	Live PD "Live PD -- 01.05.18" '14'	Live PD: Rewind (N) (In Stereo) '14'		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.03.19" (N) (In Stereo) '14'				60 Days In "New Sheriff in Town" '14'		The First 48 (In Stereo) '14'			
	(AMC)	55	64	55			*** "Twister" (1996, Action) Paxton, Cary Elwes. 'PG-13'	*** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm. 'PG-13'						Dennis		*** "Deep Impact" (1998) Robert Duvall. 'PG-13'			
	(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	The Secret Life of the Zoo 'PG' PG	The Secret Life of the Zoo 'PG' PG		Crikey! It's the Irwins 'PG' PG		The Secret Life of the Zoo (N)		The Secret Life of the Zoo		The Zoo "An Elephant's Trust" 'PG'			
	(BET)	96	71	96			Movie							*** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites. 'PG-13'					
	(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA	Top Chef (N) '14'			Million Dollar LA		Get a Room		Watch			
	(CC)	27	61	27		33	The Office "Michael's Last Dundies" 'PG'	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG	The Office 'PG' PG		
	(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing (In Stereo) 'PG'		Racing Wives (Series Premiere) (N) PG		Music City 'PG'	Music City 'PG'		"Almost Famous" (2017) Corinne Alal.			
	(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room	Erin Burnett OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight			CNN Tonight			
	(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)	College Basketball Penn State at Michigan.		Women's College Basketball						College Basketball			
	(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	High School Football Under Armour All-American Game. (N) PG			College Basketball						SportsCenter (N)			
	(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	The Evening Edit (N)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Primetime			Kennedy (N) PG		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Primetime			
	(FLIX)		118	170			"Airport" (1970) 'G'	*** "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" (2004) Gwyneth Paltrow. 'PG' PG		*** "Rushmore" (1998) Jason Schwartzman. 'R' PG		*** "The Cider House Rules" (1999) Tobey Maguire. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'							
	(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Special Report	The Story	Tucker Carlson	Hannity (N) PG				The Ingraham Angle		Fox News at Night			
	(FOOD)	26	56	26			Beat Play	Chopped 'G' PG	Chopped 'G' PG	Chopped 'G' PG				Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play		
	(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "Miss Congeniality" (2000, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'		*** "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" (2005) Sandra Bullock. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'							The 700 Club Keith and Kristyn Getty.			
	(FS1)	732	112	732			NASCAR Race Hub	College Basketball Illinois at Indiana. (N)		College Basketball Colorado at Arizona. (N)				Hoops		Speak			
	(FS2)		806				Lock It In	Red Bull Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice				Beyond the Wheel		NASCAR Race Hub			
	(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Tennis	Panthers	NHL Hockey Florida Panthers at Buffalo Sabres. (N)		Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers		World Poker			
	(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (2015) Dylan O'Brien. 'PG-13' PG		*** "Riddick" (2013) Vin Diesel. Wanted criminal Riddick confronts two teams of mercenaries. 'R' PG		*** "Riddick" (2013) Vin Diesel. Wanted criminal Riddick confronts two teams of mercenaries. 'R' PG		*** "Riddick" (2013) Vin Diesel. (In Stereo) 'R' PG						
	(GOLF)	727	67	727			PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, First Round. (N) (Live) PG							Golf Central (N) 'G'		PGA Golf			
	(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"Christmas in Evergreen: Letters to Santa" (2018, Drama) Jill Wagner. 'NR' NR		"The Christmas Cottage" (2017, Drama) Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund. 'NR' NR					"Crown for Christmas" (2015, Romance) Danica McKellar, Ellie Botterill. 'NR' NR					
	(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	*** "Season of the Witch" (2011) Nicolas Cage. 'PG-13'		*** "Life of the Party" (2018) Melissa McCarthy. 'PG-13' PG		*** "Traffic" (2000) Michael Douglas. The war on drugs brings many casualties and few victories. 'R' PG								
	(HBO2)	303	202	303			*** "X2" (2003) Patrick Stewart. PG	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel 'PG'		*** "Ready Player One" (2018) Tye Sheridan. A teen finds adventure in a virtual reality world in 2045.				*** "Annabelle: Creation" (2017) Stephanie Sigman. 'R' PG					
	(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters	House Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters		
	(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	American Pickers (In Stereo) 'PG' PG	American Pickers "Beer Factor" 'PG' PG		American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) 'PG' PG		Hitler's Secret Tunnels		Tunnels that may contain Nazi secrets. (N) 'PG' PG		American Pickers 'PG' PG (DVS)			
	(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	"Toni Braxton: Unbreak My Heart"		*** "Aaliyah: The Princess of R&B" (2014) Alexandra Shipp. 'NR' NR		Surviving R. Kelly (Series Premiere) (N)		Surviving R. Kelly (N) PG		Surviving R. Kelly		Surviving R. Kelly PG		
	(LIFEMOV)	119	50	119			"A Daughter's Revenge" (2018, Suspense) Jessica Spos, Linden Ashby. 'NR' NR		"My Daughter's Ransom" (2019, Suspense) Scottie Thompson. Premiere. 'NR' NR		"My Daughter Was Stolen" (2018, Suspense) Katie Boland. 'NR' NR								
	(MSNBC)	42	41	42			The Beat With	Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow				The Last Word		The 11th Hour			
	(NBCSN)	448	26	730			Men in Blazers	NHL Live (N) (In Stereo) Subject to Blackout (Live)	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at New York Islanders. (N) Subject to Blackout (Live)		NHL Overtime (N) (In Stereo) Live			Dew Tour (N) 'PG'					
	(NGEO)	109	65	109			World's Deadliest 'PG' PG	Life Below Zero 'PG' PG	Life Below Zero "Full Throttle" 'PG' PG	Life Below Zero: Ice Breakers 'PG' PG	Life Below Zero: Ice Breakers 'PG' PG	Life Below Zero: Ice Breakers 'PG' PG	Life Below Zero "Full Throttle" 'PG' PG						
	(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Loud	Loud	Henry Danger 'G' PG	Sponge.	Sponge.	*** "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" (2005) Friends 'PG' PG		Friends		Friends			
	(OWN)	125	24	103			20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on ID (N) '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'						
	(OXY)	123	44	123			Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'	Chicago P.D. '14'						
	(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Mom '14' PG	Friends '14' PG	Friends '14' PG	Friends '14' PG	Friends '14' PG	Friends '14' PG	Friends '14' PG	*** "Star Trek Beyond" (2016) Chris Pine. Kirk and his crew face an alien threat on a hostile planet. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'					
	(SEC)	745	72				Paul Finebaum	SEC Now (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball Mississippi State at Arkansas. (N) (Live)		Women's College Basketball South Carolina at Texas A&M. (N) (Live)			SEC Storied 'G' PG					
	(SHOW)	340	241	340			*** "Wild Hogs" (2007) Tim Allen. PG	Escape at Dannemora Matt, Sweat and Tilly face hard truths. (In Stereo) 'MA' PG		*** "A Bad Moms Christmas" (2017) Mila Kunis. 'R' PG		*** "American Dream / American Nightmare" (2015) 'NR' NR							
	(STARZ)	370	271	370			*** "P2" (2007, Suspense) Bentley. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	Counterpart "Point of Departure" 'MA' PG		*** "Showtime" (2002) Robert De Niro. 'PG-13' PG		Counterpart "Point of Departure" 'MA' PG		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017)					
	(SUN)	36	31	36			INSIDE THE HEAT	INSIDE THE HEAT	Women's College Basketball Duke at North Carolina State. (N) (Live)	Power of Sports	Inside the Lightning	Lightning Pre.	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Los Angeles Kings. (N)						
	(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** "I Am Number Four" (2011) Alex Pettyfer. An alien teenager must evade those sent to kill him. 'PG-13'		*** "Constantine" (2005, Fantasy) Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf. 'R' PG				Futurama 'PG'		Futurama 'PG'				
	(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
	(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	"Florodora Girl"	*** "Peg O' My Heart" (1933) Marion Davies. 'NR' NR		*** "Ben-Hur" (1959, Historical Drama) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Stephen Boyd. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. 'G' PG (DVS)									
	(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Building Off the Grid: Montana Earth Home	Building Off the Grid: Bottle Island 'G'		Building Off the Grid: Island Oasis 'G'		To Be Announced				Building Off the Grid: Cabin of No Return			
	(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	Dr. Pimple Popper	Family by the Ton		Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	To Be Announced			Sextuplets			
	(TMC)	350	261	350			*** "Abandon" (2002, Suspense) Katie Holmes. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG		*** "Inglourious Basterds" (2009) Brad Pitt. Soldiers seek Nazi scalps in German-occupied France.		*** "True Romance" (1993, Action) Christian Slater. 'R' PG								
	(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	Bones (In Stereo) '14' PG	Bones Aubrey faces a moral dilemma. '14'		NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio. (Live) PG				NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Golden State Warriors.					
	(TOON)	38	58	38	33		Teen	Teen	We Bare Gumball	Samurai American	American Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Rick			
	(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	The Dead Files 'PG'	The Dead Files 'PG'	The Dead Files 'PG'	The Dead Files 'PG'	The Dead Files 'PG'	The Dead Files 'PG'	The Dead Files 'PG'	Most Haunted 'PG'					
	(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Carbon	Carbon	Carbon			
	(TVL)	32	49	32	34	24	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	King		
	(USA)	47	32	47	17	18	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	NCIS (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)	Modern Family	Modern Family		
	(WE)	117	69	117			*** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. 'PG' PG		*** "Sister Act" (1992) Whoopi Goldberg. A Reno lounge singer poses as a nun to elude mob assassins.		*** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg.								
	(WGN-A)	18	18	18	18	20	Blue Bloods '14'	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		

