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#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Man found dead at storage unit identified

Authorities on Monday released the identity of the person who was found dead near a Crystal River-area storage unit.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office investigators on Feb. 14 discovered the body of 67-year-old David Painter Crissman, of Crystal River, at the storage facility on the 900 block of North Suncoast Boulevard, according to agency spokeswoman Brittney Carman on Monday.

Carman said sheriff's detectives are still awaiting for the medical examiner's office to determine the cause of Crissman's death, which police believe isn't suspicious in nature.

#### **Mobile food** pantry available today in Ozello

We Care mobile pantry will be at the Ozello Fire Station at 14300 W. Ozello Trail, from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. First come, first served. No identification required.

#### Fish for snook, gray triggerfish beginning March

Recreational seasons for snook and gray triggerfish will reopen March 1 in state and federal waters within the Gulf of Mexico, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Due to impacts from red tide, snook remains a catch-and-release species only through May 10 in Gulf state waters from the county line of Pasco/ Hernando to Gordon Pass in Collier County.

Those fishing for gray triggerfish from a private recreational vessel except for those offshore of Monroe County must sign up as a "Gulf Reef Fish Angler," which also requires an annual renewal, according to FWC.

To sign up, visit tinyurl. com/y9lg98x4; and for more information, visit, tinyurl.com/y5jlz9cd.

To learn more about snook regulations, visit tinyurl.com/y4cyf3r3; for gray triggerfish rules, visit tinyurl.com/y5pwz926.

#### **US Marshals** cellphone app targets fugitives

Tipsters can now use a cellphone app to report fugitives and other lawbreakers to police.

The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) recently launched a mobile and web-based app that allows civilians to anonymously submit information to help authorities track down wanted suspects.

USMS Tips works on Apple and Android devices, and can be downloaded from the Apple store or the Google Play store. It can also be installed from www.us marshals.gov/tips.

USMS Tips can also be used to help turn in noncompliant sex offenders and people who threaten the federal judicial system.

# Dems take aim at Himmel

### State party leaders accuse school superintendent of spreading misinformation

MIKE WRIGHT Staff writer

Sandra "Sam" Himmel's decision to switch political affiliations has not gone unnoticed by the team being spurned.

The Florida Democratic Party, in a letter to the Chronicle (on Page A 10) signed by party spokeswoman Caroline Rowland, takes exception to Himmel's stated reason last week for changing her party affiliation from Democrat to Republican.

Himmel, whose decision leaves Citrus County for the first time without a Democrat in a partisan elected position, said the "tipping point" was abortion — particularly trimester abortions under certain circumstances advocated by New York state

and the Virginia governor.

Florida Democrats said that reasoning shows Himmel's lack of understanding about the issue.

'The Democratic Party is NOT pushing late-term abortion and never has," Rowland wrote. "In a time when misinformation travels swiftly. when we count on educators to teach students the importance of facts and checking

the credibility of sources, that a superintendent of schools would take part in spreading misinformation about such a sensitive subject purely for political gain is 'crossing the

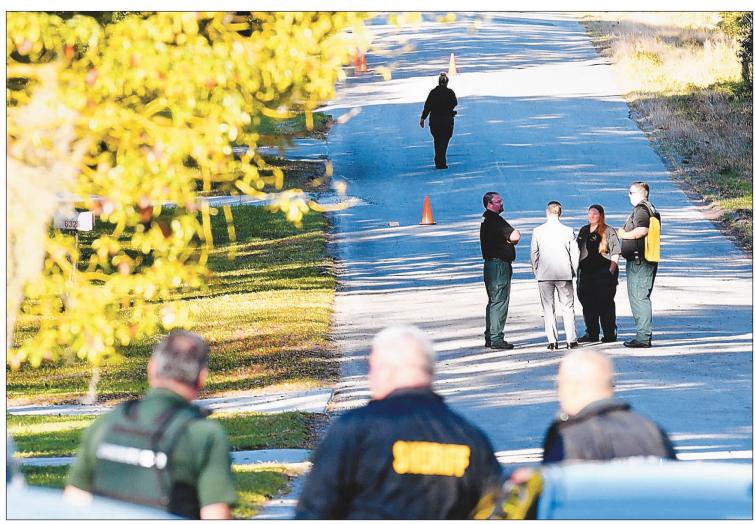
Himmel said she based her decision on New York law, signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Jan. 23, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, that See HIMMEL/Page A7



spokeswoman.



# Man beaten in early morning robbery



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Citrus County Sheriff's Office investigators, deputies and forensic technicians work along West Arter Street in Crystal River on Monday morning, collecting and recording physical evidence on the road.

## Police seeking suspect

**BUSTER THOMPSON** Staff writer

Police blocked a portion of a Crystal River-area roadway Monday to investigate a robbery that seriously injured a man earlier that morning.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies closed off West Arter Street — from North Rock Crusher Road to North Gulf Avenue — where a man mugged the victim for his money, according to sheriff's spokeswoman Brittney Carman.

Carman said the robber hit the victim over the head between 3:30 and 3:45 a.m. on Arter Street with an unknown object before running away. The suspect is described as a black male.

Anyone with information about the incident or the suspect are being asked to contact the sheriff's Major Crimes Unit at 352-726-1121.

Tipsters can also remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 1-888-269-8477.

Responders transported the wounded man to a hospital with traumatic non-life-threatening injuries, Carman said.

Detectives could not confirm what kind of weapon was used as the injured man

does not remember, Carman said. Sheriff's forensic units were seen marking and photographing a trail of evidence, which Carman confirmed to be blood markings from the victim, near the corner of Arter Street and Gulf Avenue.

A bloodhound and K9 deputy were also searching the vicinity.

More information will be released once

it's made available. Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916 or bthompson@ chronicleonline.com.

From left are First Presbyterian Church **Deacon Sandra** Olson; Doti Wagner, director of Women and Baby Center; and the Rev. Ron Pfeifer, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Inverness. Special to the Chronicle



# Local church helps CMH outfit infants in need

**NANCY KENNEDY** 

Staff writer

At every deacons' committee meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Inverness, when it was Sandy Olson's turn to give a report, everyone around the table laughed.

Her committee welcomes the births of new babies born to congregation members, but with an older population, few, if any, are

having babies.

"Then I learned that between 450 and 500 babies are born each year at Citrus Memorial Hospital and thought that we could honor those babies," Olson said.

Her initial idea was to give new babies socks or something of that nature as a gift from the church.

But when she called Penny Zaphel, CMH manager of volunteer services, she learned of a

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# CCSO wants help finding suspected vehicle burglar

**BUSTER THOMPSON** Staff writer

Citrus County Sheriff's Office investigators have released photos of a man they believe broke into numerous vehicles near Inverness, and are asking for the public's help in identifying him.

Sheriff's detectives are looking for a white man with dark facial hair and unknown tattoos down both his arms, according to the agency.

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vice. Please volunteers for its Telephone Reassurance Program where volunteers call seniors who are alone or who have no relatives in the Beverly Hills area to see if they are OK seven days a week. Skillbank also drives seniors to doctor appointments, hairdressers, barbers, banks and grocery stores, and they help with light maintenance. Call 352-746-5001.

> ■ Cinderella's Closet is looking for volunteers for tries is in need of voluncessories giveaway on Sat- Clinic who have 501(c)(3) urday, March 9, at management experience Cornerstone Baptist and a volunteer grant

■ The Citrus County Sheriff's Office is in need of volunteer couriers who help expedite correspondence and other items in between the different CCSO locations. Call the ■ Skillbank is in need of CCSO at 352-746-3484.

■ The CCSO's STAIR program is looking for volunteers for its Sheriff's Telephone Information and Assistance Resource program to help individuals who are homebound remain in contact with someone outside the home so they can have the ability to seek assistance or simply have someone to talk with. Call 352-746-

■ Nature Coast Ministheir prom gown and acteers for their Free Dental

dental professionals. Call Bonnie at 352-464-4348.

#### Special needs list

■ Rolling Thunder POW-MIA Program members to educate the public on the need to protect future veterans from being left behind should they become POWs or MIAs. Call Bob at 352-201-1228

■ The Service Officer of American Legion Post 166 in Homosassa is available Auxiliary is offering free to assist with VA claims. safety vessel checks. Call Call 352-601-6180 for an appointment.

■ CHIPS (Citrus Hearing Impaired Program Services) offers sign lanages 10-17. Call 352-795-

■ Find-M-Friends ac-Fifth St., Crystal River. FL 34423-0803 by March 20.

■ The ACS (American Cancer Society) Resource Center has volunteers available from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 352-726-0026.

■ Sweats For Vets needs donations of sweats (sweatshirts and pants) for VA hospitals and nursing homes for recovering veterans. Call Sunny at 352-

527-3395. ■ The U.S. Coast Guard Jack at 854-235-5484.

This column is for and about volunteers. To have guage classes for children your special needs or volunteer needs listed in the April column for Volunteers, call Ruth Levins at cepts donations for their 352-795-3006 or write to Thrift Store at 787 NE P.O. Box 803, Crystal River,

#### State BRIEFS

Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.

#### **Grand jury to tackle** school safety law compliance

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The Supreme Court issued the order Tuesday, less than

called for the grand jury. The 18-member panel will meet for a year.

The grand jury will have the power to call witnesses and return indictments. It will mark yet another probe launched in the aftermath of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

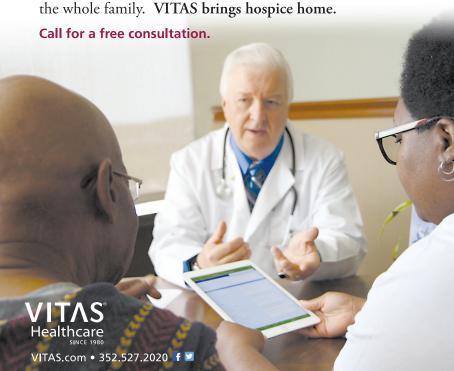
The grand jury will investigate whether school officials have committed fraud by misusing money intended for school safety and whether they are failing to report criminal activity in schools to the



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#### Around the COUNTY

#### **One Rake cleanup March 5**

The One Rake at a Time organization is having a cleanup at the city beach in Dunnellon on Tuesday, March 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. Participants will be removing aquatic weeds from the swimming area and hauling them up the hill to dispose of in an upland location. Joining the effort will be city of Dunnellon Public Works staff, members from the local Sierra club and members from the Ocala Rotary Sunset club.

Members of the public who also want to volunteer are encouraged to bring water shoes, towels, hats and sunglasses and sign in at the volunteer tent on site. For information, call or text Art Jones at 727-642-7659.

#### **TOO FAR** to meet Feb. 28

TOO FAR will meet on Feb. 28 at 9228 E. Gospel Island Rd., Inverness. The guest speaker will be Chris McKendree, from the Department of Environmental Protection. At 6 p.m., prior to the meeting, an enchilada dinner will be served. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 352-634-4216.

#### Vendors, sponsors sought

Sponsors and those interested in renting booths are sought for the Pine Ridge Parade of Minis, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Rent a booth for \$15-\$25, or be a T-shirt sponsor for \$500, \$250, \$100 or \$50. Proceeds will benefit the Central Ridge Club of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Citrus County, funding scholarships for the summer camp swim program, the Friday pizza program and the annual field trip.

All donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to: Boys and Girle Clube of Citrus County, and mailed to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Citrus County, P.O. Box 907, Lecanto FL 34460.

For additional information, call Harvey Gerber at 352-422-2798.

#### **Workshops on** mulch offered

Gardens benefit from the use of mulch, retaining moisture, suppressing weeds, and adding an aesthetic quality. But how much and what types should be used? Get all of your mulch questions answered at a free UF/IFAS Citrus County Extension Gardening program during the month of March. Choose the location and date that is best for you: ■ March 6, 2 p.m., Floral

- City Library. ■ March 8, 1:30 p.m., Coastal Region Library,
- Crystal River. ■ March 12, 1 p.m., Lakes Region Library, Inverness.
- March 13, 1:30 p.m., Central Ridge Library, Beverly Hills.
- March 20, 1 p.m., Cit-
- rus Springs Library. ■ March 26, 2 p.m., Homosassa Library.

For more program information, contact Extension at 352-527-5700. For directions to the library, visit www.citruslibraries.org

### Correction

A photo caption on Page D1 of the Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 edition contained an error. The Sears Hometown Store shown in the photo is an independently owned franchise and not part of the national Sears chain of stores.

The Chronicle regrets the error. Readers can alert the Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing newsdesk@ chronicleonline.com or by calling 352-563-5660.

# Dogs deemed 'dangerous'

### Could face euthanization after killing five goats

MIKE WRIGHT Staff writer

Two dogs that escaped from an animal rescue and killed a neighbor's goats have been declared dangerous, meaning their owner must have them secured or the dogs will be euthanized.

ask for a hearing to contest the sheriff's office findings.

return a phone call seek- dogs and signs warning of ing comment.

Schweickert, president premises. of Out of the Box Rescue an email sheriff's Animal Control director Lora property. Peckham sent to Citrus County officials.

Schweickert did not closure that confines the them.

dangerous dogs in the

Should that time period Inc., was served last expire with no action on Wednesday, according to Schweickert's part, the dogs will become county

**Animal Shelter Director** Colleen Yarbrough said He has seven days to two weeks ago the dogs Or, the rescue president, contest the ruling. Absent were not suitable for adop-Bob Schweickert Jr., could that, he has 14 days to tion; in fact, they were on a comply with state law in five-day hold prior to owning dangerous dogs, being euthanized when including a property en- Schweickert adopted

before the city sued to evict him, moved to Florida City where a property owner also sued for eviction, which was signed on Thursday.

Prior to the eviction hearing, Schweickert moved the rescue to the former FDS Disposal property on State Road 44, across from the county landfill.

Neighboring property owner Chuck Sanders said the early morning of chronicleonline.com.

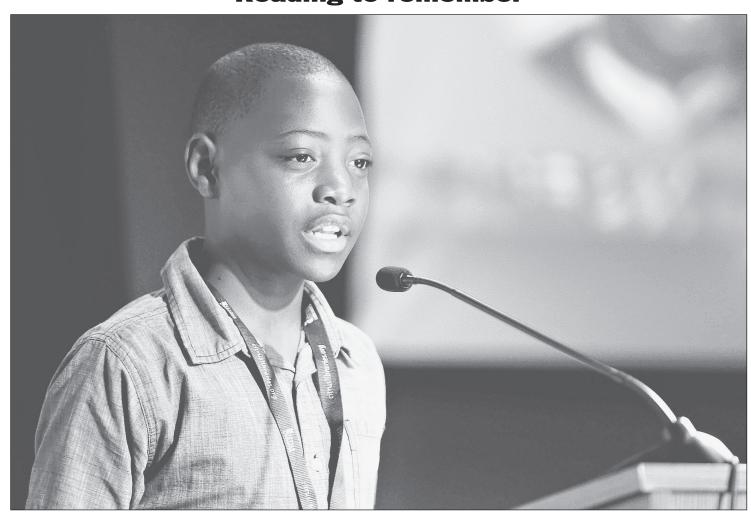
Out of the Box, which Feb. 11 he discovered his was located in an five goats dead and two Inverness-owned house dogs were charging him. After calling the sheriff's office, he learned the dogs belonged to Out of the Box.

> Schweickert said in a brief interview 10 days ago that the dogs should be returned to him so that he could send them to a pet sanctuary.

The sheriff's office did not respond to a reporter's requests for the report.

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

#### **Reading to remember**



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Chronicle

Juda Nathaniel Warren, from Inverness Middle School, recites "A Speech" at the 12th annual Citrus County African American Read-In at the College of Central Florida Sunday afternoon. The recital, which he wrote, was a story about Nat Turner, an African-American slave who led a rebellion of slaves and free blacks in Southampton County, Virginia on Aug. 21, 1831. The African American Read-In was originally established in 1990 and was developed to help make literacy a part of Black History Month.

# CCCCF grant award agreements signed

### Pregnancy Test Centers, Substance Exposed Newborn Taskforce funded

Special to the Chronicle

Grants Committee Chairwoman Sophia Diaz-Fonseca and the board of the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. congratulate the following organizations on being awarded grants during the fifth grant cycle:

- Citrus Pregnancy Center awarded \$10,000 for their Free **Pregnancy Test Centers**
- Healthy Families Citrus Substance Exposed Newborn on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019.



From left, are Sophia Diaz-Fonseca and Dee Dixon, Healthy Families Citrus program manager. Taskforce

The grant administrators of each organization signed the grant agreements awarding them funds awarded \$21,000 for their for their new healthcare programs



Special to the Chronicle

From left are Jesse Brashear, Citrus Pregnancy Center board president; Sophia Diaz-Fonseca, CCCCF grant chairwoman and president; and Barb **Gosa, Citrus Pregnancy Center executive president.** 

# Learn the ABCs of safe boating

### Discover water basics with the CR Sail and Power Squadron

Special to the Chronicle

A recent tragic boating accident in Nature Coast waters reminds us that boating, while pleasurable, is inherently dangerous and every boat owner/operator must know and practice

the basics of safe boating. Crystal River Sail and Power Squadron offers America's Boating Course (ABC) as an opportu-

nity to learn these basics. ABC is an 8-hour course, consisting of two 4-hour sessions conducted on two consecutive

Saturdays. Students must complete both sessions and pass the state-ap-

proved exam to become eligible for the Florida Safe Boating ID card (required for some boaters). This class is valuable for those

those experienced boaters who wish to refresh their knowledge and skills. ABC is equally beneficial to the boat operator who is new to Florida or to Nature Coast waterways.

Among the subjects covered are required equipment, boat handling, anchoring, refueling, navigation rules and regulations, trailering, use of the marine radio, emergencies and adverse conditions, personal watercraft (Jet Ski) safety, and some useful

knots A 60 question exam is administered at the conclusion of the course and those passing with a score of at least 80 percent will be awarded the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's Safe Boat-

er's ID card, required of

who are new to boating, as well as operators born after Jan. 1, 1988. This course also satisfies the requirement for a safe boating course after having received a citation in the State of Florida and may also earn you a discount on your boat insurance

The class will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 9 and Saturday, March 16, at the Calvary Baptist Church Annex, 845 NE Third Ave., Crystal River.

A charge of \$35. covers the cost of the student manual and other

instructional materials. ABC is taught by state-certified instructors, including Thomas Rossini, a nationally recognized boating instructor and vessel

safety examiner. For registration or information. call Gary Wright at 352-628-4385 or email gwright7@tampabay.rr.com.

#### Florida grand jury to examine school safety law compliance

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-From wire reports

#### Today's **HOROSCOPES**

Birthday — Be aware of persuasive tactics, and make your position clear and your plans known. If you are consistent and stick to your guns this year, it will be difficult for others to manipulate you

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Refuse to let emotions take charge. Be strong and do your own thing.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Expand your knowledge and think about the wisest ways to invest. Look for prospects that will benefit you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Refuse to let the drama going on around you slow you down. If you stay focused, you will reap the rewards.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Be careful whom you trust. If someone paints a picture and makes a promise that tempts you, make sure you fully under-

stand what you are getting into. Cancer (June 21-July 22) — You've got this. Trust and believe in your skills, experience and knowledge to move forward with confidence.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Look around you and consider who your friends are. If someone is trying to tempt you, be strong and know enough to decline.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Think before you say something derogatory. Focus your criticism inward and work on being and doing your best. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Home im-

provements can be made, but first get

the go-ahead from anyone who will be affected by the changes you make. Stay within budget to avoid criticism. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Follow your heart and your dreams. Do things your way and put your energy into revamping your current living situation to

suit your personality and lifestyle. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -Emotional confusion will set in if you believe everything you hear. Keep your feelings secret, and focus on activities geared toward personal improvements. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Make physical changes at home that are conducive to getting things done. Clearing a workspace or getting rid of items you no longer need or use is a

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Look at all sides of an issue before you comment. If you act in haste, you will regret it. Refuse to let your emotions take charge and cause you to overreact.

good place to start.

# ENTERTAINMENT

#### The big Oscar win by 'Green Book' leaves many frustrated

LOS ANGELES - The decision to hand the best film Oscar to "Green Book" continued to be debated Monday, long after the last Champagne glass had finally been emptied. Rarely in Oscar history, after all, has a winning movie prompted a noted guest in the audience, who had just won his first competitive Oscar, to try to storm out of the night's big coronation.

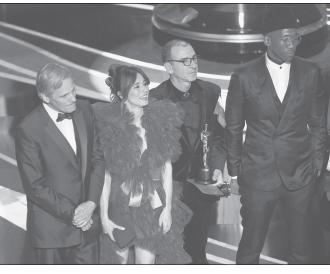
Spike Lee's vocal disapproval of the segregation-era road-trip drama was but an early indication that "Green Book" will remain a polarizing choice, especially for its depiction of race relations and its sentimentalized approach. It emerged victorious on the night against Lee's own confrontational "BlacKkKlansman" and the Afrofuturistic blockbuster "Black Panther."

"Many of us in the black community would like to see greater recognition for movies about the black experience and not just for movies that make the black experience comfortable for white audiences," wrote television commentator and author Keith Boykin.

Meanwhile, Justin Chang a critic at the Los Angeles Times laced into "Green Book," calling the film "an embarrassment" and "the film industry's unquestioning embrace of it is another." He declared it "insultingly glib and hucksterish, a self-satisfied crock masquerading as an olive branch."

A whole thread on Twitter emerged to gently mock the film, including the lines "Green Book" thinks the Civil War was mainly about economics' and "'Green Book' thinks you're so articulate."

"Green Book" tells the story of a white man who becomes



Viggo Mortensen, from left, Linda Cardellini, Dimiter Marinov and Mahershala Ali accept the award for best picture for "Green Book" Sunday at the Oscars, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

friends with the black musician he drives through the 1960s South for a concert tour. The name is derived from a publication that helped African-Americans find establishments that would serve them in the segregated South.

Seated in the audience on Oscar night, Lee waved his hands in disgust and appeared to try to walk out of the Dolby Theatre when "Green Book" was announced as the winner of the top trophy Sunday. He made his way back to his seat and later backstage compared the best film selection to a loss by his beloved New York Knicks basketball team. He later joked, "The ref made the wrong call.'

Members of the team behind "Green Book" sought to dampen any lingering tensions. Of Lee's criticism, co-writer and co-producer Brian Currie told The Associated Press, "We have all the respect in the world for the guy."

Mahershala Ali, who won a best supporting actor trophy on Sunday for his role in "Green Book," told The Associated Press in November that the film is a portrait of race in America unlike one by Jenkins or Amma Asante or Ava DuVernay. But he believed the film's uplifting approach has value.

'A couple of times I've seen 'white savior' comments and I don't think that's true. Or the 'reverse "Driving Miss Daisy" thing, I don't agree with," he said then. "If you were to call this film a 'reverse "Driving Miss Daisy," then you would have to reverse the history of slavery and colonialism. It would have to be all black presidents and all white slaves.'

But even relatives of concert pianist Don Shirley — depicted in the film by Ali — took issue with the story's accuracy.

"We know what the truth is," said co-writer and producer Nick Vallelonga. "We know how hard we tried to respect everyone involved and just tell the best story we could."

-From wire reports

#### Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2019. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 26, 1904, the United States and Panama proclaimed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to undertake efforts to build a ship canal across the Panama isthmus. On this date:

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a congressional act establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1993, a truck bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of the North Tower of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others. (The bomb failed to topple the North Tower into the South Tower, as the terrorists had hoped; both structures were destroyed in the 9/11 attack eight years later.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama laid out his first budget plan, predicting a federal deficit of \$1.75 trillion.

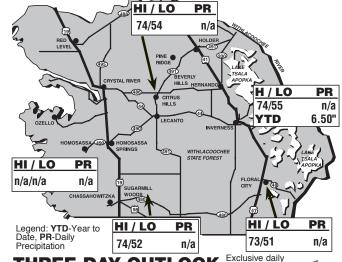
Five years ago: President Barack Obama, speaking in St. Paul, Minnesota, said he would ask Congress for \$300 billion to update aging roads and railways.

One year ago: President Donald Trump, who had been highly critical of the law enforcement response to the Florida school shooting, told a roomful of governors at the White House that if he had been there, he would have rushed in, unarmed.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Tom Kennedy is 92. Actress Marta Kristen (TV: "Lost in Space") is 74. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 69. Singer Michael Bolton is 66. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 51. Olympic gold medal swimmer Jenny Thompson is 46.

Thought for Today: "Only the mediocrities of life hide behind the alibi 'in conference.' The great of this earth are not only simple but accessible." — Isaac Frederick Marcosson, American journalist (1876-1961).

#### YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK Exclusive do forecast by:



**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High:** 72° **Low:** 61°

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING High:** 74° **Low:** 62°

Showers and thunderstorms



#### **THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING** High: 77° Low: 64°

Mix of sun and clouds.

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Yesterday	73/52
Record*	87/22
Normal	75/46
Mean temp.	61
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Total for the month	0.98"
Total for the year	4.65"
Normal for the year	5 62"

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

Mar 6

#### ANAC **DEW POINT**

419 Yesterday at 3 p.m. **HUMIDITY** Yesterday at 3 p.m. **POLLEN COUNT\*\*** 

Data from Crystal River Airport

..6:56 a.m.

.12:59 a.m.

.11:59 a.m.

Today's active pollen: Juniper, oak, nettle

Today's count: 5.1/12 Wednesday's count: 7.5 Thursday's count: 10.2 **AIR QUALITY** 

Yesterday observed Good Ozone Pollutant

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DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORI	MAJOR NING)	MINOR (AFTER	MAJOR NOON)
02/26	TUESDAY	1:00	6:25	11:55	6:55
02/27	WEDNESDA	AY 1:55	7:15	12:40	7:45
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			SUNSET TO	ONIGHT	6:27 n m

SUNRISE TOMORROW

**MOONRISE TODAY.** 

30.29

#### **MOONSET TODAY** Mar 14 Mar 20 **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 Sunday 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. For more details, visit Water Matters.org/Restrictions

*From mouths		**At King	's Bay	<i>'</i> *	***At Mason's Creek				
		TUESDAY							
City			High		L	ow			
Chassahowitzka <sup>3</sup>	*10:46 a.m.	0.2 ft	11:36 p.m.	0.5 ft	7:02 a.m.	0.1 ft 3:39 p.m.	0.1 ft		
Crystal River**	9:35 a.m.	1.5 ft	9:31 p.m.	2.1 ft	4:04 a.m.	0.3 ft 3:26 p.m.	0.8 ft		
Withlacoochee*	7:25 a.m.	2.0 ft	6:36 p.m.	2.9 ft	1:50 a.m.	0.1 ft 1:21 p.m.	1.2 ft		
Homosassa***	10:41 a.m.	0.7 ft	9:46 p.m.	1.3 ft	5:50 a.m.	0.2 ft 3:44 p.m.	0.2 ft		

**TIDES** 

#### FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

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City	H L	F'	cast	City	H L	. F	cast
Daytona Bch.	71	63	mc	Miami	76	73	sh
Fort Lauderdal	e 77	71	sh	Ocala	70	60	cl
Fort Myers	79	67	sh	Orlando	72	64	sh
Gainesville	70	60	cl	Pensacola	65	60	sh
Homestead	80	69	sh	Sarasota	77	66	sh
Jacksonville	70	61	mc	Tallahassee	71	61	sh
Key West	81	73	sh	Tampa	73	65	sh
Lakeland	73	63	sh	Vero Beach	75	65	sh
Melbourne	73	66	sh	W. Palm Bch.	75	71	sh

#### **MARINE OUTLOOK**

Today: East winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. A chance of showers. Tonight: Southeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

**Gulf water** temperature Taken at Aripeka

#### **LAKE LEVELS** MON SUN Full Location Withlacoochee at Holder 31.30 34.64 Tsala Apopka-Hernando 37.93 37.94 38.66 Tsala Apopka-Inverness Tsala Apopka-Floral City 40.58 41.37 40.58

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-precent 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.** Tuesday

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Albany	37	27	0.03	25	6	s	New Orleans	59	51	0.00	64	60	sh
Albuquerque	59	27	0.00	60	32	S	New York City	43	36	Trace	34	20	s
Asheville	54	36	0.00	59	39	S	Norfolk	57	44	0.00	55	40	S
Atlanta	63	37	0.00	65	50	mc	Oklahoma City	63	30	0.00	57	37	mc
Atlantic City	45	36	0.00	38	25	рс	Omaha	13	-8	0.00	19	8	cl
Austin	68	43	0.00	67	60	sh	Palm Springs	72	48	0.00	71	53	рс
Baltimore	47	39	0.00	42	29	mc	Philadelphia	45	37	0.00	37	26	рс
Billings	-5	-8	0.29	7	-6	SS	Phoenix	67	41	0.00	71	52	рс
Birmingham	63	32	0.00	66	50	mc	Pittsburgh	34	23	0.00	33	23	mc
Boise	50	37	0.11	38	34	rs	Portland, ME	38	25	Trace	19	7	s
Boston	43	32	Trace	26	11	S	Portland, OR	38	35	Trace	40	30	рс
Buffalo	28	18	0.04	21	15	SS	Providence, RI	41	30	Trace	27	13	S
Burlington, VT	37	21	0.01	15	1	S	Raleigh	59	37	0.00	62	41	s
Charleston, SC	70	39	0.00	67	54	рс	Rapid City	-1	-6	Trace	15	1	mc
Charleston, WV	46	30	0.00	50	31	рс	Reno	54	36	0.00	46	41	ra
Charlotte	63	37	0.00	62	45	S	Rochester, NY	31	21	0.03	19	12	SS
Chicago	23	8	0.00	27	23	sn	Sacramento	54	46	0.28	54	51	sh
Cincinnati	41	25	0.00	46	28	mc	Salt Lake City	54	39	0.00	56	39	cl
Cleveland	29	23	0.01	24	20	mc	San Antonio	70	48	0.00	71	61	mc
Columbia, SC	64	35	0.00	67	48	S	San Diego	66	48	0.00	65	51	mc
Columbus, OH	36	21	0.00	37	26	mc	San Francisco	56	50	Trace	58	54	ra
Concord, NH	37	27	Trace	19	3	S	Savannah	69	44	0.05	68	55	mc
Dallas	65	37	0.00	63	54	cl	Seattle	45	30	Trace	41	30	рс
Denver	43	11	0.00	56	24	рс	Spokane	27		Trace		12	S
Des Moines	12	0	0.00	19	13	sn	St. Louis	43	19	0.00	53	37	рс
Detroit	27	17	0.01	25	18	SS	St. Ste Marie	23	10	0.69	9	5	SS
El Paso	72	30	0.00	72	44	S	Syracuse	32	21	0.02	18	7	SS
Evansville, IN	43	24	0.00	55	36	рс	Topeka	43	16	0.00	33	24	mc
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KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; fg=fog; hz=haze; mc=mostly cloudy; pc=partly cloudy; ra=rain; rs=rain/ snow; s=sunny; sh=showers; sm=smoke; sn=snow; ss=snow showers; t=thunderstorms

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#### Tuesday, **February 26**

Sale benefits community centers

The Friends of the Community Centers will host their third annual Indoor Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily through Friday, March 1, at the Central Citrus Community Center. located in the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.