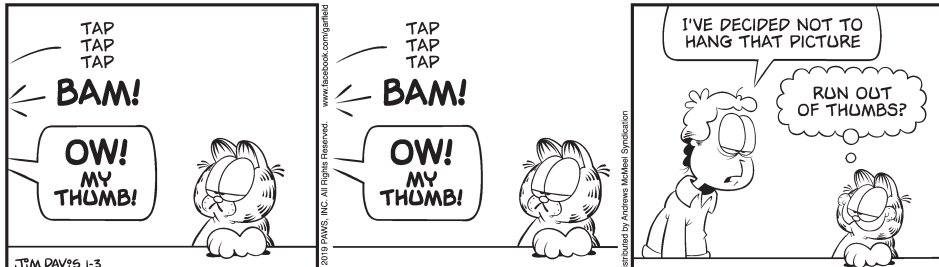
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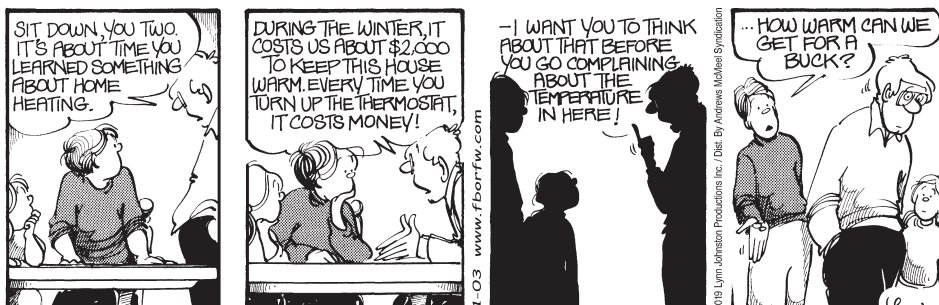
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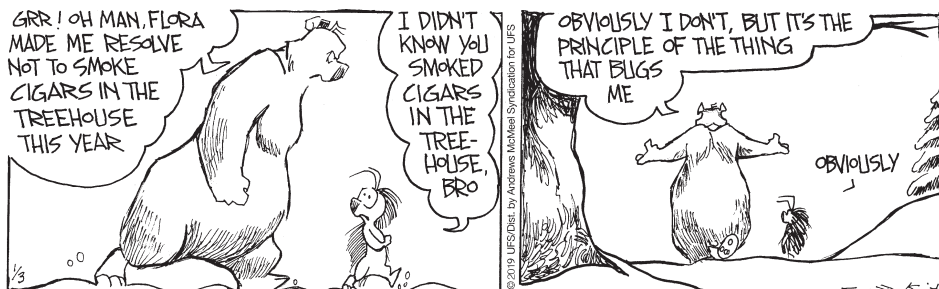
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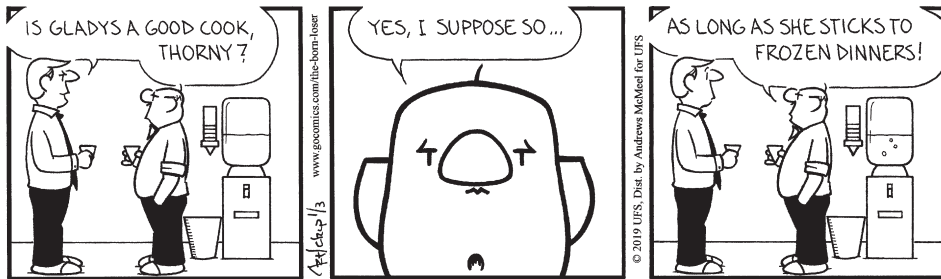
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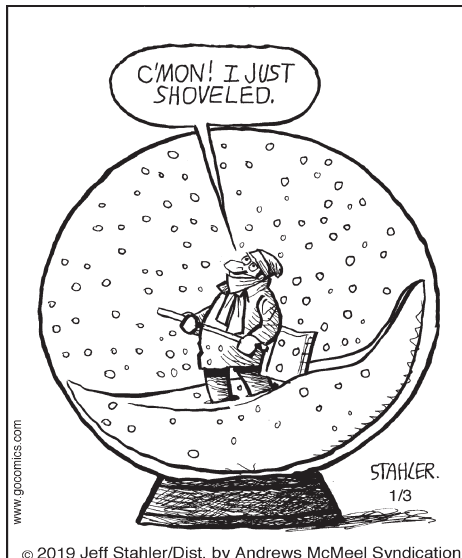
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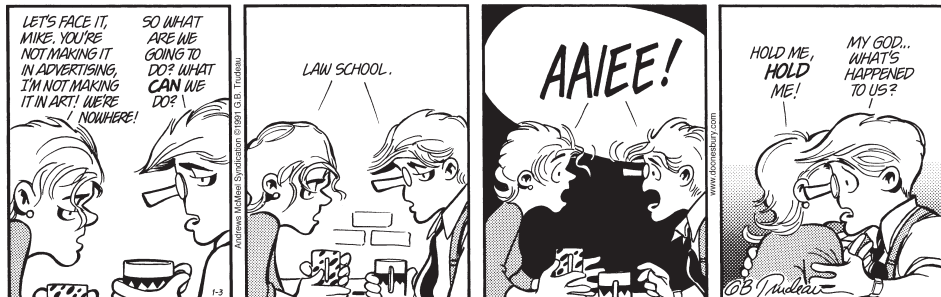
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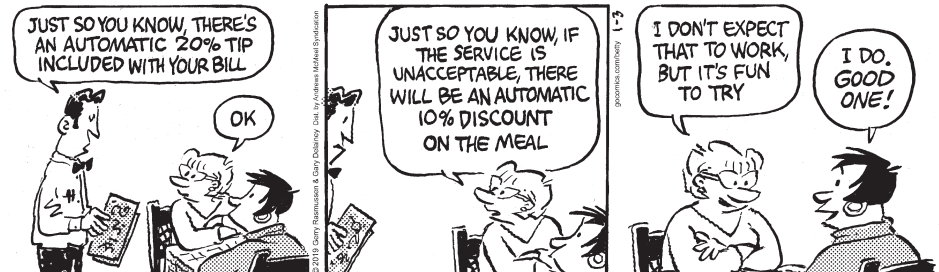
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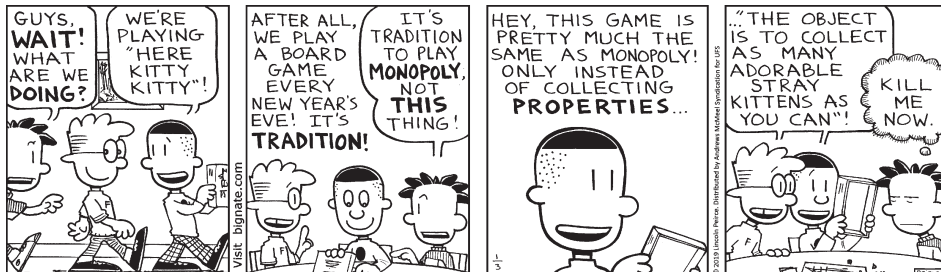
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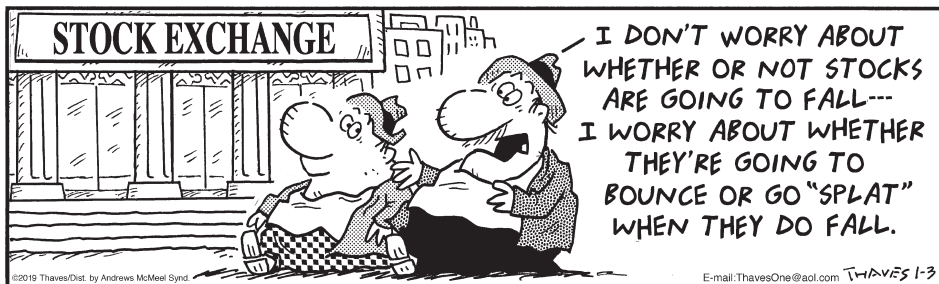
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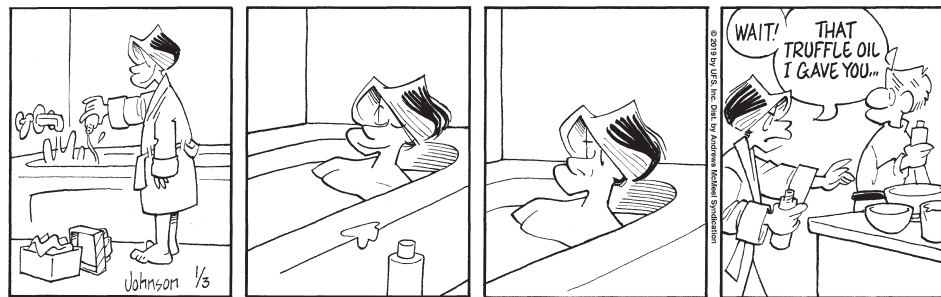
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- "Bumblebee" (PG-13) 1, 4:05, 6:50, 10:25 p.m.
- "Second Act" (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30 p.m.
- "Mary Poppins Returns (2018)" (PG) 12:55, 4, 7, 10:05 p.m.
- "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" (PG) 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10 p.m.
- "Ralph Breaks the Internet" (PG) 1:10, 4:15 p.m.
- "Instant Family (2018)" 7:30, 10:25 p.m.
- "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch (2018)" (PG) 1:50 p.m.
- "Bohemian Rhapsody" (PG-13) 6:30, 9:35 p.m.

- "Aquaman" (PG-13) Noon, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.
- "Bumblebee" (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:10, 10 p.m.
- "Mary Poppins Returns (2018)" (PG) 12:15, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40 p.m.
- "Mortal Engines" (PG-13) 12:30 p.m.
- "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" (PG) 12:50, 4, 7:20, 9:50 p.m.
- "The Mule (2018)" (R) 1, 4:10, 6:50, 9:55 p.m.
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5099-0110 THCRN
Howland, Hap Robert 2015-DR-163 Term. Parent Rights IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2015-DR-163 Division: Juvenile

IN THE INTEREST OF:
H. M. (MALE) D.O.B.: 04/29/2013 A Child.

NOTICE OF ACTION, SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING AS TO THE FATHER FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

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ANGELA VICK, Clerk of Courts
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Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5001-0110 THCRN
Sial, Fayyaz Hussain 2015 CA 000457 A Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2015 CA 000457 A

FAIRPORT ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, as successor by assignment to CFS ALLOCATION SOLUTIONS, LLC, Plaintiff.