All proceeds will benefit the Senior Centers/Community Centers in Citrus County.

For information, call 352-527-5993.

#### Learn about online safety

Those interested in learning more about online safety and privacy are invited to attend a tech talk at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness.

Attendees will learn how to create secure passwords, spot dangerous red flags when browsing online, avoid phishing scams, and protect financial transactions. Those attending are expected to have basic computer use knowledge and be comfortable with the basics of internet navigation.

Classes are free but registration is required; register at www.citruslibraries.org or call 352-726-2357.

#### Artist to speak at library

Rebecca Pujals-Jones, MFA, is a local artist and educator recognized for her knowledge with the experimental photography medium known as wet-plate collodion on glass.

The work of Pujals-Jones will be on display throughout the month of February at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River. Pujals-Jones will host a Meet the Artist from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Coastal Region Library.

She presents her fine art traveling exhibit, "Bodies of Water," inspired by a desire to join other artists and organizations on conservation efforts to address the alarming and ongoing degradation of Florida waterways, at times of global ecosystems.

To view more of her work, visit the Franklin Anderson Gallery in Crystal River and www.PujalsJones.com.

#### Retired nurses meet in West Marion

The Citrus/Marion Retired Nurses will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the West Marion Medical building, room 240. Note change of

Following lunch, Abby Anderson will speak on "The Understanding and Prevention of Heart Disease."

Please bring your check for the April 4 meeting and lunchceon at Seasons 52 Restaurant in Altamonte Springs.

For information, call Judy Herron at 352-860-0232.

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#### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC **AMVETS post 89** of Citrus County AT CITRUS SPRINGS COMMUNITY CIVIC CENTER 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd. Citrus Springs, FL 34434 **February 27, 2019**

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Includes spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee \$7.00 PER person Benefits our LOCAL veteran and Community projects
Questions call 220-3339



### Around the COMMUNITY ——— Learn to control,

eliminate weeds Weeds — the bane of everyone's landscape. The February free UF/IFAS Master Gardener Plant Seminars will discuss the types of weeds commonly found in the yard

The remaining schedule for these free seminars is:

and some ways to control or

eliminate them.

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness.

You can also contact the **UF/Citrus County Extension** anytime during business hours at 352-527-5700 (ask for any on-duty Master Gardener) or email Citrus County Master Gardeners at MasterG1@citrusbocc.com.

#### Wildlife Club meets at Unitarian hall

The Wildlife Club will host their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists (NCUU) fellowship hall at 7633 N. Florida Ave. (U.S. 41), Citrus Springs.

Members will have their annual "Wildlife Attracting Plant and Flower Presentation" and invite all nature enthusiasts to attend.

The guest speakers will be Nancy Myers, owner of The Grumbles House in Dunnellon, and Terri Grier of the Grumbles House Garden Shop. They will do a presentation about attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your back yard.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments. There will be a door prize and a 50/50 drawing held to benefit the NCUU.

For information, contact Brenda Roberts at 352-746-2384 or at blr768@tampabay. rr.com.

#### Wednesday, **February 27**

Key clients to perform at Chet Cole center

Over 50 clients will star in their rendition of the Disney classic, Beauty and the Beast, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center, 5521 W. Buster Whitton Way, Lecanto.

#### Nature Coast Doll Club meets

Everyone is invited to attend the Nature Coast Doll Club's monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Central Community Center, off County Road 491 behind the Diamond Ridge Convalescent

facility. The program will be given by two of members called "A doll named Hitty" and plans will be finalized to celebrate the club's 30th anniversary.

For more information, call Phyllis at 352-382-0498 or Laurie at 352-382-2299.

#### To Place Your "In Memory" ad,

Contact Lori Driver **564-2931** or email: LDriver@chronicleonline.com

Closing time for placing ad is 4 business days prior to run date. There are advanced deadlines for holidays.

#### CHWC to host Bunco Bash

The Citrus Hills Women's Club (CHWC) will host a Bunco Bash at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Beverly Hills Lions Club at 72 Civic Circle.

Doors open at 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 for an afternoon of Bunco, door prizes and dessert. There will be Share the Wealth, and five raffles for you to take a chance on to win.

Open to the public. Funds raised will go to the Citrus Hills Women's Club Scholarship and Charity Fund.

For tickets, contact Kay Stegemann at 352-726-5902 or kaysteg19@gmail.com.

#### Thursday, **Februrary 28**

TOO FAR meets in Inverness

Chris McKendree, from the Department of Environmental Protection, will be the guest speaker at the 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28 meeting of TOO FAR Water & Natural Resource Foundation.

Prior to the meeting, an enchilada dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

The meeting is at 9228 E. Gospel Island Rd., Inverness. For more information, call 352-634-4216.

#### Play cards with Hadassah

The Beverly Hills chapter of Hadassah will host their annual card and game party at noon Thursday, Feb. 28. Tickets are \$15, available now and include a hot lunch. For information, call Carole at 352-270-8458

Hadassah is a 100-year-old international charity and service organization open to men and women of all faiths. We support hospitals, universities, medical schools, and youth programs in both America and Israel.

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

#### BHCA plans fish fry, meeting

The Beverly Hills Civic Association (BHCA) will host a fish fry from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

The public is welcome. Tickets are \$8 per person for

members, or \$10 for guests. Following the fish frv. the BHCA will host a town hall meeting. Guest speaker will be Commissioner Jimmie T. Smith.

Purchase tickets from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through

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Friday, at the BHCA office at 1 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. For information, call 352-746-2657.

#### Friday, March 1

#### Walk with Citrus County Audubon

Citrus County Audubon will meet for a field trip from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 1, at the Ahhochee Hill Sanctuary, 24064 Lake Lindsey Road, Brooksville.

Participants will walk a 1.5 mile loop of trails.

Anyone is welcome. For information, visit citruscounty audubon.org.

#### New York City Transit Retirees meet

The New York City Transit Retirees of Beverly Hills would like to invite all branches of the New York City Transit (retirees) to their next meeting at 1 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the Beverly Hills Community Building, 1 Civic Circle.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For information, call Clarence at 352-527-8418.

#### Irish American Social Club meets

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

Bridget Didsbury will conduct a talk on Find-M' Friends, a local 501(c)(3) that helps police find missing people. There will be scent kits available for purchase.

Meetings are open to anyone who is of Irish descent or interested in learning of Irish culture. Membership is \$10 per year.

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

#### Cruise for a Childhood Cure

Join Swap-O-Rama, Howards and Webster Flea Markets in donating to Shriners Hospital for Children — Tampa location in the Cruise for a Childhood Cure.

Sponsor a child for \$5 or more and Swap-O-Rama will match each donation (up to a certain limit). Donations are being accepted until March 1.

Come join the ride on Sunday, March 3. Cruisin' starts at noon with departure from Webster Westside at 516 NW Third St. in Webster. Arrival time is 1:30 p.m. at Howard's Flea Market, 6373 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

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### Obituaries ===



Sorvillo, 101 HERNANDO

Fred James Sorvillo, age 101, Hernando, FL passed away February 23, 2019 in Citrus

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Fred was

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Sorvillo

to the late Dominic and Molly (Colangelo) Sorvillo and moved to Citrus County in 2003 from Clearwater, Florida. He retired from the commercial construction industry. Fred served our country in the U.S. Armv during WW II, having fought in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, New Guinea, The Phillippines, and Luzon with the 227th Searchlight Battalion Group. He was of the Catholic Faith and attended St. Cecilia's parish in Clearwater. An avid reader, he completed several books a month, especially by his favorite authors. He also was a horse racing enthusiast, enjoying off track betting weekly after carefully studying each horse in the field, the track conditions. While living in Clearwater, he was able to enjoy live racing at Tampa Bay Downs.

Remaining to cherish his memory are two children, Sandra Sorvillo of Hernando, FL and Chuck Sorvillo and his wife Diane of Beverly Hills.

He also had 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Simonin Sorvillo on May 11, 2011. They were married over 65 years. He also lost his brother, Cuddy Boscarino and three sisters, Josephine Jenkins, Angie De-Brot, and Antoinette Zanetti.

Catholic graveside committal services will be offered on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM from the Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park in Clearwater. There will be no calling hours at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donation to Mill Creek Farms/Retirement Home for Horses, Inc., P.O. Box 2100, Alachua, FL 32616-2100, rhh@millcreed farm.org, (352) 462-1001.

Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL is assisting the family.

Sign the guest book at

www.chronicleonline. com.

#### **Gabriel** Lanzano, 83

BROOKSVILLE

The Service of Remembrance for Mr. Gabriel Paul Lanzano, age 88, of Brooksville, Florida, will be held 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. He died on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in Brooksville, Florida. Arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home



#### **Robert 'Bobby** Dean' Muster. 70

CRYSTAL RIVER

Robert "Bobby Dean" Muster, 70 of Crystal River died Thursday February 14, 2019. He was a **US Marine Corps Veteran** of the Viet Nam War and was awarded a Purple Heart Medal. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday February 26th in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Private cremation arrangements are provided by Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River.

#### **OBITUARIES**

- Obituaries must be verified with the funeral home or society in charge of arrangements.
- The Chronicle does not edit obituaries for content.
- Death notices are \$25, and may include: full name of deceased; age; hometown/state; date of death; place of death; date, time and place of visitation and funeral services and, for members of the military, the branch of the armed services in which they served.
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#### **Arrests**

■ Destiny Lefke, 22, of Homosassa, at 10:40 p.m. Feb. 19 on a misdemeanor charge of trespassing. According to her arrest affidavit. Lefke is accused of trespassing at Macrae's Bait House after previously being trespassed from the site. Her bond was set at

- Molly Hampton, 42, of West Cherrywood Street, Crystal River, at 9:24 p.m. Feb. 19 on an active warrant stemming from an original charge of driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender.
- Tasha Roderick, 32, of West Village Drive, Homosassa, at 7:43 p.m. Feb. 19 on an active warrant for felony violation of probation stemming from an original charge of possession of

#### a controlled substance. ■ Shawntae Handy, 35, of

South Frankfurter Way, Homosassa, at 12:06 p.m. Feb. 19 on a felony charge of uttering forged bills. She was also charged with felony violation of probation stemming from an original charge of possession of a controlled substance. According to her arrest affidavit. Handy is accused of using a counterfeit \$100 bill to purchase an air compressor. Her bond was set at \$2,000 for the forgery charge but denied for the probation violation.

■ Madeleine Riley, 20, of for felony violation of probation West Holiday Street, Homosassa, at 11:55 a.m. Feb. 19 on an active warrant for felony retail theft. She turned herself in to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. Her bond was set at \$2,000.

> ■ George Smith III, 30, of West Field Street, Homosassa. at 10:11 a.m. Feb. 19 on an active warrant for felony violation

of probation stemming from an original charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was also charged on a writ of bodily attachment for \$2,070.

■ Christine Lavalley, 46, of East Bryant Street, Inverness, at 8:58 a.m. Feb. 19 on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance and battery on a law enforcement officer. According to her arrest affidavit, Lavalley was screaming obscenities in someone's yard and approximately 0.5 grams of methamphetamine were found in her possession. She reportedly attempted to kick two deputies during her arrest and scratched one of the officers. Her bond was set at \$7,000.

■ Hope Wright, 31, of Crystal River, at 12:19 a.m. Feb. 19 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

#### horrific, gut-wrenching sitdealing with," she wrote.

permits abortions after 24 weeks if a healthcare professional determines the mother's life is at risk, or the fetus will not live.

At around the same time, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said he would support trimester abortions under similar circumstances, but then seemed to suggest infanticide would be permissible.

livered," he said, according Democrats to a transcript of the interview, "the infant would be kept comfortable, the infant Party along with the Citrus would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and father desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother.'

Himmel said she could no longer stand with a political party that espoused those views.

Rowland, in her letter, says both New York and Virginia examples remove restrictions that go beyond the parameters of Roe vs. port you," she said.

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Himmel on Monday said she stood by her statement that New York and Virginia are not isolated situations.

"It might have been a Vir-

ginia issue, it might have been a New York issue," she said. "But I didn't see any state Democrats or national Democrats standing up against it. This is a personal issue for me." While Himmel said the

partisan change is not related to her decision to seek The infant would be de-re-election in 2020, state are convinced.

...Florida Democrat County Democratic Party is disappointed in her calculated choice to make this change in such a sensational tabloid manner," Rowland wrote.

Himmel said she's heard from many people since announcing her decision last Thursday, with most responses being positive.

"Several people told me no matter what party you are, we'll continue to sup-

Asked if she had a good "We're talking about relationship with the state

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Democratic Party during her time in office, Himmel said: "Not really."

"Twenty years in office, I don't ever remember getting a letter of congratulations from the Democratic Party," she said. "A lot of their values nationally are headed in a different direction from mine.'



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# **Costly Joint-Pain Injections Replaced** By New \$2 Pill

New pill boosts the same lubricating joint fluid as expensive and painful injections - without using a needle. Users report dramatic relief from swelling, pain and stiffness without side effects and expense.

#### **Health News Syndicate**

HNS—A popular needle injection for people with joint pain is now available inexpensive nonprescription pill. The breakthrough came when researchers discovered a way to deliver the injected "relief molecule" through the digestive system.

Top US clinics have used these needle injections for years because they deliver powerful relief. Unfortunately, the shots are painful and expensive. They also only work on the joint being treated.

The new pill, called Synovia, delivers the same "relief molecule" as the injections. However, it has some impressive advantages. First. inexpensive and nonprescription. Also, relief is delivered to every joint in the body because it enters the bloodstream through the digestive system.

This gives it the ability to reduce a much wider variety of pain. Users report greater flexibility and less stiffness in their knees. Hands and shoulders move painfree for the first time in years. Even neck and lower back pain improve dramatically.

this without spending over \$600 on needle injections and taking trips to the doctor every week.

The medical community is very excited about this new breakthrough. Dr. Jacob Moss says, "Synovia is a great option for those suffering from joint pain. Injections are usually a last resort because of the pain and expense However, Synovia should be taken at the first sign of discomfort"

#### **New Discovery**

The needle injection procedure has been given to hundreds of thousands of patients over the last several years.

Doctors use the shots to boost a critical element of the joint called synovial fluid. This lubricating fluid is found between the cartilage and bones of every joint.

According to the firm's head of R&D, Mike McNeill, "Researchers have been working for years to find a way to boost this fluid noninvasively. The problem was the molecule used in the injections was too large to absorb into the bloodstream."

scientists conquered this obstacle by finding a smaller form of the same molecule. This new glucose form is easily absorbed by your stomach and intestines!

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Now those who suffer from joint pain can get relief without painful injections. At less than \$2 per day, early users like Steve Young are impressed. He says, "I've tried more pills than I can count, without any luck. Synovia is different. My knees and hands haven't felt this good in years!"



NO MORE NEEDLES: A popular needle injection pain-killer for joint pain is being replaced. The key molecule in these injections can now be delivered by taking a new low-cost pill called Synovia.

#### **Impressive Clinical** Results

Leading clinics use injection therapy because it works. Recent clinical trials show the pill form also delivers major relief.

One example is a landmark study out of Europe. In the study the active ingredient in Synovia was compared to a popular NSAID pain reliever. The goal was to see if it could reduce pain and swelling around the knee. The results were incredible!

After just 30 days, more than 8 out of 10 people who took Synovia's active ingredient had NO swelling. However, only 2 out of 10 people who took the NSAID experienced This product is a great reduced swelling.

The study also looked at cases of severe swelling. Amazingly, zero cases of severe swelling were detected in the group taking the active ingredient found in Synovia. This means it was 100% effective for the cases of severe swelling!

In contrast, 9 out of 10 people taking the NSAID still had severe swelling. McNeill points out, "The impressive thing about this study is the active ingredient wasn't tested against a fake pill. It was up against one of the most popular NSAIDs people use every day It's easy to see why people in pain are excited to get relief without an injection."

#### The New Way It **Delivers Relief**

Getting relief without injections has advantages. The most obvious is avoiding being stuck by a large needle every week for 5 weeks.

Another downside of injections is the doctor can "miss". The needle needs to be inserted into a precise spot in the joint to work. Otherwise, you risk the treatment being ineffective.

However, boosting your lubricating joint fluid by taking a pill delivers relief to all your joints, not just

There's an additional the reason ingredient in Synovia money back" guarantee. works so well – it Starting at 6:00 ar nourishes the cartilage.

McNeill says, "This is vital because cartilage does not have blood vessels. The fluid in the joint serves two very pain-relief important roles: lubrication and giving the cartilage the nutrients it needs."

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**Leading Doctors** 

The new delivery system for this molecule has caught the attention leading medical doctors.

"Needle injections for joint pain have been around for years because they work. Being able to get the same relief molecule through a pill is amazing. Injections may be a last resort, but I'd recommend Synovia at the first sign of pain," said Dr. Marie Laguna.

Dr. Moss adds, "The research behind the active ingredient Synovia is very exciting. choice for those who haven't had success with other joint pain treatments."

#### 110% Money Back Guarantee

Amazing from users of Synovia has generated a wave of confidence at the company. So much so that they now offer Synovia with a 110% money back guarantee.

The company's president, Michael Kenneth says, "We've seen how well it works. Now we want to remove any risk for those who might think Synovia sounds too good to be true."

Simply take the pill exactly as directed. You must enjoy fast acting relief. Otherwise, return the product as directed and you'll receive 100% of your money back plus an extra 10%.

#### **How To Get Synovia**

Today marks the official release of Synovia in Florida. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to everyone who calls within the next 48 hours.

Regional Hotline has been set up for local readers to call. This is the only way to try Synovia with their "110%

Starting at 6:00 am today the order hotline will be open for 48 hours. All you have to do is call TOLL FREE 1-888-975-5179 and provide the operator with the special discount approval code: SYN19. The company will do the rest.

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# Tesla driver killed in high-speed Florida crash and fire

Associated Press

DAVIE — The driver of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and erupted in flames.

Witnesses told police in traveling 75 to

afternoon when it left the road for an unknown reaa Tesla Model S was killed son. The driver over-corwhen his car crashed near rected and the car slid The crash remains under across three lanes and into some trees in the median.

flames. Officers identified investigation.

A police officer arrived that it was deeply sad-Davie, Florida, that the car almost immediately after dened by the crash and is the crash but wasn't able cooperating with police. nited twice Monday and that they should near Mountain View.

the car was engulfed in speed is being investigated as a factor in this the driver as Omar Awan. crash, and know that high speed collisions can result in a fire in any type of car, Tesla said in a statement not just electric vehicles,' the company said.

The Tesla's battery reig-

Fire Marshal Robert Taylor said.

90 miles per hour Sunday to rescue the driver before "We understand that morning at a salvage yard consider letting the battery where it was towed, Davie burn while protecting exposures to buildings.

Last year the National Tesla said in a statement Transportation Safety that it posts language on its Board opened investigawebsite for first responders tions into two Tesla fires saying that fires can take up in California, one in West to 24 hours to extinguish Hollywood and the other

### State BRIEFS

**Trump ex-campaign** worker sues. claims unwanted kiss MIAMI — A former worker on President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign claims in a lawsuit that he abruptly

grabbed her by the hand and kissed her during a Florida meeting with staff and volunteers. Alva Johnson contends in the federal lawsuit filed Monday that Trump made the unwanted advance in August 2016 in Tampa, Florida. She

says he "grasped her hand

and did not let go" and kissed

her on the corner of her mouth as she turned slightly The lawsuit, first reported by The Washington Post, seeks unspecified damages and an order preventing the president from "grabbing, kissing or otherwise assault-

ing or harassing women without prior express consent." White House Press

Secretary Sarah Sanders called Johnson's allegations absurd and said other people who were there say it never

#### **Snake in dryer** gives woman 'near death experience'

SAFETY HARBOR — A Florida woman says she "about had a near death experience" when she opened her dryer and saw a snake curled up in her laundry.

Tampa's Fox 13 News reported Amanda Wise was almost finished unloading the dryer in her garage on Sunday when she saw what appeared to be a corn snake.

She described the startling discovery in a Facebook post. She said her husband used a broom to coax the snake out of the dryer and outside.

Wise told the TV station the dryer vent cover on the side of the house has fallen off and they believe that's how it got inside the dryer.

Corn snakes eat rodents and are generally considered harmless. They are sometimes mistaken for copperheads.

#### Off-duty sheriff's deputy injured in attack at home

LAUDERDALE LAKES — Authorities said an off-duty Florida sheriff's deputy was injured in an apparent domestic violence incident.

Broward Sheriff's officials said in a news release that the ex-boyfriend of a woman attacked the off-duty deputy at a home in Lauderdale Lakes early Monday.

The news release stated deputies went to the scene around 3:30 a.m. and found the off-duty deputy with serious injuries. He was taken to a hospital where he is listed in stable condition.

The names of the deputy, the woman and the suspect have not been released.

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greater need.

"Penny said of those 450 to 500 births, an estimated 25 to 36 of the moms come to the hospital with nothing for their home." baby — totally unprepared," Olson said.

who come to CMH to deliver have enough or more than enough of baby things — clothes, diapers,

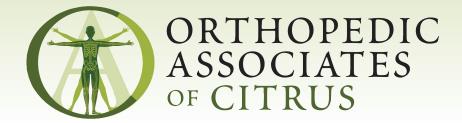
etc. "But other moms, shirts, gowns, receiving they're delivering a preemie and they haven't had that a newborn needs. a chance to get what they need; whatever the reamoms who don't have what they need for when they bring their baby

The idea for "Infants in Need" was birthed, and Zaphel said most moms the deacons on Olson's committee recently put together and delivered three layette sets to Citrus Memorial — diapers,

they're homeless or blankets, bottles, tiny socks, etc. — all the basics

"When Sandy called us that was so kind of the son, there are a number of church to do this," Zaphel said. "These young moms who come in unprepared, instead of going home and having to figure out a way to get things they need for the baby, this gives them a nice little start."

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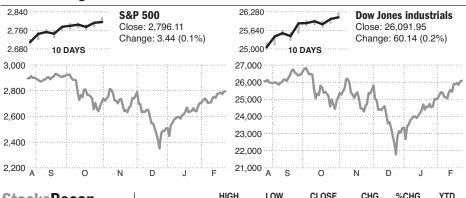
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EPR Properties	EPR	51.87		75.77	74.29	38	-0.5	▼	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	+16.0	+38.8	22	4.32
<b>Equity Commonwealth</b>	EQC	28.48		32.91	32.58	20	-0.6	▼	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	+8.6	+21.1	33	2.50e
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Intel Corp	INTC	42.36		57.60	53.10	+.61	+1.2	_	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	+13.1	+17.3	20	1.26f
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Microsoft Corp	MSFT	87.08		116.18	111.59	+.62	+0.6	_	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	+9.9	+22.4	26	1.84
Motorola Solutions	MSI	103.18		140.06	141.21	+1.23	+0.9		<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	+22.7	+35.7	26	2.28
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Smucker, JM	SJM	91.32	-\$	133.38	101.06	36	-0.4	▼	▼	<b>A</b>	+8.1	-14.7	13	3.40
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UniFirst Corp	UNF	132.38	-\$	193.05	145.12	-2.32	-1.6	▼	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	+1.4	-5.9	17	0.45
Verizon Comm	VZ	46.09	<b>─</b>	61.58	56.78	14	-0.2	▼	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	+1.0	+23.9	7	2.41
Vodafone Group	VOD	17.70	<b>~</b> —	30.20	18.20	25	-1.4	▼	<b>A</b>	▼	-5.6	-28.8		1.74e
WalMart Strs	WMT	81.78		106.21	99.12	43	-0.4	▼	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	+6.4	+9.6	57	2.12f
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	59.07	<b>→</b>	86.31	71.31	+.88	+1.2	<b>A</b>	•	<b>A</b>	+4.4	+3.6	13	1.76

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - 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.

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TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	CHG	AGO
3-month T-bill	2.38	2.44	-0.06	1.64
6-month T-bill	2.52	2.50	+0.02	1.84
52-wk T-bill	2.54	2.53	+0.01	2.00
2-year T-note	2.45	2.48	-0.03	2.27
5-year T-note	2.50	2.46	+0.04	2.62
7-year T-note	2.56	2.56		2.79
10-year T-note	2.67	2.65	+0.02	2.87
30-year T-bond	3.03	3.02	+0.01	3.16

BONDS	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
Barclays Glob Agg Bd	1.93	1.95	-0.02	1.88
Barclays USAggregate	3.17	3.20	-0.03	3.16
Barclays US Corp	3.90	3.93	-0.03	3.71
Barclays US High Yield	6.65	6.68	-0.03	6.18
Moodys AAA Corp Idx	3.81	3.81		3.90
10-Yr. TIPS	.71	.69	+0.02	.71

CLOSE

%CHG %YTD

PVS

Commodities	
U.S. crude oil fell	
more than 3	
percent. Heating	
oil fell nearly as	
much, and	
natural gas	
jumped 4.4	
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	Crude Oil (bbl)	33.40	37.20	-3.11	+22.2
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ore than 3	Heating Oil (gal)	1.97	2.03	-2.78	+17.1
ercent. Heating	Natural Gas (mm btu	2.84	2.72	+4.38	-3.5
I fell nearly as	Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.55	1.61	-4.10	+17.0
uch, and	METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
atural gas	Gold (oz)	1325.90	1329.20	-0.25	+3.7
mped 4.4	Silver (oz)	15.83	15.91	-0.52	+2.5
ercent. Gold,	Platinum (oz)	853.60	845.90	+0.91	+7.3
lver and copper	Copper (lb)	2.95	2.96	-0.37	+12.3
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	Cattle (lb) Coffee (lb) Corn (bu)	1.29 1.00 3.71 0.72	1.29 1.00 3.75	-0.09 -0.15 -1.20	+3.0 -2.0 -1.2
	Cattle (lb) Coffee (lb) Corn (bu) Cotton (lb)	1.29 1.00 3.71 0.72	1.29 1.00 3.75 0.72	-0.09 -0.15 -1.20 +0.13	+3.0 -2.0 -1.2 -0.4
	Cattle (lb) Coffee (lb) Corn (bu) Cotton (lb) Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1.29 1.00 3.71 0.72 395.90	1.29 1.00 3.75 0.72 396.90	-0.09 -0.15 -1.20 +0.13 -0.25	+3.0 -2.0 -1.2 -0.4
	Cattle (lb) Coffee (lb) Corn (bu) Cotton (lb) Lumber (1,000 bd ft) Orange Juice (lb)	1.29 1.00 3.71 0.72 395.90 1.18	1.29 1.00 3.75 0.72 396.90 1.21	-0.09 -0.15 -1.20 +0.13 -0.25 -2.35	+3.0 -2.0 -1.2 -0.4  -5.4
	Cattle (lb) Coffee (lb) Corn (bu) Cotton (lb) Lumber (1,000 bd ft) Orange Juice (lb) Soybeans (bu)	1.29 1.00 3.71 0.72 395.90 1.18 9.12 4.67	1.29 1.00 3.75 0.72 396.90 1.21 9.10 4.87	-0.09 -0.15 -1.20 +0.13 -0.25 -2.35 +0.19 -4.16	+3.0 -2.0 -1.2 -0.4  -5.4 +3.3

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	CptWldGrIncA	m <b>47.09</b>		+10.0	-3.7 +11.5	+5.7
	CptlIncBldrA m	59.82		+6.2	+0.1 +6.8	+4.5
	FdmtlInvsA m	58.24	+.13	+11.1	+1.9 +15.0	+10.4
	GrfAmrcA m	48.03	+.17	+11.9	+3.7 +17.3	+11.0
	IncAmrcA m	21.99		+6.6	+2.0 +9.0	+6.0
	InvCAmrcA m	36.96	+.06	+8.8	-0.4 +12.8	+9.0
	NwPrspctvA m	42.22	+.18	+11.6	+1.1 +14.4	+8.4
	WAMtInvsA m	45.14	+.04	+9.8	+5.8 +14.6	+10.2
Dodge & Cox	Inc	13.51		+1.9	+2.8 +3.9	+2.8
	IntlStk	40.79	+.25	+10.5	-11.8 +11.7	+1.3
	Stk	193.24	+.56	+11.8	+0.6 +17.1	+9.5
Fidelity	500ldxlnsPrm	97.46	+.14	+11.9	+3.8 +15.0	+10.9
	Contrafund	12.27	+.03	+12.4	+2.2 +17.0	+11.3
	TtlMktldxInsPrm	79.67	+.10	+12.9	+4.0 +15.4	+10.4
	USBdldxInsPrm	11.36	01	+1.1	+3.4 +1.6	+2.4
Franklin Templeton	IncA1 m	2.30	+.01	+8.5	+3.6 +10.2	+3.9
T. Rowe Price	BCGr	110.27	+.31	+14.8	+6.9 +21.3	+13.7
	GrStk	65.23	+.12	+14.2	+4.9 +19.3	+12.4
Vanguard	500ldxAdmrl	258.96	+.36	+11.9	+3.8 +15.0	+10.9
	HCAdmrl	88.28	+.35	+9.9	+9.5 +10.2	+9.7
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.03		+1.3	+4.0 +2.0	+3.1
	MdCpldxAdmrl	197.59	+.01	+15.5	+3.0 +13.9	+8.7
	PrmCpAdmrl	135.91	+.54	+12.4	+5.0 +19.2	+13.1
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	SmCpldxAdmrl	74.70	+.01	+18.1	+6.3 +16.6	+8.4
	TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.31	+.03	+7.6	+1.1 +9.5	+6.0
	TtBMldxAdmrl	10.52	01	+1.1	+3.3 +1.6	+2.3
	TtlnBldxAdmrl	21.95	05	+1.3	+4.6 +2.9	+3.9
	TtlnSldxAdmrl	27.91	+.10	+10.0	-7.9 +10.7	+2.9
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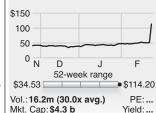
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#### **StoryStocks**

Stocks shed most of the gains from an early rally Monday, spurred by the Trump administration's decision to hold off on increasing tariffs on China. The move averted an escalation in the trade war between the world's two largest economies.