-vs- FAYYAZ HUSSAIN SIAL a/k/a FAYYAZ HUSSIAN SIAL, an individual, TABASAM IFAKHAR SIAL a/k/a TABASAM IFTIKHAR SIAL, an individual, and UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to that Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 11, 2016, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell the following described real property, as set forth in the Final Judgment, to the highest bidder for cash on January 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) via online sale at https://www.citrus.realforeclose.com in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, to wit:

Lots 6 and 7, Savory Acres, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 27, of the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida

commonly known as 8011 W. Miss Maggie Drive, Homosassa, Florida 34448.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus 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: December 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Blake J. Delaney Florida Bar No: 0015187 BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC Attorneys for Plaintiff SunTrust Financial Centre 401 E. Jackson Street, Suite 2400 Tampa, FL 33602 Tel: (813) 222-8180 Fax: (813) 222-8189 Email: blake.delaney@bjpc.com

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Published January 3 & 10, 2019

5002-10110 THCRN
Merry Jr., James W. 2018-CA-000311 Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2018-CA-000311

SunTrust Bank Plaintiff,

-vs- James W. Merry, Jr. a/k/a James W. Merry; Francisca Marquez; Unknown Spouse of James W. Merry, Jr. a/k/a James W. Merry; Unknown Spouse of Francisca Marquez; Citrus County, Florida; Unknown Parties in Possession #1. If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2. If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

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LOT 23 AND 24, IN BLOCK G, OF HOLIDAY HEIGHTS, UNIT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 51, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD ON EASTERLY BOUNDARY.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS 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.

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SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd, Ste 100 Tampa, FL 33614 Telephone: (813)880-8888 Fax: (813)880-8800 For Email Service Only: SFGTampaService@logs.com For all other inquiries: wrloggo@logs.com Angela C. Poye, Esq., FL Bar # 89337

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Markay, James P. 2017-CA-000625 A Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2017-CA-000625 A

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

-vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES P. MARKEY, et al. Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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LOT 15, BLOCK A, OF SPRING WOODS:

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Termination of Parental Rights Notice
5099-0110 THCRN
Howland, Hap Robert 2015-DR-163 Term. Parent Rights IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2015-DR-163 Division: Juvenile

IN THE INTEREST OF:
H. M. (MALE) D.O.B.: 04/29/2013 A Child.

NOTICE OF ACTION, SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING AS TO THE FATHER FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO: Hap Robert Howland, Father of M.H.

You are hereby notified that a petition under oath has been filed in the above-styled court for the termination of your parental rights as to M.H., a male child born on the 29th day of April, 2013 in the State of Florida and for placement of the child with the Florida Department of Children and Families for subsequent adoption, and you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the General Magistrate Keith Schenck of the Circuit Court or any judge assigned to hear the above cause, at the Advisory Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights on February 11, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, 3rd floor, Inverness, FL 34450.

YOU MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING OR THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TRIAL CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PRESENT TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU WANT AN ATTORNEY, BUT ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD ONE, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE COURT, AND THE COURT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER YOU QUALIFY FOR AN ATTORNEY TO BE APPOINTED TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450, Telephone (352) 341-6700 within seven (7) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 1-800-955-8771, Florida Relay Service 711.

THIS NOTICE shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Citrus County Chronicle's Classified Section.

Dated this 17th day of December 2018, at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida.

ANGELA VICK, Clerk of Courts
By: Candy Bryan, Deputy Clerk

Published on December 20 & 27, 2018 & January 3 & 10, 2019

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

5001-0110 THCRN
Sial, Fayyaz Hussain 2015 CA 000457 A Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2015 CA 000457 A

FAIRPORT ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, as successor by assignment to CFS ALLOCATION SOLUTIONS, LLC, Plaintiff.

-vs- FAYYAZ HUSSAIN SIAL a/k/a FAYYAZ HUSSIAN SIAL, an individual, TABASAM IFAKHAR SIAL a/k/a TABASAM IFTIKHAR SIAL, an individual, and UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to that Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 11, 2016, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell the following described real property, as set forth in the Final Judgment, to the highest bidder for cash on January 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) via online sale at https://www.citrus.realforeclose.com in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, to wit:

Lots 6 and 7, Savory Acres, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 27, of the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida

commonly known as 8011 W. Miss Maggie Drive, Homosassa, Florida 34448.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus 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: December 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Blake J. Delaney Florida Bar No: 0015187 BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC Attorneys for Plaintiff SunTrust Financial Centre 401 E. Jackson Street, Suite 2400 Tampa, FL 33602 Tel: (813) 222-8180 Fax: (813) 222-8189 Email: blake.delaney@bjpc.com

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5002-10110 THCRN
Merry Jr., James W. 2018-CA-000311 Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2018-CA-000311

SunTrust Bank Plaintiff,

-vs- James W. Merry, Jr. a/k/a James W. Merry; Francisca Marquez; Unknown Spouse of James W. Merry, Jr. a/k/a James W. Merry; Unknown Spouse of Francisca Marquez; Citrus County, Florida; Unknown Parties in Possession #1. If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2. If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order resccheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2018-CA-000311 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein SunTrust Bank, Plaintiff and James W. Merry, Jr. a/k/a James W. Merry are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Angela Vick, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. ON THE PRESCRIBED DATE AT http://www.citrus.realforeclose.com/ on January 24, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level **1** 2 3 4

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Solution to Wednesday's puzzle 1/3/19

1	8	2	3	9	7	5	6	4
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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 sudoku.org.uk

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Thursday, January 3, 2019

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- PIRANHAS

(PIRANHAS: pih-RAHN-uhs: Aggressive, voraciously carnivorous South American fish.)

Average mark 19 words
Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 28 or more words in PIRANHAS?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- COLONELS

cell	cone	lens	noel	sloe
cello	console	lone	noes	snell
clone	cool	loon	noose	sole
close	oleo	loose	nose	solo
cole	once	loosen	scone	son
colon	leno	lose	sell	soon

To purchase the Word Game book, visit WordGameBooks.com.
Order it now for just \$5 while supplies last!

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

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ACROSS

- Casual Friday option
- Be a fink (2 wds.)
- Oval nest builder
- Dance wildly
- Frolic
- Sends a check
- Rental contracts
- Part of UCLA
- Montreal's prov.
- Unfamiliar
- Bakery buys
- Smear
- Musician — Charles
- Floating platforms
- 45 or 78
- Earlier
- Flight dir.
- Spanish gold

DOWN

- Get some exercise
- Distinct period
- Prepare to shoot

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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

- May pen a book (1)
- Hell's Angel adorer (2)
- Eternal City's hair-parting aids (1)
- Droopy opium flower (2)
- Celeb Kylie's sawbucks (2)
- Damaging the crop-growing business (2)
- Newly invigorated lobbying stress (2)

ANSWERS: 1. MIGHT WRITE 2. BIKER LIKER 3. ROMES COMBS 4. FLOPPY POPPY 5. JENNERS TENNERS 6. FARMING 7. FRESHER PRESSURE

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5097-0110 THCRN
Deets, Warren R., 18-CA-000152, Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

Case No. 18-CA-000152
Division:

HECTOR MARTINEZ, AS TRUSTEE OF LAND TRUST 4363 MERASHA;
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF WARREN R. DEETS;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: The Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Warren R. Deets

Who died on April 16, 1970 in the state of New York. His surviving spouse Catherine Deets died on or about November 19, 1999 in the state of New York. There may be surviving heirs, but after a diligent search, it was determined that they could not be affirmatively identified. Their last known address is unknown. If they be dead and the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the Defendant, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following real property located in Citrus County, Florida:

The West 1/2 of West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Township 19 South, Range 18 East of the public records of Citrus County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on NATALIA OUELLETTE, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 340626 Tampa, FL, 33694, on or before January 17, 2019, (no later than 28 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

Done on this 29th day of November, 2018.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the Courts within 2 working days of your receipt of your notice to appear in Court (352) 401-6701 (V/TDD), NO LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDINGS.

By: /s/ Natalia Ouellette, Esq., Florida Bar No. 68905
P.O. Box 340626 Tampa, FL 33694
Phone: (813) 842-6664
E-service: Natalia@lcolawfl.com Secondary E-service: john@lcolawfl.com

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/s/ Cheryl A. Bailey, Clerk of Court, Citrus

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5003-0110 THCRN
Meyer, Ashley 2017-CA 000255 A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2017-CA 000255 A DIVISION:

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ASHLEY MEYER, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 28, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017 CA 000255 A of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida in which Caliber Home Loans, Inc., is the Plaintiff and Ashley Meyer, David Meyer, are defendants, the Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on electronically/online at <http://www.citrus.realforeclose.com>, Citrus County, Florida at 10:00 a.m. on the 17th day of January, 2019 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 18, BLOCK 5, CITRUS HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE(S) 5 AND 6 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1355 E. MCKINLEY STREET, HERNANDO, FL 34442

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus 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 in Hillsborough County, FL on the 20th day of December, 2018

/s/ Justin Ritchie, Esq. FL Bar # 106621

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile
eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Citrus County Mosquito Control District would like to announce to announce to the Citrus County that the Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019. The meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. at the District's Headquarter's Office, located at 968 N. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Albert Jordan
Chairman of the Board

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Citrus County Mosquito Control District, 968 N. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461 (352) 527-7478 at least two days before the meeting.

Any person who wishes to appeal any decision made by the Board, Agency or Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

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5095-0117 THCRN
Crowell, Paul D., Case No 2016-CC-373
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

H Hometown HAPPENINGS

Thursday, January 3, 2019

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CIRCLE**

Senior Circle to host fall prevention workshop

Have you ever almost fallen, or actually gone down? It's not fun, plus it's a little scary.

Now, think about how you felt. Hopefully only a little embarrassed and bruised.

Did it ever keep you from leaving the house because you were afraid you might fall? Probably not, but many seniors are, and quite often choose to stay home because of that fear. They become isolated and with no social interaction and very little movement. They become weak, less independent and possibly wind up at a skilled nursing facility because they just gave up.

Not all falls can be prevented, but most of them can. Join me for the January Balance and Fall Prevention 4-week workshop starting at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7. There will be plenty of room, plenty of fun and lots of laughter.

Here's what is coming up at Senior Circle in January:

■ We are hosting a Vitas Hospice Open House at Senior Circle from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7. Come meet the new Citrus County Vitas Hospice team, enjoy appetizers and door prizes.

■ From 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 9, a representative of Sleep Solutions will present information on the usage of CPAPs, BiPAPs and more.

■ AARP will have a safe driving course from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, and Wednesday, Jan. 16. This course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Call 352-795-2102 to register or for more information.

■ Are you dealing with too much stuff in your home or garage? If so, join us from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, and learn how to best clear the clutter.

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News from the museum

\$5,000 of awarded funds to support Coffee and Conversation

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Historical Society and the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum are pleased to announce that they are being awarded funds of \$5,000 by the Florida Humanities Council through

a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

This funding will allow for the continuance of the Coffee and Conversation Speakers Series programming at the Museum from January through April 2019.

In addition, a new traveling exhibition titled "Manatee Mania" will open from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, as a result of funding from the same grant.