Spark Therapeutics	ONC
Close: \$113.48 <b>61.92</b> or	120.1%
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**General Electric** GE Close: \$10.82 \$0.65 or 6.4% The industrial giant is selling its biotechnology business to Danaher Corp. for \$21.4 billion.



Berkshire Hathaway Close: \$202.31 \$\textstyle 0.40 or 0.2% Warren Buffett's company recorded a \$25 billion loss in the fourth quar-ter, but its operating earnings and revenue increased.



Caesars Ent. CZR Close: \$8.96 ▼-0.09 or -1.0% The casino operator is considering giving activist investor Carl Icahn a more prominent role in selecting a new CEO and board members.



Terex Close: \$35.93 \$\textstyle 0.64 or 1.8% The construction equipment company is selling its Demag mobile crane business to Tadano



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## US stocks close higher after Trump postpones tariff increase

DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA AP business writers

Stocks closed modestly higher Monday after shedding most of the gains from an early rally spurred by the Trump administration's decision to hold off on increasing tariffs on imported Chinese goods.

Investors welcomed the move, which averted an escalation in the damaging trade war between the world's two largest economies. The fight is over U.S. complaints that Beijing steals technology or pressures companies to hand it over.

Traders have been growing increasingly optimistic over the last two weeks that the U.S. and China are moving closer to a resolution of their dispute. That's helped lift stocks in recent weeks, gains which some analysts say suggest the market is already viewing an agreement as a done deal.

'You can attribute much smaller of today's gains to trade." Lindsey

investment strategist at CFRA. "The closer we get to a deal getting done or some agreement being made, the smaller the gains are becoming.

Technology companies and banks accounted for much of the market's gains, outweighing losses in consumer goods stocks and other sectors. Oil prices fell sharply after President Donald Trump said they were getting too high. On Friday, oil closed at the highest level since mid-November.

The S&P 500 index added 3.44 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,796.11. The benchmark index has finished higher the past four weeks in a row.

The Dow Jones Industrial average gained 60.14 points, or 0.2 percent, to 26,091.95. Earlier in the day it was up more than 209 points.

The Nasdaq composite rose 26.92 points, or 0.4 percent, to 7,554.46. The Russell 2000 index of companies dropped 1.26 points, or Bell, 0.1 percent, to 1,588.81.

Progress in the U.S.-China trade talks also helped lift markets broadly in Europe and Asia, where China's main index, the Shanghai Composite, jumped to an eight-

month high. China faced a March 2 deadline when the U.S. would have increased punitive duties on \$200 billion

worth of Chinese imports. Trump, who did not set a new deadline Monday, said there had been "productive talks" on some of the more difficult issues and added he's willing to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping if negotiations progress.

The trade war and its hefty tariffs have already raised costs for businesses and consumers. Any additional escalation could shake investor confidence as an economic slowdown looms over China and Europe

"I feel like we're in a position where the president is interested in making deals," said Jamie Cox, managing partner at Harris Financial Group.

#### **Business HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Caesars, DraftKings ink multi-state online betting deal

LAS VEGAS — Caesars Entertainment and DraftKings have reached a deal to grant Draft-Kings access to Caesars' markets in several

The deal lets DraftKings offer its online gambling products in "certain states" in which Caesars operates, but the companies did not specify which ones.

DraftKings will promote Caesars Entertainment as its official casino-resort partner in the states where the companies collaborate, and Caesars Entertainment will receive equity in

Caesars can also continue to offer their own branded sports betting and online casino apps in each of these jurisdictions.

Mark Frissora, president and CEO of Caesars Entertainment, said in a statement that the deal should create new revenue with sports-themed guest experiences at the casino giant's resorts across the country.

#### **SEC** seeks contempt charges against Tesla CEO Elon Musk

SAN FRANCISCO — Stock market regulators are asking a federal court to hold Tesla CEO Elon Musk in contempt for violating an agreement requiring him to have his tweets about key company information reviewed for potentially misleading claims.

The request made Monday in New York resurrects a dispute between the Securities and Exchange Commission and Musk that was supposed to have been resolved with a settlement reached five months ago.

The SEC had sued Musk for using his Twitter account to announce he had secured financing for a potential buyout of Tesla, something regulators alleged wasn't true

Musk agreed to having future tweets that could affect Tesla's stock be pre-approved. But the SEC contends Musk didn't do that in a Feb. 19 tweet projecting the number of cars Tesla will make this year.

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# **As Homosassa** work continues, nerves get raw

THE ISSUE:

The highways of

Homosassa.

**OUR OPINION:** 

Listen to

constituents.

has tweaked the signals at three Homosassa Springs in- county has started a muchterchanges to try and im- needed sidewalk project on prove traffic flow.

That bad news is that driving in southwest Citrus County is still an incredible headache.

The multi-year construction project to sixlane the highway has been so slow that motorists

and business owners are los- as if little-old Homosassa has ing patience. On a bad day it been turned into one major can easily take 20 minutes to construction project. travel the 2-mile stretch. That's just not acceptable.

criticism in the Chronicle managing the work and comand tried to synchronize the three traffic lights on U.S. 19 in Homosassa Springs.

in sync has helped some of are elected to deal with the the traffic on U.S. 19 move a problems of Citrus County. little quicker. But the side- And this is a problem. street access is still a mess.

Businesses are in turmoil they can to bypass the entire region. On the positive side, that keeps vehicles away. On the negative side, those vehicles carry the customers who help keep the businesses afloat.

We are glad DOT is making an effort and we even realize ing of angry motorists and heavy rains this winter business owners.

The good news is that slowed down the project. But the Florida Depart- the overall project seems to ment of Transportation be moving way too slowly.

Add to that the fact that the

Yulee Drive, which only compounds the traffic problems. And have we mentioned the bridge construction project on Halls River Road that has been going on since what feels like the Bush administration? It is

We'd all be a little happier if the county commission DOT responded to heavy took more responsibility for municating with residents. U.S. 19 is a state construction job, but the county com-Getting the signals to work missioners are the ones who

Commissioners could work as facilitators with both the as motorists do everything job contractors and the DOT to make sure Citrus County residents are being heard. The chamber of commerce could also help.

There's a lot of noise coming from Homosassa Springs. And if you listen real closely, what you hear is the scream-

# Setting the record straight

have been fortunate and blessed to have a healthy pregnancy, as I await the birth of my first child. I can't begin to imagine what a mother-to-be goes through when learning her unborn baby has a fatal condition or that her own health or life will be endangered if her pregnancy continues. I can't fathom the difficulty of making any decision in that situation. I'm certain tearful prayers would consume me as I grapple with the stages of grief. I presume my husband and I would lean heavily on our faith and my doctor's recommendations.

Sam Himmel's announcement to change her political party affiliation came with the statement that "Democrats continuing to push late-term abortion" was the tipping point for her. Let me set the record straight: The Democratic Party is NOT pushing late-term abortion and never has. In a time when misinformation travels swiftly, when we count on educators to teach students the importance of facts and checking the credibility of sources, that a superintendent of schools would take part in spreading misinformation about such a sensitive subject purely for political gain is "crossing the line."

Here are the facts. Roe v. Wade only allows the termination of a pregnancy after a fetus is viable in the very rare cases where the mother's health is at serious risk. This has been the law for 46 years now. Despite recent exaggerated headlines, this has not changed. The New York Reproductive Act removes a restriction in New York State law that went beyond Roe v. Wade and prohibited terminating a pregnancy beyond 24 weeks even if the fetus was not viable and would not survive. We're talking about situations where late in the pregnancy it's discovered that the baby is severely deformed, perhaps missing half a brain, or has another unsurvivable condition. We're talking about horrific, gut-wrenching situations that real people are dealing



Caroline Rowland, communications director for the Florida

with. The bill that was filed in — a change she likely believes Virginia aimed to eliminate a will make her run for state law that goes beyond Roe v. Wade and requires the opinion of not one, not two, but three doctors to determine that a woman's life or health is at serious risk before the pregnancy can be terminated. Neither of these "push late-term abortions." Neither of these go beyond what Roe v. Wade made law 46 years ago.

Sam Himmel has done an admirable job as superintendent of schools. While we respect her decision to change parties re-election easier considering Citrus County's changing political demographics, the Florida Democratic Party along with the Citrus County Democratic Party is disappointed in her calculated choice to make this change in such a sensational tabloid manner.

Caroline Rowland is the communications director for the Florida Democratic Party.

#### = $Hot\ Corner$ : $extbf{TRAFFIC}$ $extbf{SIGNALS}$ =

■ This call is in reference to the Friday (reb. 15) front page headline, "FDOT to adjust traffic signals." Only took two years — right on schedule for this county. Jimmie T. (Smith) says. "I didn't hear nothing." Hey, Jimmie T., read your local paper. It's the pulse of our community.

■ I see in this morning's Chronicle that the DOT is going to be adjusting the traffic signals of Homosassa. That's wonderful news. I just hope that they don't do what they did in Inverness and completely destroy the flow of traffic through town. They changed them a couple of months ago and it has been a disaster ever since. What kind of people do they get to do this work? Do they actually drive in these towns and see what the changes they make are doing to traffic? Good

■ In Friday's Chronicle, it's a comfort to see the power of the press. The lead-off story is about the lights and the construction on (U.S.) 19, how by getting everything in sync, it would be much better for traveling. All it took was not the comments about everything from all the Sound Offs, but just one person with a column — I can't mention the name — from the Chronicle in the Commentary on Sunday (Feb. 3) about traveling on (U.S.) 19 with the lights and everything. So I would like to compliment the power of the press.

■ Friday, reading the article on the traffic on (U.S.) 19 and the construction, it says that if there is a huge outcry, one of our commissioners who has been accused of writing too much and talking too much must have earwax because he said he hasn't heard about it. Way to go!

#### Insurance doesn't like pit bulls

I'm calling about the Sunday, Feb. 10, Sound Off. Someone had written in about insurance not covering pit bulls. Twentytwo years ago when I moved to Citrus County, the insurance company covering my homeowners asked if I had a pit bull, a German shepherd or a Rottweiler. They said that they would not insure a home that had any of those three dogs. Just thought I might let people know that.

#### **County just trying** to scam more money

Tuesday's Sound Off (Feb. 12), "Don't fall for the county's nonsense." Yes, I totally 100 percent agree. They have recklessly used our tax money for whatever purpose. Although they do say they don't lie when they said this tax money is going for this project or this project, what they don't tell you is it's a very, very small percentage of the tax money — so they didn't actually lie — and then they use the rest of it on their other pet projects.

#### Junk mail shouldn't get a better deal

I see where everybody's complaining about the price of stamps going up. One of the reasons they were going up is because all these people that send us all their junk mail, they're not paying the same price that we pay to mail a stamp. They give them special rates. And a lot of them, the special rate's way too low.

So if the post office would start charging everybody the exact same thing, they wouldn't have to keep going up because they wouldn't be giving all these discount prices to all the junk mail we get.

#### Post office does heroic work

For those of you who have been calling in to complain about the price of a postage stamp, boy, have I got a deal for you: I would like for you to come to my home. I will hand you an envelope and I would like for you to deliver that envelope to a residential address in Seattle,

Washington. That's almost 3,000 miles from here. Upon your return, I will pay you 55 cents, unless you think that's too much.

#### Why won't they fix these potholes?

I'm calling about the Crystal River post office. I was there today dropping off some mail and as I was walking into the post office, a car swerved to avoid that sinkhole that's going on there. There's a pothole that's probably 1 foot deep by 4 feet wide and that car swerved to the right as a lady got out of her car and started walking towards the post office. It just missed hitting that lady by inches. I can't understand for one moment why the post office doesn't get that repaired immediately. This post office has two of these big holes in their parking lot. Why don't they fix those potholes? That parking lot is constantly having cars coming and going. Not only is it a safety hazard, but think of what it does to the cars.

How is your front end? How are your tires? How are your shocks? It's a terrible, terrible situation and they don't do nothing about it.

#### **Folks dumping trash** along the road

I was wondering, have they raised the rates for picking up garbage? They must have because by the time you leave Crystal River and go all the way to Spring Hill, there's all kinds of garbage laying on the sides of the roads. I drive it just about every other day and it seems like there's more and more that is laying in the ditches. So I was just wondering if they raised the rates

and the people are throwing their garbage into the ditches. I know what we can do: Many of the people in this area don't like the snowbirds, so we can tell them the snowbirds is

#### Don't know what's wrong with smokers

In regards to the lady who said her mom was in the rest home and she couldn't even breathe for the cigarette smoke and she had to leave the room: Hey, it happens everywhere. I can't even go in the laundromat. They sit right by the door in front of the laundromat and the dryers pull the air right in and it pulls all their smoke right into my clothes. The smokers have got a problem, you know? They don't care what they do. They throw

their cigarettes down — lit, a lot of times — on the ground. I see that over and over and over and I go and put them out. I don't know what's wrong with smokers.

#### **Kindness, consideration** go a long way

I just finished reading the Opinion page of Feb. 11 and had to call to support the beautiful letter of Janice Wise, titled, "Is America still united?" advocating healthy differences over destructive division. Kindness and consideration go a long way in life. Thank you.

#### **Six-pack switch the** lowest of treachery

I'm calling to alert the good people of Citrus County to a problem that has arisen at our local grocery store. Some less-than-honest consumer recently tampered with a beer six-pack and committed the switcheroo. Imagine my surprise to learn that one of the beers in my favorite six-pack has been switched for yet another beer. Is nothing sacred?

#### **Get more for our money** before asking for more

Proposed half-cent sales tax for roads is a typical politician's response to a problem. More money will not solve the road problems. Their policies, planning and the way contracts are negotiated and enforced, along with financial responsibility, needs to change. A 10-cents sales tax does not solve the road problems.

doing it.

#### Sound OFF

#### Pit bulls letter summed it up

I just want to thank Joanie Welch for writing such an eloquent, intelligent and informed letter about pit bulls (Feb. 13). Joanie said all the things that I have researched and learned and wanted to say, but I could never say it so eloquently. May I add just one more thing to that: I'm a strong supporter of neutering and spaying and I have found that with aggressive male dogs, neutering does help in that aspect.

#### This person shouldn't be driving

This to the person that wrote in about billboards along the roads (Feb. 13's Sound Off, "Billboards are a huge waste of money"): I've seen them all my life. I'm 67 years old. People like this should not be driving anymore. What's next — remove stop signs, speed signs, warning signs? "I was distracted by them." This person needs to be off the road. Have a nice day.

#### In response to **vour complaints**

I'm calling in regards to the "I have a list of complaints" person (in Feb. 13's Sound Off). No. 1, what I have to say about moving over to you, sweetie, is this: I drive sometimes in the middle of the road. But if you happen to look up, it's just because there's a bicyclist there or a person with a dog on a long leash and they don't pull the dog in until the last minute or they don't have him on a tight leash. So I always drive over a little bit because I'm going around something. Secondly, your doctors and dentists that call you in the mornings -I had that problem, too. I even had a doctor call me

in the early hours of the

morning wanting to know if I would change my appointment with him for the third time for the next day. Don't give your landline number out to anybody. Make sure the dentists and the doctors don't call that number. Give them just your cellphone number and only that. And then you turn your cellphone off and you don't put it on until whenever you want to put it on. It works beautifully. And thirdly, I agree with you on the dogs. I see people doing that all the time. They have the bag and they just keep going and they don't even pick it up. Yeah, I see that.

#### What did you city slickers expect?

This is for all the people who keep calling in about bonfires, ATVs, controlled burns, hens, peacocks, deer, and the lack of stores. My goodness, whatever possessed you to decide to move to a rural southern county? We are fine like it is. We don't need you telling us that we need a certain store and we need more paved roads and less trees. We like to have our bonfires. We like to hunt. For goodness sakes. I forgot to mention guns and shooting and clinking at cans and target practice. We like that, too.

#### Fix this pothole already

I'm calling in reference to the pothole in front of the light there at Home Depot. Why doesn't the city fix it? They're worried about everything else, but worry about that dang road.

#### **More trees would** help things

You need to figure something out. Just common sense tells you why our weather is changing and is so bad. You keep taking the trees out. You're

getting all those trees down which help keep the weather in a good way. So try replanting the trees good trees that give us what we need. There are trees that aren't quite as helpful. Do that before you start taking everything else away.

#### **Stat Cop could** serve as liaison

I've been keeping track of the Stat Cop and the citizens making statements about him. I was wondering if the Chronicle would like a sort of a liaison type of message between the Stat Cop vs. the public and the sheriff's office — just a friendly information-wise message. Let us know and see what you think about that. Maybe we can get the Stat Cop to say something. It would be somebody at the sheriff's office that works on traffic investigations and the Stat Cop would intercede and say, "Yeah, they do this for this reason," and the public would say what they want to say. Have a nice day.

#### Stop using birdfeeders

Birdfeeders. Please stop using birdfeeders. We live in a climate where the birds can fend for their food very easily. Birdfeeders are great if it does not spill on the ground where the rodents eat it and then the coyotes come and eat the rodents. Please don't use birdfeeders.

#### **Golf clap for Riverwalk**

In Wednesday's Chronicle, it says that all the powers to be are quite ecstatic over the progress and what is happening with the Riverwalk (Feb. 13, page A3). All it takes is, what, 35-plus years to get this thing built and whatnot? Ah, the old saying, "Time and tide waits for no man.'

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# Pence announces new sanctions

Urges leaders to freeze assets at summit Venezuela's rightful president. In a speech, Pence urged re- when Venezuela's long night- rally, hopes that support for

AND JOSHUA GOODMAN Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — The after an effort to deliver humanitarian aid to the economically forces loyal to the socialist leader.

Vice President Mike Pence ar-Trump administration an- rived in the Colombian capital nounced new sanctions Monday for an emergency summit of reon allies of Venezuela's Nicolas gional leaders to discuss the Maduro as it struggles to find deepening crisis and immediopposition leader the U.S. and 50 other nations recognize as

Maduro's inner circle. He said libertad.' the U.S. was imposing more government governors, includtwo years.

gional partners to freeze oil mare will end, when Venezuela devastated nation faltered amid assets controlled by Maduro, will once more be free, when strong resistance from security transfer the proceeds to her people will see a new birth Guaido and restrict visas for of freedom, in a nation reborn to

Pence's appearance before sanctions on four pro- the Lima Group comes at an important crossroads for the coaliing a close Maduro ally who tion of mostly conservative Latin negotiated the release of an American nations and Canada new ways to boost his opponent ately met with Juan Guaido, the American jailed for more than that has joined forces to pressure Maduro. A month after "It's time to do more," Pence Guaido declared himself

Maduro inside the military would quickly crumble have

Over the weekend, security forces on the borders with Colombia and Brazil fired tear gas and buckshot on activists waving Venezuelan flags while escorting trucks with emergency medical and food kits. Four people were killed and at least 300 wounded, although only a few were hospitalized.

#### Nation Briefs



A marijuana plant is seen on Hippie Hill in San Francisco. The San Francisco top prosecutor says his office used hightech to erase or reduced 8,000 marijuana convictions dating back decades. District Attorney George Gascon made the announcement Monday saying the organization used computer-based algorithms to identify eligible cases.

#### **Technology helps San Francisco** erase 8,000 pot convictions

SAN FRANCISCO -Over 8,000 marijuanarelated convictions were erased or reduced using a technological approach that prosecutors nationwide should adopt to address a growing backlog of criminal cases eligible for modification, San Francisco's district attorney announced Monday.

San Francisco is the first California county to announce full compliance with the state's broad legalization of marijuana that also made an estimated 200,000 past pot convictions eligible for erasure or reduction.

San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon credited the nonprofit technology organization Code for America for solving the biggest hurdle to identifying eligible cases dating back decades.

When voters passed Proposition 64 in 2016 to allow adult use of marijuana, they also eliminated several pot-related crimes. The proposition also applied retroactively, but provided no mechanism or guidance on how those eligible could erase convictions or have felonies reduced.

In January 2018, Gascon announced his office would take on the time-consuming task of sifting through many thousands of criminal cases to identify eligible marijuana convictions.

-From wire reports

# Trump tamps down expectations



President Donald Trump walks to board Air Force One Monday for a trip to Vietnam to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, in Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

### Leaders to meet in Vietnam

JONATHAN LEMIRE Associated Press

Un on Monday, determined to tamp down expectations that he'll unconcerned. achieve big strides toward denuclearization. Yet he was still eager to claim an attention-grabbing victory to offset the political tur-

moil he faces at home. Trump laid out ultimate goals for both the U.S. and Kim in an appearance before the nation's governors Monday before boarding abandoning its weapons. Air Force One to fly to Vietnam: "We want denuclearization, and I think he'll have a country that will set a lot of records for speed in terms of an

economy.' give up in the name of a nam's capital. Vietnamese mystery about his North always the primary the story to the world. concern.

summit, aiming to re-

of his first meeting with monuclear weapon to the Kim last year. But that initial summit in Singapore WASHINGTON—Rede- yielded few concrete refining success, President sults, and the months that Donald Trump headed to followed have produced his second meeting with little optimism about what North Korea's Kim Jong will be achieved in the sequel.

> Trump is publicly

He once warned that North Korea's arsenal posed such a threat to humanity that he might have no choice but to rain "fire and fury" on the nation. However, in the leadup to the new summit, he's proclaimed himself in no hurry for Pyongyang to prove it is

"I'm not in a rush. I don't want to rush anybody, I just don't want testing. As long as there's no testing, we're happy," Trump told the governors on Sunday.

While Trump was air-Worries abound across borne, Kim's armored world capitals about what train was on the move in Trump might be willing to China, bound toward Vietwin, but there seems less officials promised security at "the maximum level." Korean counterpart. Sur- Reporters from 40 nations vival of the Kim regime is were expected to transmit

Kim inherited a nascent Trump was the driving nuclear program from his force behind this week's father, and after years of accelerated effort and create the global spectacle fighting through crippling

sanctions, he built an arse-sits at the negotiating table. nal that demonstrated the potential to rocket a thermainland United States. That is the fundamental

Though details of the summit remain closely held, the two leaders are expected to meet at some point one-on-one, joined reason Washington now only by translators.

World BRIEFS



Associated Press

**British Prime Minister** Theresa May speaks during a media conference at the conclusion of an EU-Arab League summit Monday at the Sharm El Sheikh convention center in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, Monday. **British Prime Minister** Theresa May stays convinced that March 29 remains a realistic Brexit date, despite the EU urging Britain to delay its departure from the bloc to avoid a chaotic rupture. The main opposition Labour Party took a big step Monday toward backing a new referendum on the country's EU membership.

-From wire reports





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#### THE NUMBER: 42

Road games in a row the Phoenix Suns had lost when trailing entering the final period before Monday's victory at Miami.





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# Lightning win 9th straight, beat Kings 4-3

### Tampa Bay hits 100 points for the season

FRED GOODALL AP sports writer

TAMPA — Nikita Kucherov, Steven Stamkos and Victor Hedman scored in the shootout and the NHL-leading Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Los Angeles Kings 4-3 for their ninth straight victory Monday night, matching the longest winning streak in franchise history.

J.T. Miller's third-period goal forced overtime, and Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 30 shots for the Lightning, who improved the league's best record to 48-11-4 and became the fourth team to reach 100 points in 63 games or less.

Alex Iafallo, Jonny Brodzinski and Austin Wagner scored in the third period, helping Los Angeles turn a two-goal deficit into a short-lived 3-2 lead that goalie Jack Campbell couldn't protect. The Kings have lost eight straight, their longest skid since December 2007.

Braden Point and Anthony Cirelli had first-period goals for the Lightning, who fell behind when Brodzinski and Wagner scored in a 36-second span. Miller countered less than a minute later to make it 3-all.

Kucherov got his 71st assist on Tampa Bay's first goal, giving him a league-leading and career-best 101 points.

With their latest win, the Lightning joined the 1976-77 and 1977-78 Montreal Canadiens and 1971-72 Boston Bruins as the only teams to accumulate 100 points in the first 63 games of a season.

Tampa Bay center Anthony Cirelli, left, watches his deflection get past Los Angeles goaltender Jack Campbell for a goal during the first period Monday in Tampa.

Associated Press



# **Unrelenting Warriors**



Carson Pillsbury pitches May 26, 2018, against Miami Christian at the 2018 FHSAA State Championships final four game in Fort Myers. The Warriors lost a lot of talent to graduation, but return several starters, including University of Florida verbal commit Pillsbury, as the squad looks to make another deep playoff run this spring.

### Crystal River, Citrus, Lecanto try to move forward as baseball season gets underway

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR. Staff writer

Over the past several seasons, the Seven River Christian baseball team hasn't had to deal much with losing. Not on the field, and not in the personnel department.

The Warriors have enjoyed a remarkable run of stability, retaining a core that produced two trips to the Final Four, once in 2015 and again last spring.

But many of those players have finally graduated, leaving Seven Rivers (19-7 in 2018) to figure out how to maintain its standing as one of the top programs in all of Class 2A.

"I expected to be a little reserved on how our team looks," Seven Rivers head coach Travis Phillips said. "I felt like we'd be softer in pitching and weaker in hitting. On the other hand, our defense is outstanding.

"I expected to be a little bit off, but after two pre- out the returning regulars season games I'm cautiously optimistic. There's a possibility of making another run."

The cupboard was not left completely bare, even with the departure of Parker Pillsbury and Coy Phillips, the Chronicle Player of the Year selections from the past three seasons. Also gone are All-Chronicle selections and college signees C.J. Bianco and Westen Kinnard, who spent one year with Seven Rivers after transferring from Citrus.

Yet back in the fold is senior shortstop Zavier Delgado, a two-time All-Chronicle pick who hit .386 and .355 with a combined 48 runs scored and 30 RBI the past two seasons.

Junior Carson Pillsbury, a Florida verbal commit, returns to pace the pitching staff, having gone 5-1 with a 1.60 ERA as a sophomore, striking out 35 in 30.2 innings. Sophomore Brook Weed is back at second base and senior catcher Caleb Wharton rounds

A trio of imports from Hernando Christian Academy are looked at to fill the voids. Freshman Hunter Looper, who'll play catcher and third base, was the leading hitter for the Lions, posting a .423 average

with five doubles, four triples, 23 runs and 15 RBI. He'll additionally join the pitching staff, along with senior Eric Brady and sophomore Cameron Herrin. Brady threw a team-high 48.2 innings at HCA last year, fanning 61 batters. Herrin, also an outfielder, had a 3.09 ERA and 19 strikeouts over 22.2 innings of work.

"We have a team full of legitimate baseball players all through the whole roster," said Coach Phillips, in his fourth year as headman. "They're open-minded, young and really wanting to get better. The atmosphere is unbelievable.

See BASEBALL/Page B3

# Aaron Hicks, Yankees agree to \$70M, 7-year deal

MARK DIDLTER AP sports writer

NEW YORK — Making another move to keep their core of players together, the New York Yankees agreed to a \$70 million, seven-year contract with outfielder

Aaron Hicks. Hicks' adds \$64 million in guar-

anteed money over six could make it worth \$81.5 million over level player.'

This is the organization I want to stay with," Hicks said during a news conference Monday. "The team here is a team that I want to be with. I think it has a bright future."

over as the Yankees primary center buyout. fielder last year and set career highs with 137 games, 27 homers and 79 RBIs. He agreed on Jan. 11 to a \$6 million, one- He receives a hotel suite on road year contract and would have been eligi-

ble for free agency after this season. seasons and club option for 2026 that Boone said. "He's just really an elite

\$2 million signing bonus and keeps the \$6 million salary this year. He gets \$10.5 million annually from 2020-23 and \$9.5 million in each of the following two seasons. The Yankees have a \$12.5 mil- list in all six of his big league seasons, A 29-year-old switch-hitter, Hicks took lion option for 2026 with a \$1 million nine trips in all for hamstring strains

Hicks would get a \$1 million assignment bonus the first time he is traded.

"I'm thrilled," Yankees manager Aaron if he'd ever cross into being the player

His new, superseding deal calls for a Cashman said. "He was hungry to prove otherwise and we were hungry to work with him on it."

Acquired from Minnesota in November 2015, Hicks has been on the disabled (three times), oblique strains (twice), shoulder, forearm and intercostal strains, and a concussion.

With a \$4 million increase in Hicks' average annual value this year, New York's "There was a lot of people questioning raised its projected luxury tax payroll to about \$229 million, well above the that his draft card said he was capable of \$206 million threshold and past the first being," Yankees general manager Brian surtax level.