Dr. James "Buddy" Powell, founder and Executive Director of the

Sea to Shore Alliance, will present the first program of the season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31.

Powell has spent his 40 year career studying and working to conserve manatees around the world. Powell began his love for marine mammals

in Citrus County while working with Daniel "Woodie" Hartman and Jacques Cousteau in the late 1960s and early 1970s in Crystal River. Hartman first came to Crystal River in 1969 from Cornell University to work on his dissertation thesis, the first comprehensive study of manatees at that time.

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Guitar and cello



Special to the Chronicle

Richard Smith and Julie Adams will perform Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in Inverness.

Richard Smith, Julie Adams to perform at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum

SHARON ANDERSON
For the Chronicle

Folks will be in for some quick-n-fancy guitar licks, all the emotional depth of an accompanying cello and more than a few pleasant surprises in the third of six performances comprising the 2018-19 Concert Series at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in Inverness.

Husband and wife musicians Richard Smith and Julie Adams will perform on Thursday evening, Jan. 17. Smith is a world-renowned finger-style guitarist and Adams is a versatile cellist, said Kathy Turner Thompson, manager of the Citrus County Historical Resources Office. The duo played at the museum a few years ago and were well received, she said.

"The combination of Richard's fretboard fireworks and Julie's warm

tone and lyrical style will melt your heartstrings, have your toes tapping and your jaws hanging open," their website promises.

To what can their sound be compared?

"Can you imagine a full orchestra playing in your living room?" asks their website, at www.richardsmithmusic.com/duo. This unique duo tackles "everything from Bach to the Beatles, and barnburners to ballads with passion akin to two lovers flirting in a symphony hall."

Smith began playing guitar at age 5 and soon focused on mastering the fingerstyle guitar methods of Chet Atkins and Jerry Reed.

Adams is considered "one of the most diverse cellists on the music scene today," touts the website. Raised in Dayton, Ohio, Adams was classically trained at Interlochen

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WHAT'S UP NEXT?

Following the Smith-Adams performance, three concerts remain in the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum's 2018-19 series:

■ **Feb. 21** — Southern Exposure offers an evening of entertainment with Norman Bernard and Nelson Dellamaggiore, who return to the museum with vocalists Kim Evans and Eddie Lawrence, to perform smooth jazz tunes guaranteed to put love in the air.

■ **March 21** — Rusty and the Music Makers present a moving performance of jazz and dance favorites. Rusty, a trumpeter and performer for over 30 years, and his talented group bring to life the soulful voice of Diana Ross and the powerful sound of Tina Turner guaranteed to get feet tapping and hands clapping.

■ **April 18** — Mindy Simmons and her jazz trio perform a Peggy Lee tribute that will not disappoint. Simmons is known for her Florida acoustical songs, but few have heard her impress with the jazzy sounds of Peggy Lee. Trio members Ed Kinder, Mike Snyder and Peter Bonagiano also perform as Simmons takes the audience on a trip down memory lane.

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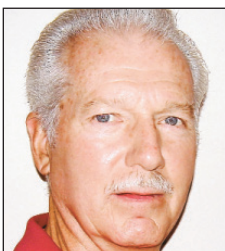
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Pontiac GTO introduces muscle trends

One of the muscle car classics from the 1960s and 1970s era is the Pontiac GTO (sometimes referred to as the "goat").

Although there were earlier muscle cars, the Pontiac GTO is considered by some to have started the trend of all four domestic automakers offering a variety of competing models.

The GTO (Italian abbreviation for Gran Turismo Omologato) was available from 1964 through 1974.



Ken McNally
CAR CORNER

Pontiac tried to revive the GTO on models from 2004 to 2006, but the design was not retro enough to appeal to the real GTO enthusiasts.

The GTO first generation ran from 1964 to 1967. The GTO package sold on more than 10,000 vehicles before the beginning of the 1964 calendar year and total sales for the year were 32,450.

For 1966, Pontiac's GTO became a separate model line, rather than an optional performance

package, with unique grille and tail lights. Sales in 1966 increased to 96,946, the highest production figure for all GTO years.

The second generation of the GTO ran from 1968 to 1973. The GTO was redesigned for 1968 with more curvaceous, semi-fastback styling. The most significant event of 1969 for the GTO was the launch of a new model called the "Judge".

For the third generation, wanting to avoid internal completion with the Pontiac Gran AM and looking for entry into the compact muscle market, Pontiac moved the 1974 GTO option to the compact Pontiac Ventura.

In 2004, the fourth generation Pontiac GTO was relaunched in the U.S. in the form of a rebadged Holden Monaro assembled by GM's Australian subsidiary. Interest in this new model was weak and, by the end of the year, the 2004 vehicles were selling at significant discounts as only 13,000 sold. Sales for the 2005 and 2006 models were also disappointing and the last Pontiac GTO came off the assembly in Australia on June 14, 2006. Total production for all three years was 40,808 vehicles. Despite the lower than expected sales numbers and unenthusiastic response by the American public, the new-age GTO has become a

"sought after cult car," with many loyal owners.

CAR JOKE

A college student drove his ratty old car into the mechanic's shop, needing some repair advice for his jalopy. The mechanic looked at it and said, "What you really need is the radiator cap solution."

"Oh," said the student, "Do you mean the radiator cap isn't holding enough pressure?"

"That's part of the problem," the mechanic said. "You need to lift the radiator cap and drive another car under it. Then you can replace the radiator cap and that should solve your problem."

UPCOMING EVENT

The third annual Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival and Car Show, hosted by Tin Roof Shack Productions and the Citrus MOPARS car club, will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at Rock Crusher Canyon, 275 S. Rock Crusher Road, Crystal River. All years and makes of cars and trucks are welcome. For information, visit rockcrusher events.com or florida moparassociation.com.

Ken McNally is the car columnist for the Chronicle. Contact him at kenmcnally@tampabay.rr.com or 352-341-1165 for more information on any of the above events.

Spirit of Citrus Dancers ring in 2019

Why not start 2019 off on the right foot and join us on the dance floor for some social ballroom dancing? Make dancing a resolution you can keep!

The Spirit of Citrus Dancers, USA Dance Chapter 6072, is happy to announce that dance parties for 2019 will be held the first and third Saturdays of each month at the Kellner Auditorium in Beverly Hills.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our monthly Birthday Party Dance on Saturday, Jan. 5. As always, we'll serve birthday cake and have great dance music as we celebrate those dancers born in January. Bill Dimmitt

will give a complementary dance lesson and deejay this event.

Then on Saturday, Jan. 19 we will warm it up with a Hot Latin Night themed dance. Music for cha-cha, rumba, salsa, merengue, samba and mambo are sure to turn up the heat on any winter night.

Traditional ballroom favorites will also be played. Butch Phillips will teach a dance lesson and provide the music for your dancing pleasure.

We'll host another Birthday Dance on Saturday, Feb. 2, as we celebrate all dancers born in February. Birthday cake will be served and Bill Dimmitt will be the dance

instructor and our deejay for the evening.

Our annual Lady in Red dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16. Ladies are encouraged to wear their favorite red dress or just add a touch of red to their outfit. Men can wear red, too. There are sure to be confections to satisfy your sweet tooth. Butch Phillips will conduct the dance lesson and provide the dance music.

The doors open at 6:45 p.m. Admission is \$9 for non-members and \$6 for USA Dance members. A complimentary dance lesson starts at 7 p.m. with general dancing from 7:30 until 10. Ice and coffee are provided. Sodas and bottled water are

available for a small fee.

For information, call Lenore at 228-1688 or visit www.socdancer.org.

USA DANCE Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the National Governing Body for DanceSport in the United States and with 174 local chapters, represents both social and competitive dancers throughout the USA. USA Dance is the United States multi-sports member organization of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the World DanceSport Federation.

For information, visit www.usadance.org.

JoAnn Messina submits publicity for the Spirit of Citrus Dancers.



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Barbara and Jack Krejca have long served the Spirit of Citrus Dancers board, and have shown dedicated and tireless service to the chapter. The Krejcas are stepping down from the board of directors after many years of service.

Advance NOTICE

Play trivia at auditorium

Test your knowledge while enjoying socializing with friends at trivia Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Kellner Auditorium, 92 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills (behind Beth Shalom Synagogue Building).

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person. There will be light snacks, water and iced tea provided. BYOB. Prizes to first and second place teams will be a percentage of money taken in.

Form your own team (4 to 10 people). If you don't have a team, let us know when you make your reservation and we will help you create one.

For reservations (by Jan. 6) or information, contact Sherry Wilson at 352-270-3339, or email sherrywilson088@gmail.com.

Rotary to perform play

The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods will present "Love Letters" Saturday, Jan. 19, at the George Washington Carver Community Center, 555 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will start at 7 p.m.

The two-act play by A.R. Gurney will star Doc Weingarten and Sharon Farnsworth; both have been involved in community theater for more than 30 years.

"Love Letters" is the story of two people who have been friends from childhood, through college and careers. What started as thank you notes for a party, to letters over a lifetime is a poignant story told by words of the couple who never married but remained good friends.

Citrus Garden Club

Admission tickets are \$20 per person and include complimentary wine and water.

All proceeds benefit charities supported by the SMW Rotary Club Foundation.

For tickets, call 352-382-0032.

Citrus Garden Club to host Mah Jongg Party

The Citrus Garden Club will host a Mah Jongg Party on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club in Hernando. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:30 a.m.

Tournament play and luncheon cost is \$25 per person.

Bring one Mah Jongg set per table and each player must bring their 2018 NMJL card.

Proceeds from this event help

fund civic projects and youth scholarships.

For reservations and information, call Dee at 352-697-1846 or Patty McCoy at 352-527-4164.

WSW set January luncheon

Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) will host their monthly luncheon on Jan. 28, at Southern Woods Golf Club.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

Guest speaker Jeff Rundell will talk about butterflies.

Cost for members is \$20 and \$22 for non-members with payment due no later than Friday, Jan. 18. Checks may be delivered to the WSW mailboxes located by the new community building at the U.S. 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods (mailbox #2). Indicate your luncheon preference

with your check.

For information, call Carol Lawson at 503-6958.

Military Card Party supports charity

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Women's Club's annual "Military Card Party" will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the church's parish hall at 550 U.S. 41 South in Inverness.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Games will be played from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m.

The entrance fee of \$12 includes games, lunch buffet, dessert and door prizes. Funds raised will benefit the many charities the Catholic Women's Club supports.

For information or reservations, call Jeanne at 352-419-7249.

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Center for the Arts and the Cincinnati Conservatory, has won numerous competitions and has performed with orchestras in Chicago, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and Vero Beach.

"Richard and Julie deliver both, lightning fast barn-burners and beautiful ballads, occasionally spiced with gentle and witty vocals," the website says. In addition to Chet Atkins and Jerry Reed tunes, the couple's ever-growing and diverse repertoire ranges from Scott Joplin rags and Sousa marches to Chopin, Mozart, Django Reinhardt gypsy swing, various jazz standards and even a few fiddle tunes, not to mention some "intriguing

originals" and vocals spiced with wit.

"This is a show you won't want to miss," Thompson said.

Tickets for this and other acoustic performances are \$15 per person and include light refreshments, Thompson said. Tickets for upcoming jazz band concerts are \$25 each and include appetizers and a cash bar. All concerts are held in the second floor courtroom of the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum, at 1 Courthouse Square in Inverness on the third Thursday of each month, through April. Doors for all concerts open at 6 p.m. and the music starts promptly at 7.

Proceeds from the concert series go toward fulfilling the museum's mission of collecting and presenting the diverse cultural and natural

heritage of Citrus County and adjacent areas, Thompson said.

Even so, partnerships and sponsorships are always welcome and much needed.

For more information, call the Citrus Historical Society at 352-341-6428, or email citrushistorical society@gmail.com. Concert tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.cchistorical societyshop.com.

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A week later, on Thursday, Feb. 7, Dr. Steven Noll from the University of Florida will bring another

entertaining and educational program on manatees to the museum. Noll is a master lecturer in the history department at the University of Florida, where he received his PhD in 1991. Noll taught special education in the

public schools of Alachua County for 28 years before moving over full-time to UF in 2004. Noll has written extensively on general Florida history, as well as more specialized subjects ranging from Florida environmental policy, the

ill-fated Cross Florida Barge Canal and the disability rights movement of the 1970s.

Additionally, the Historical Society has received a Visit Florida Marketing Support Grant. This grant will allow staff to work

with Visit Florida on fine-tuning the museum's marketing.

Lastly, the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum is now part of the Florida Trail Passport Program and a Florida Trail Gateway Community site.

Inverness is now one of nine current communities in north and central Florida. This program works very much like the Florida or National Parks System Passport program. More information can be found at floridatrail.org/passport/.

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■ This year, Bayfront Health Seven Rivers begins the Grand Living Seminar Series starting with a presentation on Total Joint Replacement

from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Grand Living at Citrus Hills, 850 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Hernando. RSVP for this presentation by calling 352-795-1234 or at www.BayfrontSevenRivers.com.

■ We will round out the month with Hospice

Misconceptions presented by Vitas Hospice from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24.

Senior Circle at Bayfront Seven Rivers is a free membership program dedicated to making life after 50 more active, informed, fun and full of friends.

Educational and fun

events are featured monthly that support a healthy and active lifestyle.

Call 352-795-8400 to receive monthly event calendars via email or regular mail, or visit www.BayfrontSevenRivers.com for upcoming events.

Unless otherwise noted,

all presentations take place at Senior Circle just north of Bayfront Health Seven Rivers at 11537 W. Emerald Oaks Dr., Crystal River.

I hope you will join us for some of these terrific events and keep your eyes on the road! Our new traffic light at the main

entrance to the hospital is now operational.

Katie Lucas is the Senior Circle/volunteer adviser for Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center. For information, she may be reached at 352-795-8400 or Katie.lucas@sevenriversregional.com.

Around the COMMUNITY

Friday, January 4

BH Irish American Club meets

The Beverly Hills Irish American Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle Beverly Hills.

Guest speaker will be Terri Jones, Director of Parrot Educational & Resource Center & Habitat (PERCH). PERCH is a local 501(c)(3) that rescues exotic birds. Terri will bring some rescued birds.

There will be light refreshments of donuts, coffee or tea.

We will go over the January schedule of events. Those interested in attending the play on Feb. 17 should bring \$19 for a ticket.

Meetings are open to anyone who is of Irish descent or is interested in learning of Irish culture.

For information, contact Janet Berek at 616-648-1242 or janet.berek@yahoo.com.

Saturday, January 5

Shop at church flea market

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills will have its monthly outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, on the church property at 6 Roosevelt Blvd.

Shoppers are welcome. Commercial vendors and private individuals are welcome to bring and sell goods. Spaces are available for \$10 and should be reserved in advance. Coffee, sodas, doughnuts and hotdogs are available for breakfast and lunch.

For information or to reserve call Rose Mary at 352-527-6459 or email wjeselso@tampabay.rr.com.

Join the Colonial Dames

The Colonial Dames of 17th Century is a society dedicated to the preservation of records and historic sites, fostering aid in colonial research and aiding in the education of youth by providing scholarships.

Members are able to prove lineal descent of an ancestor who lived and served prior to 1701 in one of the original colonies of the United States of America.

The Dames meet quarterly for a business meeting and luncheon at 11 a.m. at the Stonecrest Country Club in Summerfield.

Meeting dates include Saturday, Jan. 5, March 2 and May 4.

For information, call President Beverly Gentry at 352-212-2363.

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 include:

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Homosassa Library at 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave. Call instructor Phillip Mulrain at 352-628-7633 to register for the class.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Brown Funeral Home, 5430 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto. Call Pat Hubbell at 352-586-2731 to register for the class. Bring a bag lunch.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills. Call 352-513-5566 to register for the class.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, and Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Senior Circle Center, 11537 W. Emerald Oaks Dr., Crystal River. Call Kevin Spiddle at 352-795-2102 to register for the class.

Monday, January 7

Learn to use Twitter for business

Social media has become an important factor in the success of small businesses. Effective use of social media platforms allows entrepreneurs to reach audiences that would otherwise be inaccessible through traditional marketing methods.

The Citrus County Library System wants to help growing businesses in the county by offering a class to inform the public about the most effective uses of Twitter.

Attendees will learn how to create a Twitter account for their business, schedule posts, understand analytics and find relevant hashtags for their industry.

This free class will be at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills. Register in advance by visiting citruslibraries.org or calling 352-746-6622.

Meet with NJ & Friends

Start the New Year with friends, both old and new, at the next meeting of the New Jersey & Friends Club. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the VFW Post 4252 on State Road 200 in Hernando.

CASA, the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association, will present an overview of their mission to help victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Charitable donations such as toiletries and basic personal needs will be most welcome.

For information on club activities, call Stella at 352-270-8427. For membership information, call Tony at 352-746-9455.

Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop donates to CASA



Special to the Chronicle

Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop volunteers Sandra Marraffino and Jan Salter recently presented a \$500 check to Carol Brown, volunteer coordinator of Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) to aid in their work providing safe space for spouses and children who must leave an abusive situation. CASA has a 32-bed facility which draws clients not just from Citrus County, but from the surrounding areas. They have recently set aside a room with four beds to be used exclusively for men who find themselves in need of assistance. Besides providing a confidential place of refuge, CASA conducts classes in financial and personal empowerment to help their clients begin a new life. For information, contact Ms Brown at carolb@casaf.org, or call CASA at 352-344-8111.

Watch 'Holiday Inn' at VITAS

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Monthly Movie Matinee feature is "Holiday Inn," starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Marjorie Reynolds. It will be presented at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7, at VITAS in Citrus at 3280 W. Audubon Park Path in Lecanto. Discussion follows the movie.

Monthly Movie Matinees are open to the public. For reservations, contact Jonathan Beard at 352-249-1470.

Tuesday, January 8

Genealogical Society meets

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto.

The speaker, Debbie Smyth, a professional genealogist, will present, "Indirectly Evident: Finding William's Parents." Challenges arise in identifying parental relationships when the time period lacks traditional birth and death records. Research is further complicated by early marriage records that did not name parents. This presentation will explore a case study using indirect evidence to arrive at a conclusion.

Guests are welcome. For information, call Mary Ann Machonkin at 382-5515 or go to www.citrusgenealogy.com.

Christian Women's luncheon

The public is invited to the Crystal River Christian Women's Club's luncheon at noon Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center on the Key Training Center campus.

Melinda Cusack of Cherokee Winds Farm will be featured with a display of Lula Fay's soaps and sample gifts. Susan Werther will provide the inspirational message.

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

NARFE meets

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 776 will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Mama's Kuntry Kafe, 1787 W. Main St., Inverness.

The social hour luncheon is at 12:30 p.m., followed by guest speaker at 1:30. The next speaker will be Victoria Conklin, Area Coordinator for the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Her topic will be "Medicare 101."

For information, visit www.NARFE.org or contact Joel Heath

at joel_heath@bellsouth.net or 352-522-1923.

Choose the right plant, right place

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is offering a free gardening workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Citrus County Extension Service building located at 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 garden's success.

To register, call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708.

Citrus Model Railroad Club meets

The Citrus Model Railroad Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the Horticulture building of the Citrus County Fairgrounds.

The purpose of the meeting is to have the yearly budget presented by the treasurer and ratified, and conduct other club business effecting club operations for the year. There is no other special program for this meeting.

Wednesday, January 9

Learn to cut the clutter

The holidays have come and gone and it is time to tackle the clutter that has been forming around the house these last few months.

Citrus Libraries invites the public to a free class by Home Instead Senior Care on how to organize yourself and your home at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Coastal Region Library.

Registration is required. To register, call 795-3716 or visit citruslibraries.org.

Lunch with Senior Friends for Life

Senior Friends for Life will meet for a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Oysters Restaurant, 606 N.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River.

Guest speaker will be Michael R. Holst, Citrus County Landfill Program Supervisor, Division of solid waste management and recycle.

For a reservation, call Ellen Jones at 352-489-9408 or Sybil Main at 352-344-8256.