**Hicks** 

# **FSU holds off Notre Dame**

### Seminoles pull away late

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE - Freshman Devin Vassell scored 13 points, sparking Florida State's second-half charge with a dunk and a 3-pointer on consecutive possessions, and the 18th-ranked Seminoles held off Notre Dame 68-61 on Monday night.

Trent Forrest made 4 of 6 free-throw attempts in the final minute to help the Seminoles (22-6, 10-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) hang on.

D.J. Harvey scored 18 points and Prentiss Hubb had 17 for Notre Dame (13-15, 3-12), which has dropped four straight games.

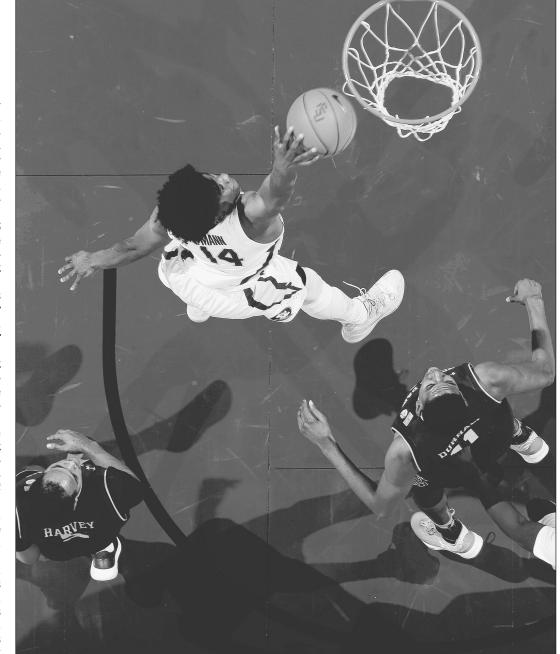
The Fighting Irish went scoreless for nearly five minutes late in the game and made just one of their final 10 fieldgoal attempts.

Vassell shot 5 of 6 from the floor, draining all three 3-point attempts, and had seven rebounds. He scored more points than he had in 14 prior ACC

Christ Koumadje added 12 points, the fourth time in the last five games he has scored in double figures.

added John Mooney 14 points and eight rebounds for Notre Dame, which had won three straight in the series none of which were played in Tallahassee. The Seminoles are 44-3 at home in the last three seasons.

Florida State had the rebounding edge, 40-26.



Florida State guard Terance Mann (14) gets by Notre Dame guard D.J. Harvey, left, and forward Juwan Durham, right, for a dunk in the first half in Tallahassee.

# Suns top Heat, snap 17-game skid

### Had lost 42 road Thompson scored 26 points, De-Marcus Cousins had 24 points and games in a row when trailing after 3 periods

Associated Press

MIAMI — Devin Booker scored 20 points to lead seven Phoenix players in double figures, and the Suns snapped a club-record 17-game losing streak by beating the reeling Miami Heat 124-121 on Monday night.

Former Heat guard Tyler Johnson scored 18 points for Phoenix. Jamal Crawford and Kelly Oubre Jr. each had 16 and were huge down the stretch for Phoenix, which scored 40 points in the fourth

Hassan Whiteside scored 29 points and Kelly Olynyk added 28 for the Heat, who have dropped six straight at home for the second time this season.

Phoenix improved to 2-42 this season when trailing after three quarters, and snapped a 42-game losing streak in road games when trailing entering the final period.

#### Warriors 121, **Hornets 110**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Klay

11 rebounds, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Charlotte Hornets 121-110.

Kevin Durant had 20 points and seven rebounds for the Warriors. Cody Zeller made 13 of 14 shots from the field and finished with a career-high 28 points to lead the

#### Pistons 113. Pacers 109

Hornets.

DETROIT — Andre Drummond had 26 points and 16 rebounds, Blake Griffin had a triple-double and the resurgent Detroit Pistons won for the seventh time in eight games, beating the Indiana Pacers 113-109.

Griffin had 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for Detroit. Domantas Sabonis scored 23 for Indiana.

#### **Nets 101, Spurs 85**

NEW YORK — D'Angelo Russell had 23 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, and the Brooklyn Nets forced the San Antonio Spurs into perhaps their worst offensive performance of the season in a 101-85 victory.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs.

#### **Trail Blazers 123, Cavaliers 110**

CLEVELAND — CJ McCollum scored 35 points and the Portland Trail Blazers hung on after nearly

squandering a 23-point halftime lead to defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers 123-110.

Cedi Osman scored 27 points for the Cavaliers, who were attempting to win three straight for the first time this season.

#### Rockets 119, **Hawks 111**

HOUSTON — James Harden score 28 points, ending his 32-game streak with at least 30 while the Houston Rockets beat the Atlanta Hawks 119-111.

Houston overcame a career-high eight 3-pointers from Hawks rookie Trae Young, who put up 36 points.

Harden returned after missing Saturday's win over Golden State with a neck injury. His run of games with 30 or more points was the second-longest in NBA history behind a 65-game streak by Wilt Chamberlain.

#### Timberwolves 112, **Kings 105**

MINNEAPOLIS — Karl-Anthony Towns had 34 points and 21 rebounds in his return from the concussion protocol, helping the Minnesota Timberwolves stave off the Sacramento Kings for a 112-105 victory.

Rookie Marvin Bagley III had 25 points and 11 rebounds and De'Aaron Fox scored 23 points for the Kings.

#### **Bucks 117, Bulls 106**

CHICAGO — Khris Middleton

and Malcolm Brogdon each scored 22 points, and the NBA-leading Milwaukee Bucks beat the Chicago Bulls 117-106 without All-Star Giannis Antetokounmpo.

While the Greek Freak sat out with a sore right knee, the Bucks overcame a sluggish start to pick up their 17th win in 19 games.

Lauri Markkanen and Robin Lopez each scored 26 for Chicago.

#### **Grizzlies 110,** Lakers 105

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Mike Conley had 30 points including key free throws in the final minute, Jonas Valanciunas finished with 20 points and 13 rebounds, and the Memphis Grizzlies put another dent in the Lakers' playoff hopes with a 110-105 victory over Los Angeles.

LeBron James had 24 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists but made only 8 of 23 shots. Brandon Ingram led the Lakers with 32 points.

#### 76ers 111, **Pelicans 110**

NEW ORLEANS — Tobias Harris scored 29 points, Ben Simmons had 14 points and 12 assists, and the Philadelphia 76ers narrowly held off the New Orleans Pelicans 111-110.

Anthony Davis scored 18 points in 21 minutes, but was taken out of the game for good with 5:11 left in the third quarter as the Pelicans continue to limit his playing time since his trade request.



# Gonzaga reclaims No. 1 spot

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Gonzaga's first stay atop the AP Top 25 this season ended following a pair of losses to highly ranked nonconference opponents. Now back at No. 1, the Zags look like they could stay there through the rest of the

Gonzaga moved up a spot Monday to begin a second stint at No. 1, both times replacing Duke at the

It spent two weeks at No. 1 after beating the Blue Devils to win the Maui Invitational in November, but Mark Few's team fell out after a December loss to Tennessee. Then came a loss at North Carolina, marking the first time the Bulldogs had lost back-to-back games since February 2014.

But Gonzaga (27-2, 14-0 West Coast Conference) hasn't lost since. And the Zags are a national powerhouse rolling through a league ranked as the eighth best in the country by KenPom.

The Zags have won 18 straight games with no opponent coming closer than a dozen points, the last game being Saturday's 102-68 victory over BYU. They play their final two regular-season games on the road at Pacific on Thursday and Saint Mary's on Saturday in rematches of games Gonzaga won by a combined 79 points.

For the record, the final AP poll of the season runs March 18, the day after Selection Sunday.

#### **ACC'S TOP TIER**

The Atlantic Coast Conference is hoarding spots in the top five.

Virginia (24-2) moved up one slot to No. 2 and had 15 first-place votes, while the Blue Devils (24-3) slid from No. 1 to third. That came after Duke lost at home to rival North Carolina in a game that saw freshman star Zion Williamson go down with an injury to his right knee in the opening minute complete with the image of his left foot tearing through his shoe as he fell to the floor.

Duke, which earned a bounceback win at Syracuse without Williamson, still earned three first-place votes.

Virginia and Duke are in a threeway tie atop the ACC with UNC (22-5), which jumped three spots to a season-high fifth behind Kentucky after the victory over Duke followed by a home win against No. 18 Florida State.

The Tar Heels have won 10 of 11. with the loss coming to the Cavaliers — whose only two losses have come to Duke.

#### **THE TOP 10**

Michigan State jumped four spots to No. 6 after winning at rival Michigan. Next came Tennessee, which spent four weeks at No. 1, followed by Houston — which at No. 8 has the program's highest ranking since Hakeem Olajuwon was starring for the Cougars in

Michigan and Marquette rounded out the top 10.

#### **PROGRAM DEBUT**

Wofford checked in at No. 24 for the first AP poll appearance in program history. The Terriers (24-4) are 16-0 in the Southern Conference and their only losses have come against power-conference teams UNC, Oklahoma, Kansas and Mississippi State.

#### **HELLO AGAIN**

While Wofford was a first-timer, the other two new additions to this week's poll are familiar faces.

Cincinnati returned at No. 23 after spending a week at No. 25 earlier this month. And Washington claimed the final spot at No. 25, the same ranking the Huskies had in the preseason poll before falling

#### **FALLING OUT**

Reigning national champion Villanova (No. 17), Louisville (No. 18) and Iowa State (No. 19) fell out of the poll.

#### **UCLA enters women's Top 25; Baylor still No. 1**

NEW YORK — A win over the No. 2 team in the country earned UCLA its first ranking of the season.

The Bruins entered The Associated Press women's basketball poll on Monday at No. 25 after rallying from 22 points down to upset Oregon on Friday night. UCLA lost a close contest against Oregon State on Sunday.

Baylor garnered all 28 first-place votes to remain No. 1 in the Top 25. The Lady Bears clinched their ninth consecutive Big 12 championship this past week.

UConn, Louisville, Notre Dame and Mississippi State round out the first five.

Miami center Hassan Whiteside celebrates Monday after scoring against the Phoenix Suns in Miami.

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Houston	2	1	0.667				
Boston		1	0.667				
Baltimore	2	1	0.667				
Minnesota	2	2	0.500				
Los Angeles	2	2 2 2 3	0.500				
Texas	1	2	0.333				
Detroit	1	2	0.333				
Oakland	1	3	0.250				
Cleveland	0	2	0.000				
Chicago	0	3	0.000				
Toronto	0	3	0.000				
Tampa Bay	0	4	0.000				
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Philadelphia	3	1	0.750				
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Arizona	2	1	0.667				
Washington	2	1	0.667				
Colorado		1	0.667				
New York	1	1	0.500				
St. Louis	1	1	0.500				
Cincinnati	1	1	0.500				
Atlanta	1	2	0.333				
Miami	1	2	0.333				
Milwaukee	1	2 2 2	0.333				
San Francisco	0	2	0.000				

San Francisco Monday's Games Miami 5, Tampa Bay 2 Pittsburgh 4. Boston 3 Atlanta 9, Washington 4 Minnesota 7, Baltimore 1 N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 0 N.Y. Mets 3, Houston 3 Philadelphia 12, Detroit (ss) 7 Detroit 3, St. Louis 3 Colorado 12, Kansas City 5 Texas 11, Cleveland 5 Chicago White Sox 4. San Francisco 4 L.A. Dodgers 11, Chicago Cubs (ss) 2

Chicago Cubs 6, San Diego 4 Arizona 4, Oakland 3 L.A. Angels 4, Milwaukee 3 Seattle 11, Cincinnati 3 Today's Games

Houston vs. Miami at Jupiter, I:05 p.m. St. Louis vs. Washington at West Palm Beach 1:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, 1:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m. Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, 1:05 p.m. Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, 1:05 p.m Boston vs. Toronto at Dunedin, 1:07 p.m. Detroit vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, 1:10 p.m. San Francisco vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz.,

L.A. Dodgers vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Arizona vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m. Kansas City (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m Cleveland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Texas vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

#### **BASKETBALL**

#### Men's AP Top 25

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	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (44)	27-2	1569	2
2. Virginia (15)	24-2	1513	3
3. Duke (3)	24-3	1502	1
4. Kentucky (2)	23-4	1418	4
<ol><li>North Carolina</li></ol>	22-5	1326	8
<ol><li>Michigan St.</li></ol>	23-5	1232	10
7. Tennessee	24-3	1190	5
8. Houston	26-1	1145	9
<ol><li>Michigan</li></ol>	24-4	1057	7
<ol><li>Marquette</li></ol>	23-4	1019	11
<ol><li>Texas Tech</li></ol>	22-5	938	14
12. Nevada	25-2	883	6
13. LSU	22-5	836	13
14. Purdue	20-7	820	15
15. Kansas	20-7	580	12
<ol><li>Kansas St.</li></ol>	21-6	559	23
17. Maryland	21-7	549	24
<ol><li>18. Florida St.</li></ol>	21-6	501	16
<ol><li>19. Wisconsin</li></ol>	19-8	466	22
20. Virginia Tech	21-6	392	20
21. Buffalo	24-3	288	25
22. Iowa	21-6	278	21
23. Cincinnati	23-4	263	_
24. Wofford	24-4	112	_
25. Washington	22-5	92	_
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Others receiving votes: Louisville 90 Villa nova 63, Iowa St. 58, Mississippi St. 28, Auburn 16, Baylor 10, VCU 4, Old Dominion 2, New

#### **Women's AP Top 25**

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1. Baylor (28)	25-1	700	1
2. UConn	25-2	663	3
<ol><li>Louisville</li></ol>	25-2	639	4
<ol><li>Notre Dame</li></ol>	25-3	625	5
<ol><li>Mississippi St.</li></ol>	25-2	576	6
6. Oregon	25-3	559	2
<ol><li>Stanford</li></ol>	23-4	506	7
8. Maryland	24-3	489	8
<ol><li>Oregon St.</li></ol>	23-5	486	12
10. N.C. State	24-3	454	9
<ol><li>Kentucky</li></ol>	23-5	368	16
12. lowa	21-6	367	10
<ol><li>13. Marquette</li></ol>	23-5	356	11
<ol><li>South Carolina</li></ol>	20-7	346	13
15. Miami	23-6	320	14
<ol><li>Gonzaga</li></ol>	25-3	308	15
<ol><li>17. Syracuse</li></ol>	20-6	258	18
18. Texas	21-6	241	19
19. Texas A&M	20-6	179	21
20. lowa St.	20-7	173	20
21. Arizona St.	18-8	106	17
22. Florida St.	21-6	97	22
23. Drake	21-5	78	24
24. Rice	23-3	67	25
25. UCLA	17-11	40	_
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South Dakota St. 22. BYU 8. DePaul 8. West Virginia 7, UCF 6, Kansas St. 5, Clemson 4, Florida Gulf Coast 4, Minnesota 4, Rutgers 3. Cent. Michigan 2, Missouri 2. Miami (Ohio) 1.