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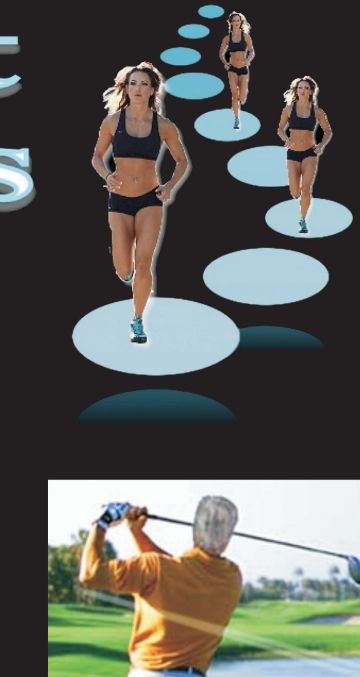
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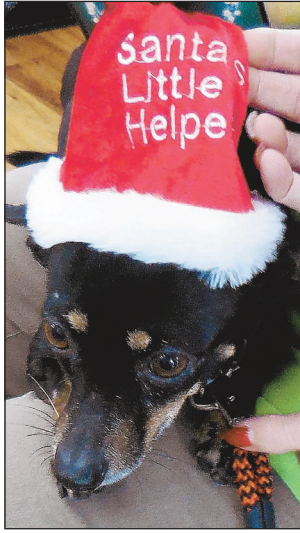


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Tyreese is a big boy who is well-behaved on a leash and is a dream to walk. He likes to lean on his person when walking. He's super friendly and loves people. His favorite toy is the ball on a rope. He runs and swings it at the same time. Tyreese is a 2-year-old Catahoula Leopard Dog mix. CCAS ID No. 39827093.



This pretty and charming Abyssinian mix is **Ashley**. She is 2-years-old, gentle, and gets along well with other cats. She has an almost identical brother named **Alex**, and they must go together. If you are interested in adopting **Ashley** and **Alex**, or any other cats at the Hardin Haven, call **Donna** at 352-422-5525. Several Haven cats will be on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, at the Pet Supermarket in Inverness. Stop by for a visit.



Fred is a nice brown and black tabby. He gets along well with other cats; he's sharing kennel space with his sister **Ethel**. This fellow is playful, but just a bit shy until he gets to know you. Come meet **Fred** and consider him for a place in your heart and your home. CCAS ID No. 39972008.



Ethel, a pretty black female with some white patches on her neck and chest, is just as friendly and sweet as can be. She's sharing a kennel with her brother **Fred**. Quite inquisitive and enjoying attention, **Ethel** is just a love. She is shy until she knows you, and will be a nice quiet companion. We know you'll fall in love with this sweet girl. CCAS ID No. 39972020.

Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View adoptable pets at citruscritters.com. Call 352-746-8400. Unless otherwise noted, all dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on vaccinations.

COMMUNITY

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Wednesday, January 9

Fragrant Garden seminars set

Take time to stop and smell the roses. The topic for this month's free UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension Service Master Gardener Plant Seminars is "The Fragrant Garden."

Aroma can be added to the garden by planting the trees, shrubs, and annuals that will be discussed. These plants add an aromatic dimension to gardening. The schedule for the January seminars is:

- At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills.
 - At 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.
 - At 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness.
 - At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Citrus Springs Library.
 - At 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Homosassa Library.
- Master Gardener volunteers will be available to discuss this topic, answer questions, identify plant problems and offer solutions to your gardening experience. For information, call 352-527-5700.

Learn Microsoft Excel

Citrus Libraries invites those interested in learning the basics of Microsoft Excel to a free class at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Homosassa branch.

Attendees will learn how to use the ribbon, enter data into cells, perform simple equations and graph their results. A basic working knowledge of the keyboard, mouse, and Windows operating system is required.

Register by calling 352-628-5626.

Wisconsin Social Club meets

The Wisconsin Social Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Crystal Point Clubhouse located at 7820 Summertime St., Crystal River.

The club has been in existence for over 20 years and allows residents and snowbirds to gather once a month from November to April. Conversations, games and socialization are the main goals of this group. All are welcome.

For more information, call Joyce McMullen at 352-860-1292.

Thursday, January 10

Annual 'Trash and Treasure Sale'

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness will host its annual "Trash and Treasure Sale" from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 10 and 11, and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 12.

Hundreds of items, including furniture, clothing, electronics, sporting goods, small kitchen appliances, dishes, glassware, decorations and more, will be on sale. All proceeds from the sale, as well as any unsold items, will be donated to charitable organizations.

The church is at 206 Washington Ave., Inverness.

Learn about volunteering

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Nature Coast Volunteer Center will host a forum for people to link-up with local volunteer opportunities from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Citrus County Resource Center in the Cafe, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.

This is an opportunity to meet with staff and volunteer managers, and learn about their programs. RSVP and the Nature Coast Volunteer Center are the engines through which over 60 local organizations connect hundreds of volunteers to meaningful service opportunities.

For information, or to reserve your seat, call 352-527-5959.

Beverly Hills Shuffleboard

The January business meeting of the Beverly Hills Shuffleboard Club will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct., Lecanto.

Members meet for social play at the courts on Civic Circle. Anyone interested in learning the game is encouraged to call 352-566-6462 for information. Come enjoy a free lesson; no experience is necessary.

Friday, January 11

Plam at the library

The Citrus County Library System invites those interested in helping the homeless, while also recycling plastics to come to a presentation from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 11, at the Lakes Region branch.

Barbara Cooper, who leads a group of specialized crochet enthusiasts known as "plamers," will explain and demonstrate how her group converts common discarded plastic bags into plastic yarn, which they use to create durable sleeping mats for the homeless.

For information, call 352-746-2357.

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**SENIOR
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Senior Circle to host fall prevention workshop

Have you ever almost fallen, or actually gone down? It's not fun, plus it's a little scary.

Now, think about how you felt. Hopefully only a little embarrassed and bruised.

Did it ever keep you from leaving the house because you were afraid you might fall? Probably not, but many seniors are, and quite often choose to stay home because of that fear. They become isolated and with no social interaction and very little movement. They become weak, less independent and possibly wind up at a skilled nursing facility because they just gave up.

Not all falls can be prevented, but most of them can. Join me for the January Balance and Fall Prevention 4-week workshop starting at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7. There will be plenty of room, plenty of fun and lots of laughter.

Here's what is coming up at Senior Circle in January:

■ We are hosting a Vitas Hospice Open House at Senior Circle from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7. Come meet the new Citrus County Vitas Hospice team, enjoy appetizers and door prizes.

■ From 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 9, a representative of Sleep Solutions will present information on the usage of CPAPs, BiPAPs and more.

■ AARP will have a safe driving course from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, and Wednesday, Jan. 16. This course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Call 352-795-2102 to register or for more information.

■ Are you dealing with too much stuff in your home or garage? If so, join us from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, and learn how to best clear the clutter.

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News from the museum

\$5,000 of awarded funds to support Coffee and Conversation

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Historical Society and the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum are pleased to announce that they are being awarded funds of \$5,000 by the Florida Humanities Council through

a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

This funding will allow for the continuance of the Coffee and Conversation Speakers Series programming at the Museum from January through April 2019.

In addition, a new traveling exhibition titled "Manatee Mania" will open from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, as a result of funding from the same grant.

Dr. James "Buddy" Powell, founder and Executive Director of the

Sea to Shore Alliance, will present the first program of the season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31.

Powell has spent his 40 year career studying and working to conserve manatees around the world. Powell began his love for marine mammals

in Citrus County while working with Daniel "Woodie" Hartman and Jacques Cousteau in the late 1960s and early 1970s in Crystal River. Hartman first came to Crystal River in 1969 from Cornell University to work on his dissertation thesis, the first comprehensive study of manatees at that time.

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Guitar and cello



Special to the Chronicle

Richard Smith and Julie Adams will perform Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in Inverness.

Richard Smith, Julie Adams to perform at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum

SHARON ANDERSON
For the Chronicle

Folks will be in for some quick-n-fancy guitar licks, all the emotional depth of an accompanying cello and more than a few pleasant surprises in the third of six performances comprising the 2018-19 Concert Series at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in Inverness.

Husband and wife musicians Richard Smith and Julie Adams will perform on Thursday evening, Jan. 17. Smith is a world-renowned finger-style guitarist and Adams is a versatile cellist, said Kathy Turner Thompson, manager of the Citrus County Historical Resources Office. The duo played at the museum a few years ago and were well received, she said.

"The combination of Richard's fretboard fireworks and Julie's warm

tone and lyrical style will melt your heartstrings, have your toes tapping and your jaws hanging open," their website promises.

To what can their sound be compared?

"Can you imagine a full orchestra playing in your living room?" asks their website, at www.richardsmithmusic.com/duo. This unique duo tackles "everything from Bach to the Beatles, and barnburners to ballads with passion akin to two lovers flirting in a symphony hall."

Smith began playing guitar at age 5 and soon focused on mastering the fingerstyle guitar methods of Chet Atkins and Jerry Reed.

Adams is considered "one of the most diverse cellists on the music scene today," touts the website. Raised in Dayton, Ohio, Adams was classically trained at Interlochen

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WHAT'S UP NEXT?

Following the Smith-Adams performance, three concerts remain in the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum's 2018-19 series:

■ **Feb. 21** — Southern Exposure offers an evening of entertainment with Norman Bernard and Nelson Dellamaggiore, who return to the museum with vocalists Kim Evans and Eddie Lawrence, to perform smooth jazz tunes guaranteed to put love in the air.

■ **March 21** — Rusty and the Music Makers present a moving performance of jazz and dance favorites. Rusty, a trumpeter and performer for over 30 years, and his talented group bring to life the soulful voice of Diana Ross and the powerful sound of Tina Turner guaranteed to get feet tapping and hands clapping.

■ **April 18** — Mindy Simmons and her jazz trio perform a Peggy Lee tribute that will not disappoint. Simmons is known for her Florida acoustical songs, but few have heard her impress with the jazzy sounds of Peggy Lee. Trio members Ed Kinder, Mike Snyder and Peter Bonagiano also perform as Simmons takes the audience on a trip down memory lane.

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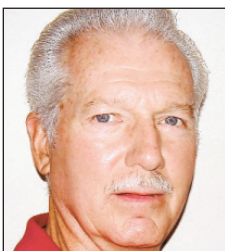
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Pontiac GTO introduces muscle trends

One of the muscle car classics from the 1960s and 1970s era is the Pontiac GTO (sometimes referred to as the "goat").

Although there were earlier muscle cars, the Pontiac GTO is considered by some to have started the trend of all four domestic automakers offering a variety of competing models.

The GTO (Italian abbreviation for Gran Turismo Omologato) was available from 1964 through 1974.



Ken McNally
CAR CORNER

Pontiac tried to revive the GTO on models from 2004 to 2006, but the design was not retro enough to appeal to the real GTO enthusiasts.

The GTO first generation ran from 1964 to 1967. The GTO package sold on more than 10,000 vehicles before the beginning of the 1964 calendar year and total sales for the year were 32,450.

For 1966, Pontiac's GTO became a separate model line, rather than an optional performance

package, with unique grille and tail lights. Sales in 1966 increased to 96,946, the highest production figure for all GTO years.

The second generation of the GTO ran from 1968 to 1973. The GTO was redesigned for 1968 with more curvaceous, semi-fastback styling. The most significant event of 1969 for the GTO was the launch of a new model called the "Judge".

For the third generation, wanting to avoid internal completion with the Pontiac Gran AM and looking for entry into the compact muscle market, Pontiac moved the 1974 GTO option to the compact Pontiac Ventura.

In 2004, the fourth generation Pontiac GTO was relaunched in the U.S. in the form of a rebadged Holden Monaro assembled by GM's Australian subsidiary. Interest in this new model was weak and, by the end of the year, the 2004 vehicles were selling at significant discounts as only 13,000 sold. Sales for the 2005 and 2006 models were also disappointing and the last Pontiac GTO came off the assembly in Australia on June 14, 2006. Total production for all three years was 40,808 vehicles. Despite the lower than expected sales numbers and unenthusiastic response by the American public, the new-age GTO has become a

"sought after cult car," with many loyal owners.

CAR JOKE

A college student drove his ratty old car into the mechanic's shop, needing some repair advice for his jalopy. The mechanic looked at it and said, "What you really need is the radiator cap solution."

"Oh," said the student, "Do you mean the radiator cap isn't holding enough pressure?"

"That's part of the problem," the mechanic said. "You need to lift the radiator cap and drive another car under it. Then you can replace the radiator cap and that should solve your problem."

UPCOMING EVENT

The third annual Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival and Car Show, hosted by Tin Roof Shack Productions and the Citrus MOPARS car club, will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at Rock Crusher Canyon, 275 S. Rock Crusher Road, Crystal River. All years and makes of cars and trucks are welcome. For information, visit rockcrusher events.com or florida moparassociation.com.

Ken McNally is the car columnist for the Chronicle. Contact him at kenmcnally@tampabay.rr.com or 352-341-1165 for more information on any of the above events.

Spirit of Citrus Dancers ring in 2019

Why not start 2019 off on the right foot and join us on the dance floor for some social ballroom dancing? Make dancing a resolution you can keep!

The Spirit of Citrus Dancers, USA Dance Chapter 6072, is happy to announce that dance parties for 2019 will be held the first and third Saturdays of each month at the Kellner Auditorium in Beverly Hills.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our monthly Birthday Party Dance on Saturday, Jan. 5. As always, we'll serve birthday cake and have great dance music as we celebrate those dancers born in January. Bill Dimmitt

will give a complementary dance lesson and deejay this event.

Then on Saturday, Jan. 19 we will warm it up with a Hot Latin Night themed dance. Music for cha-cha, rumba, salsa, merengue, samba and mambo are sure to turn up the heat on any winter night.

Traditional ballroom favorites will also be played. Butch Phillips will teach a dance lesson and provide the music for your dancing pleasure.

We'll host another Birthday Dance on Saturday, Feb. 2, as we celebrate all dancers born in February. Birthday cake will be served and Bill Dimmitt will be the dance

instructor and our deejay for the evening.

Our annual Lady in Red dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16. Ladies are encouraged to wear their favorite red dress or just add a touch of red to their outfit. Men can wear red, too. There are sure to be confections to satisfy your sweet tooth. Butch Phillips will conduct the dance lesson and provide the dance music.

The doors open at 6:45 p.m. Admission is \$9 for non-members and \$6 for USA Dance members. A complimentary dance lesson starts at 7 p.m. with general dancing from 7:30 until 10. Ice and coffee are provided. Sodas and bottled water are

available for a small fee.

For information, call Lenore at 228-1688 or visit www.socdancer.org.

USA DANCE Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the National Governing Body for DanceSport in the United States and with 174 local chapters, represents both social and competitive dancers throughout the USA. USA Dance is the United States multi-sports member organization of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the World DanceSport Federation.

For information, visit www.usadance.org.

JoAnn Messina submits publicity for the Spirit of Citrus Dancers.



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Barbara and Jack Krejca have long served the Spirit of Citrus Dancers board, and have shown dedicated and tireless service to the chapter. The Krejcas are stepping down from the board of directors after many years of service.

Advance NOTICE

Play trivia at auditorium

Test your knowledge while enjoying socializing with friends at trivia Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Kellner Auditorium, 92 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills (behind Beth Shalom Synagogue Building).

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person. There will be light snacks, water and iced tea provided. BYOB. Prizes to first and second place teams will be a percentage of money taken in.

Form your own team (4 to 10 people). If you don't have a team, let us know when you make your reservation and we will help you create one.

For reservations (by Jan. 6) or information, contact Sherry Wilson at 352-270-3339, or email sherrywilson088@gmail.com.

Rotary to perform play

The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods will present "Love Letters" Saturday, Jan. 19, at the George Washington Carver Community Center, 555 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will start at 7 p.m.

The two-act play by A.R. Gurney will star Doc Weingarten and Sharon Farnsworth; both have been involved in community theater for more than 30 years.

"Love Letters" is the story of two people who have been friends from childhood, through college and careers. What started as thank you notes for a party, to letters over a lifetime is a poignant story told by words of the couple who never married but remained good friends.

Citrus Garden Club

Admission tickets are \$20 per person and include complimentary wine and water.

All proceeds benefit charities supported by the SMW Rotary Club Foundation.

For tickets, call 352-382-0032.

Citrus Garden Club to host Mah Jongg Party

The Citrus Garden Club will host a Mah Jongg Party on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club in Hernando. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:30 a.m.

Tournament play and luncheon cost is \$25 per person.

Bring one Mah Jongg set per table and each player must bring their 2018 NMJL card.

Proceeds from this event help

fund civic projects and youth scholarships.

For reservations and information, call Dee at 352-697-1846 or Patty McCoy at 352-527-4164.

WSW set January luncheon

Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) will host their monthly luncheon on Jan. 28, at Southern Woods Golf Club.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

Guest speaker Jeff Rundell will talk about butterflies.

Cost for members is \$20 and \$22 for non-members with payment due no later than Friday, Jan. 18. Checks may be delivered to the WSW mailboxes located by the new community building at the U.S. 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods (mailbox #2). Indicate your luncheon preference

with your check.

For information, call Carol Lawson at 503-6958.

Military Card Party supports charity

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Women's Club's annual "Military Card Party" will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the church's parish hall at 550 U.S. 41 South in Inverness.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Games will be played from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m.

The entrance fee of \$12 includes games, lunch buffet, dessert and door prizes. Funds raised will benefit the many charities the Catholic Women's Club supports.

For information or reservations, call Jeanne at 352-419-7249.

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Center for the Arts and the Cincinnati Conservatory, has won numerous competitions and has performed with orchestras in Chicago, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and Vero Beach.

"Richard and Julie deliver both, lightning fast barn-burners and beautiful ballads, occasionally spiced with gentle and witty vocals," the website says. In addition to Chet Atkins and Jerry Reed tunes, the couple's ever-growing and diverse repertoire ranges from Scott Joplin rags and Sousa marches to Chopin, Mozart, Django Reinhardt gypsy swing, various jazz standards and even a few fiddle tunes, not to mention some "intriguing

originals" and vocals spiced with wit.

"This is a show you won't want to miss," Thompson said.

Tickets for this and other acoustic performances are \$15 per person and include light refreshments, Thompson said. Tickets for upcoming jazz band concerts are \$25 each and include appetizers and a cash bar. All concerts are held in the second floor courtroom of the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum, at 1 Courthouse Square in Inverness on the third Thursday of each month, through April. Doors for all concerts open at 6 p.m. and the music starts promptly at 7.

Proceeds from the concert series go toward fulfilling the museum's mission of collecting and presenting the diverse cultural and natural

heritage of Citrus County and adjacent areas, Thompson said.

Even so, partnerships and sponsorships are always welcome and much needed.

For more information, call the Citrus Historical Society at 352-341-6428, or email citrushistorical.society@gmail.com. Concert tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.cchistorical.societyshop.com.

Husband and wife musicians Richard Smith and Julie Adams. Smith is a world-renowned finger-style guitarist and Adams is a versatile cellist, said Kathy Turner Thompson, manager of the Citrus County Historical Resources Office. The duo played at the museum a few years ago and were well received, she said.

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A week later, on Thursday, Feb. 7, Dr. Steven Noll from the University of Florida will bring another

entertaining and educational program on manatees to the museum. Noll is a master lecturer in the history department at the University of Florida, where he received his PhD in 1991. Noll taught special education in the

public schools of Alachua County for 28 years before moving over full-time to UF in 2004. Noll has written extensively on general Florida history, as well as more specialized subjects ranging from Florida environmental policy, the

ill-fated Cross Florida Barge Canal and the disability rights movement of the 1970s.

Additionally, the Historical Society has received a Visit Florida Marketing Support Grant. This grant will allow staff to work

with Visit Florida on fine-tuning the museum's marketing.

Lastly, the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum is now part of the Florida Trail Passport Program and a Florida Trail Gateway Community site.

Inverness is now one of nine current communities in north and central Florida. This program works very much like the Florida or National Parks System Passport program. More information can be found at floridatrail.org/passport/.

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■ This year, Bayfront Health Seven Rivers begins the Grand Living Seminar Series starting with a presentation on Total Joint Replacement

from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Grand Living at Citrus Hills, 850 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Hernando. RSVP for this presentation by calling 352-795-1234 or at www.BayfrontSevenRivers.com.

■ We will round out the month with Hospice

Misconceptions presented by Vitas Hospice from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24.

Senior Circle at Bayfront Seven Rivers is a free membership program dedicated to making life after 50 more active, informed, fun and full of friends.

Educational and fun

events are featured monthly that support a healthy and active lifestyle.

Call 352-795-8400 to receive monthly event calendars via email or regular mail, or visit www.BayfrontSevenRivers.com for upcoming events.

Unless otherwise noted,

all presentations take place at Senior Circle just north of Bayfront Health Seven Rivers at 11537 W. Emerald Oaks Dr., Crystal River.

I hope you will join us for some of these terrific events and keep your eyes on the road! Our new traffic light at the main

entrance to the hospital is now operational.

Katie Lucas is the Senior Circle/volunteer adviser for Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center. For information, she may be reached at 352-795-8400 or katie.lucas@sevenriversregional.com.

Around the COMMUNITY

Friday, January 4

BH Irish American Club meets

The Beverly Hills Irish American Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle Beverly Hills.

Guest speaker will be Terri Jones, Director of Parrot Educational & Resource Center & Habitat (PERCH). PERCH is a local 501(c)(3) that rescues exotic birds. Terri will bring some rescued birds.

There will be light refreshments of donuts, coffee or tea.

We will go over the January schedule of events. Those interested in attending the play on Feb. 17 should bring \$19 for a ticket.

Meetings are open to anyone who is of Irish descent or is interested in learning of Irish culture.

For information, contact Janet Berek at 616-648-1242 or janet.berek@yahoo.com.

Saturday, January 5

Shop at church flea market

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills will have its monthly outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, on the church property at 6 Roosevelt Blvd.

Shoppers are welcome. Commercial vendors and private individuals are welcome to bring and sell goods. Spaces are available for \$10 and should be reserved in advance. Coffee, sodas, doughnuts and hotdogs are available for breakfast and lunch.

For information or to reserve call Rose Mary at 352-527-6459 or email wjeselso@tampabay.rr.com.

Join the Colonial Dames

The Colonial Dames of 17th Century is a society dedicated to the preservation of records and historic sites, fostering aid in colonial research and aiding in the education of youth by providing scholarships.

Members are able to prove lineal descent of an ancestor who lived and served prior to 1701 in one of the original colonies of the United States of America.

The Dames meet quarterly for a business meeting and luncheon at 11 a.m. at the Stonecrest Country Club in Summerfield.

Meeting dates include Saturday, Jan. 5, March 2 and May 4.

For information, call President Beverly Gentry at 352-212-2363.

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 include:

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Homosassa Library at 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave. Call instructor Phillip Mulrain at 352-628-7633 to register for the class.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Brown Funeral Home, 5430 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto. Call Pat Hubbell at 352-586-2731 to register for the class. Bring a bag lunch.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills. Call 352-513-5566 to register for the class.

■ An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, and Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Senior Circle Center, 11537 W. Emerald Oaks Dr., Crystal River. Call Kevin Spiddle at 352-795-2102 to register for the class.

Monday, January 7

Learn to use Twitter for business

Social media has become an important factor in the success of small businesses. Effective use of social media platforms allows entrepreneurs to reach audiences that would otherwise be inaccessible through traditional marketing methods.

The Citrus County Library System wants to help growing businesses in the county by offering a class to inform the public about the most effective uses of Twitter.

Attendees will learn how to create a Twitter account for their business, schedule posts, understand analytics and find relevant hashtags for their industry.

This free class will be at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills. Register in advance by visiting citruslibraries.org or calling 352-746-6622.

Meet with NJ & Friends

Start the New Year with friends, both old and new, at the next meeting of the New Jersey & Friends Club. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the VFW Post 4252 on State Road 200 in Hernando.

CASA, the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association, will present an overview of their mission to help victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Charitable donations such as toiletries and basic personal needs will be most welcome.

For information on club activities, call Stella at 352-270-8427. For membership information, call Tony at 352-746-9455.

Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop donates to CASA



Special to the Chronicle

Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop volunteers Sandra Marraffino and Jan Salter recently presented a \$500 check to Carol Brown, volunteer coordinator of Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) to aid in their work providing safe space for spouses and children who must leave an abusive situation. CASA has a 32-bed facility which draws clients not just from Citrus County, but from the surrounding areas. They have recently set aside a room with four beds to be used exclusively for men who find themselves in need of assistance. Besides providing a confidential place of refuge, CASA conducts classes in financial and personal empowerment to help their clients begin a new life. For information, contact Ms Brown at carolb@casaf.org, or call CASA at 352-344-8111.

Watch 'Holiday Inn' at VITAS

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Monthly Movie Matinee feature is "Holiday Inn," starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Marjorie Reynolds. It will be presented at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7, at VITAS in Citrus at 3280 W. Audubon Park Path in Lecanto. Discussion follows the movie.

Monthly Movie Matinees are open to the public. For reservations, contact Jonathan Beard at 352-249-1470.

Tuesday, January 8

Genealogical Society meets

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto.

The speaker, Debbie Smyth, a professional genealogist, will present, "Indirectly Evident: Finding William's Parents." Challenges arise in identifying parental relationships when the time period lacks traditional birth and death records. Research is further complicated by early marriage records that did not name parents. This presentation will explore a case study using indirect evidence to arrive at a conclusion.

Guests are welcome. For information, call Mary Ann Machonkin at 382-5515 or go to www.citrusgenealogy.com.

Christian Women's luncheon

The public is invited to the Crystal River Christian Women's Club's luncheon at noon Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center on the Key Training Center campus.

Melinda Cusack of Cherokee Winds Farm will be featured with a display of Lula Fay's soaps and sample gifts. Susan Werther will provide the inspirational message.

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

NARFE meets

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 776 will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Mama's Kuntry Kafe, 1787 W. Main St., Inverness.

The social hour luncheon is at 12:30 p.m., followed by guest speaker at 1:30. The next speaker will be Victoria Conklin, Area Coordinator for the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Her topic will be "Medicare 101."

For information, visit www.NARFE.org or contact Joel Heath

at joel_heath@bellsouth.net or 352-522-1923.

Choose the right plant, right place

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is offering a free gardening workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Citrus County Extension Service building located at 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 garden's success.

To register, call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708.

Citrus Model Railroad Club meets

The Citrus Model Railroad Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the Horticulture building of the Citrus County Fairgrounds.

The purpose of the meeting is to have the yearly budget presented by the treasurer and ratified, and conduct other club business effecting club operations for the year. There is no other special program for this meeting.

Wednesday, January 9

Learn to cut the clutter

The holidays have come and gone and it is time to tackle the clutter that has been forming around the house these last few months.

Citrus Libraries invites the public to a free class by Home Instead Senior Care on how to organize yourself and your home at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Coastal Region Library.

Registration is required. To register, call 795-3716 or visit citruslibraries.org.

Lunch with Senior Friends for Life

Senior Friends for Life will meet for a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Oysters Restaurant, 606 N.E. U.S. 19, Crystal River.

Guest speaker will be Michael R. Holst, Citrus County Landfill Program Supervisor, Division of solid waste management and recycle.

For a reservation, call Ellen Jones at 352-489-9408 or Sybil Main at 352-344-8256.

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Nature Coast Volunteer Center

Opportunity Links

The Nature Coast Volunteer Center invites Volunteers to enjoy some refreshments and find a volunteer opportunity with an NCVV/RSVP Volunteer Organization

January 10, 2019 • 2 - 3:30pm

Café at the Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto

For more information please call 352-527-5959

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This pretty and charming Abyssinian mix is **Ashley**. She is 2-years-old, gentle, and gets along well with other cats. She has an almost identical brother named **Alex**, and they must go together. If you are interested in adopting **Ashley** and **Alex**, or any other cats at the **Hardin Haven**, call **Donna** at 352-422-5525. Several **Haven** cats will be on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, at the **Pet Supermarket** in **Inverness**. Stop by for a visit.



Fred is a nice brown and black tabby. He gets along well with other cats; he's sharing kennel space with his sister **Ethel**. This fellow is playful, but just a bit shy until he gets to know you. Come meet **Fred** and consider him for a place in your heart and your home. CCAS ID No. 39972008.



Ethel, a pretty black female with some white patches on her neck and chest, is just as friendly and sweet as can be. She's sharing a kennel with her brother **Fred**. Quite inquisitive and enjoying attention, **Ethel** is just a love. She is shy until she knows you, and will be a nice quiet companion. We know you'll fall in love with this sweet girl. CCAS ID No. 39972020.

Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View adoptable pets at citruscritters.com. Call 352-746-8400. Unless otherwise noted, all dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on vaccinations.

COMMUNITY

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Wednesday, January 9

Fragrant Garden seminars set

Take time to stop and smell the roses. The topic for this month's free UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension Service Master Gardener Plant Seminars is "The Fragrant Garden."

Aroma can be added to the garden by planting the trees, shrubs, and annuals that will be discussed. These plants add an aromatic dimension to gardening. The schedule for the January seminars is:

- At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills.

- At 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.

- At 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness.

- At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Citrus Springs Library.

- At 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Homosassa Library.

Master Gardener volunteers will be available to discuss this topic, answer questions, identify plant problems and offer solutions to your gardening experience. For information, call 352-527-5700.

Learn Microsoft Excel

Citrus Libraries invites those interested in learning the basics of Microsoft Excel to a free class at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Homosassa branch.

Attendees will learn how to use the ribbon, enter data into cells, perform simple equations and graph their results. A basic working knowledge of the keyboard, mouse, and Windows operating system is required.

Register by calling 352-628-5626.

Wisconsin Social Club meets

The Wisconsin Social Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Crystal Point Clubhouse located at 7820 Summertree St., Crystal River.

The club has been in existence for over 20 years and allows residents and snowbirds to gather once a month from November to April. Conversations, games and socialization are the main goals of this group. All are welcome.

For more information, call Joyce McMullen at 352-860-1292.

Thursday, January 10

Annual 'Trash and Treasure Sale'

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness will host its annual "Trash and Treasure Sale" from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 10 and 11, and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 12.

Hundreds of items, including furniture, clothing, electronics, sporting goods, small kitchen appliances, dishes, glassware, decorations and more, will be on sale. All proceeds from the sale, as well as any unsold items, will be donated to charitable organizations.

The church is at 206 Washington Ave., Inverness.

Learn about volunteering

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Nature Coast Volunteer Center will host a forum for people to link-up with local volunteer opportunities from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Citrus County Resource Center in the Cafe, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.

This is an opportunity to meet with staff and volunteer managers, and learn about their programs. RSVP and the Nature Coast Volunteer Center are the engines through which over 60 local organizations connect hundreds of volunteers to meaningful service opportunities.

For information, or to reserve your seat, call 352-527-5959.

Beverly Hills Shuffleboard

The January business meeting of the Beverly Hills Shuffleboard Club will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct., Lecanto.

Members meet for social play at the courts on Civic Circle. Anyone interested in learning the game is encouraged to call 352-566-6462 for information. Come enjoy a free lesson; no experience is necessary.

Friday, January 11

Plarn at the library

The Citrus County Library System invites those interested in helping the homeless, while also recycling plastics to come to a presentation from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 11, at the Lakes Region branch.

Barbara Cooper, who leads a group of specialized crocheter enthusiasts known as "plarners," will explain and demonstrate how her group converts common discarded plastic bags into plastic yarn, which they use to create durable sleeping mats for the homeless.

For information, call 352-746-2357.

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Marion County: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 9:30am, Juliette Falls Clubhouse, 6933 SW 179th Ave. Rd., Dunnellon

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