#### NDA standings

NBA standings						
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Philadelphia	39	22	.639	5		
Boston	37	23	.617	6 1/2		
Brooklyn	32	30	.516	12½		
New York	12	48	.200	31½		
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	W	L	Pct	GB		
Charlotte	28	32	.467	_		
Orlando	28	33	.459	1/2		
Vliami	26	33	.441	1 ½		
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Atlanta	20	41	.328	81/2		
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	W	L	Pct	GB		
Milwaukee	46	14	.767	_		
ndiana	40	21	.656	6 1/2		
Detroit	29	30	.492	161/2		
Chicago	16	45	.262	301/2		
Cleveland	14	47	.230	321/2		
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	W	L	Pct	GB		
Houston	35	25	.583	_		
San Antonio	33	29	.532	3		
Dallas	26	33	.441	8 1/2		
New Orleans	27	35	.435	9		
Memphis	24	38	.387	12		
	orth	west Divisio	on			
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Denver	41	18	.695	_		
Oklahoma City	38	21	.644	3		
Portland	37	23	.617	4 1/2		
Jtah	33	26	.559	8		
Vinnesota	29	31	.483	121/2		

**Pacific Division** 

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Golden State

L.A. Clippers

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### Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) PICK 5 (early) 0 - 8 3-2-3-5-5 PICK 2 (late) PICK 5 (late) 3 - 9 6-2-7-0-9 PICK 3 (early) **FANTASY 5** 0-8-7 2-5-8-15-30 PICK 3 (late) **CASH 4 LIFE** 7 - 4 - 6 18 - 24 - 42 - 55 - 58 PICK 4 (early) **CASH BALL** 2-6-7-8 3 PICK 4 (late)

Sunday's winning numbers and payouts:

**Fantasy 5**: 2 – 6 – 21 – 24 – 28 3 winners \$59,322.53 4-of-5 227 \$126 3-of-5 7.943 \$10

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

#### On the AIRWAVES =

#### **TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING**

9 p.m. (FS1) NHRA Pro Stock Series: Phoenix (Taped) SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL

6 a.m. (MLB) Detroit Tigers at Philadelphia Phillies (Taped) 1 p.m. (MLB) Detroit Tigers at New York Mets 4 p.m. (MLB) Milwaukee Brewers at San Diego Padres

(Same-day Tape) 8 p.m. (MLB) Los Angeles Angels at Oakland Athletics (Same-

day Tape) 11 p.m. (MLB) Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners (Same-day

2 a.m. (MLB) Philadelphia Phillies at New York Yankees (Taped)

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 

7 p.m. (ESPN) Duke at Virginia Tech

7 p.m. (ESPN2) Alabama at South Carolina

7 p.m. (ESPNU) TCU at West Virginia 7 p.m. (FS1) Providence at Butler

7 p.m. (SEC) Missouri at Mississippi State

7 p.m. (SUN) Miami at Wake Forest

9 p.m. (ESPN) Wisconsin at Indiana

9 p.m. (ESPN2) Texas A&M at LSU

9 p.m. (ESPNU) Temple at Memphis

9 p.m. (SEC) Arkansas at Kentucky

**NBA** 7:30 p.m. (FSNFL) Orlando Magic at New York Knicks

8 p.m. (TNT) Boston Celtics at Toronto Raptors 10:30 p.m. (TNT) Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets **GOLF** 

11 a.m. (GOLF) Ladies European Tour Australian Classic Bonville, Third Round (Same-day Tape) NHL

2 p.m. (NHL) Los Angeles Kings at Tampa Bay Lightning (Taped)

7 p.m. (NBCSPT) Buffalo Sabres at Philadelphia Flyers PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

2:55 p.m. (NBCSPT) Newcastle United FC vs Burnley FC **TENNIS** 

5 a.m. (TENNIS) Dubai-ATP & Sao Paulo-ATP 6 a.m. (TENNIS) Dubai-ATP & Sao Paulo-ATP

2 p.m. (TENNIS) Dubai-ATP & Sao Paulo-ATP 1:30 a.m. (TENNIS) Acapulco-ATP/WTA, Dubai-ATP & Sao Paulo-ATP Early Rounds (Taped)

**WINTER SPORTS** 

1 p.m. (NBCSPT) FIS Cross-Country Skiing World Championships: Women's 10km (Same-day Tape)

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

#### Prep CALENDAR

#### **TODAY'S PREP SPORTS**

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

Class 6A Region 2 semifinal 7 p.m. Nature Coast at Crystal River

**BASEBALL** 

5 p.m. SLAM Academy at Citrus

6:30 p.m. Lecanto at Lake Weir 7 p.m. Crystal River at The Villages

SOFTBALL

6 p.m. Foundation Christian at Seven Rivers 7 p.m. Dunnellon at Crystal River

**BOYS TENNIS** 

3 p.m. Springstead at Lecanto 3 p.m. Central at Citrus

**GIRLS TENNIS** 3:30 p.m. Lecanto at Springstead

**FLAG FOOTBALL** 

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**6 p.m.** Lecanto at Trinity Catholic

L.A. Lakers	29	31	.483			
Phoenix	12	50	.194			
Monday's Games						
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Golden State 121, Charlotte 110						
Portland 123,	Clevelar	nd 110				
Brooklyn 101	, San Ant	tonio 85				
Phoenix 124,	Miami 1	21				
Houston 119, Atlanta 111						
Memphis 110, L.A. Lakers 105						
Milwaukee 11	7, Chica	go 106				
Minnesota 11	2, Sacra	mento 1	05			

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Sacramento

Philadelphia 111, New Orleans 110 Dallas at L.A. Clippers, late Todav's Games Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Boston at Toronto, 8 p.m Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

#### HOCKEY

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NHL Standings							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ
Tampa Bay	63	48	11	4	100	248	166
Boston	62	36	17	9	81	185	159
Toronto	62	38	20	4	80	221	176
Montreal	63	33	23	7	73	188	185
Buffalo	62	29	25	8	66	179	194
Florida	60	27	25	8	62	190	204
Detroit	63	23	31	9	55	177	212
Ottawa	62	22	35	5	49	187	228
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N.Y. Islanders	61	36	18	7	79	178	146
Washington	63	35	21	7	77	213	203
Columbus	61	35	23	3	73	195	180
Carolina	62	33	23	6	72	181	170
Pittsburgh	62	32	22	8	72	213	195

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#### **WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division**

GP W L OT Pts GF GA Nashville 65 37 23 5 79 196 171 Winnipeg 62 37 21 4 78 210 185 St. Louis 62 33 23 6 72 182 172 62 31 26 5 67 157 162 Dallas Minnesota 30 27 6 66 173 184 63 Colorado 62 27 24 11 65 206 196 Chicago 63 26 28 9 61 211 236 **Pacific Division** 

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Calgary 62 39 16 7 85 225 180 63 37 18 8 82 228 197 San Jose 32 26 5 69 185 181 Vegas 63 Arizona Vancouver 60 172 195 62 26 29 7 59 173 205 Edmonton Anaheim 62 24 29 9 57 139 191 Los Angeles 62 23 32 7 53 148 194 NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to

Monday's Games Toronto 5, Buffalo 3

New Jersey 2, Montreal 1 Tampa Bay 4. Los Angeles 3. SO Nashville 3, Edmonton 2, SO Florida at Colorado, late Anaheim at Vancouver, late Today's Games

Florida at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Dallas at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Calgary vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 7 p.m. San Jose at Boston, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Carolina, 7 p.m. Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Montreal at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

#### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### **Plante no-hitter leads Panthers to win**

Courtney Plante pitched a no-hitter Friday night in a 13-0 Lecanto softball victory over Ocala Christian Academy.

Kaliegh Nonnamacher and Sarah Hoover each scored three runs to pace the Panther offense.

#### **Authorities: Kraft visited** parlor on day of AFC game

WEST PALM BEACH — New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft visited a Florida massage parlor for sex acts the night before and the morning of last month's AFC Championship Game, which he attended in Kansas City, authorities said Monday in documents charging him with two misdemeanor counts of soliciting prostitution.

The 77-year-old Kraft was chauffeured to the Orchids of Asia Day Spa in a 2014 white Bentley on the evening of Jan. 19, where police say they videotaped him engaging in a sex act and then handing over an undetermined amount of cash, Jupiter, Florida, police said in charging documents released by the Palm Beach State Attorney's Office. Investigators said Kraft was back at

the spa 17 hours later, arriving at the upper-middle class shopping center where the spa was located in a chauffeured 2015 blue Bentley, the documents said. He was videotaped engaging in sex acts before paying with a \$100 bill and another bill, police said.

Kraft, whose team won the Super Bowl earlier this month, has denied wrongdoing.

#### **Bastian and Gabriel score. Devils sweep Canadiens**

NEWARK, N.J. — Nathan Bastian scored his first NHL goal, Kurtis Gabriel got his second and the last-place New Jersey Devils continued to be a thorn in Montreal's playoff hopes, beating the Canadiens 2-1 on Monday night.

Recently acquired defenseman Connor Carrick set up both goals and Cory Schneider made 34 saves as the Devils swept their three-game season series with the Canadiens.

#### Maple Leafs' 4-goal 2nd period sinks Sabres 5-3

TORONTO — John Tavares, Auston Matthews and Frederik Gauthier scored three guick goals in the second period and the Toronto Maple Leafs held off the Buffalo Sabres for a 5-3 win on Monday

Tyler Ennis had the eventual winner in Toronto's four-goal second period and Kasperi Kapanen added some insurance with a short-handed goal in the third period.

Frederik Andersen made 31 saves for his 100th win for Toronto.

Jack Eichel scored twice for Buffalo, while Sam Reinhart added a goal as the Sabres' playoff hopes took another hit.

From staff and wire reports

### BASEBALL

Continued from Page B1

"They know there's a target on them, but it's a fun, fun team already. They're working hard. The chemistry is really, really good, just absolutely everything. If we don't coach them too much, they'll be pretty good."

The Warriors once again figure to compete with Keswick Christian and Canterbury in the 12-team District 2A-5. They'll be seeking their 11th consecutive trip to regionals and a chance to match their previous postseason success.

"I don't know that we've tried to set that standard. We'll play the best we can," Coach Phillips said. "As long as the boys stay humble and hungry, we'll be able to make a long run.'

#### **Building back up**

Citrus, Crystal River and Lecanto are once again trying to find a way to break through in District 6A-6. Dunnellon, Springstead and Weeki Wachee stand in the way.

Brandon De Respiris hopes having a year under his belt as head coach at Citrus leads to improvement following a 10-15 campaign.

"We look to continue to get better," first year, we were building a culture, trying to build, them getting used to the coaching staff, us getting used to

"It's another year jelling together. As long as we continue to not look too far head, take it game by game, we'll be but our seniors have to be leaders.' able to compete."

Senior catcher Evan Badger was an All-Chronicle selection and Player of the Year nominee in 2018, hitting .410 with 12 doubles, 21 RBI, a .516 on-base percentage, .666 slugging and a 1.183 OPS, all county highs for players from the three public schools.

Mikey Gatto, a junior second baseman, made All-Chronicle as well thanks to a .373 average with nine doubles and 15 RBI.

Center fielder Jacob Freier, a junior, hit .340 a year ago, and junior shortstop Connor Bishop returns to give the Hurricanes an experienced foundation up the middle. Seniors Nolan Bescher and Chance Yates figure to be the top pitchers.

"Having another year together, having another year to develop, that's going to be huge for them, and we'll be able to swing the bat," DeRespiris said. "We've got a good lineup returning that should keep us in ballgames."

Over at Crystal River, the Pirates (9-16 in 2018) begin anew under firstyear head coach Devin Dominguez. The 30-year-old originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been a local resident for several years thanks to his wife, a Crystal River native he met while both were attending Alabama State University. After playing both football and base-

ball in college — he was primarily a quarterback and a pitcher — Dominguez spent a year as an assistant with the Wildwood baseball team and last year was head coach at Leesburg. "My expectation is just to change the

way people think about the program as a whole," Dominguez said. "Crystal River is a talented group, just distractions and all that can be going on, we have to stay focused on the game. "I tell my guys all the time, pressure

is a privilege. If there's no pressure, no one is expecting you do anything. And this community puts a lot of pressure on this team to perform. I'm up for the challenge.'

He can rely on senior starting pitches Caleb Dix (3.57 ERA, 33.1 innings, 55 strikeouts in 2018) and lefty Lane Ewing (3.57 ERA), as well as senior catcher Seth Purnell (team-high

and 15 RBI, and both he and Purnell made All-Chronicle. "I just want us to play baseball the

right way," Dominguez said. "When we get somebody on base, we need to get him over. Make sure we make routine plays and just be good in all aspects of the game.

"We'll measure success by making sure we make the (regional) tournament. I keep expectations high for our kids and anything less than that we didn't get the job done. We've got to make sure we qualify for the (regional) tournament."

Lecanto (9-17 in 2018) has four returning seniors who will have to step to the forefront: utility man and leadoff hitter Chris Dirosa, pitcher/first baseman Joe Caggiano, pitcher/utility man Dustin Fischer and catcher/third baseman Nick Morales.

However, the Panthers suffered a huge blow when projected staff ace Coby Howatineck broke the bone that attached his ulnar collateral ligament in his elbow during an offseason tryout with the College of Central Florida.

"Like every year, we're trying to win a district title," Lecanto 10th-year head coach David Logue said. "It'll be a work in progress with our pitchers throughout the year, getting innings, gaining confidence, throwing strikes consistently. But I think we'll be strong DeRespiris said. "Last year being my defensively and hit the ball pretty

> 200a. "The seniors really have to be leaders with their play and the way they go about their business. When we've had success, it's because our seniors came through. We have a lot of young talent,

#### **Citrus Hurricanes**

Head coach: Brandon DeRespiris (2nd year)

**Key returnees:** Evan Badger (Sr., C), Nolan Bescher (Sr., P), Connor Bishop (Jr., SS), Cody Cyr (Sr., RF/P), Jacob Freier (Jr., CF), Mikey Gatto (Jr., 2B), Chance Yates (Sr., 1B/P)

Kev losses: Joel McHugh, Max Mar-

tone, Nic Martin Key newcomers: Jalen Armstrong (Sr., UTIL), Jarred Daigle (Jr., DH/1B/3B), Zane Zacke (Sr., OF)

#### **Crystal River Pirates**

Head coach: Devin Dominguez (1st

Key returnees: Hurley Campbell (Sr., INF/P), Caleb Dix (Sr., SS/P), Lane Ewing (Sr., 1B/P), Seth Purnell (Sr., C), Tyler Richardson (Jr., INF/OF), Daniel Sayadoff (Jr., 3B), Tyler Tambasco (Sr., P/UTIL)

Key losses: Cole Baldner, Jake Behuniak, Billy Henderson

Key newcomers: Anthony Agate (So., OF), Anthony Cairone (Jr., 1B/P), Branden VanNess (Sr., OF/P)

#### **Lecanto Panthers**

**Head coach:** David Logue (10th year) Key returnees: Derek Batson (Jr., P/ OF), Joe Caggiano (Sr., P/1B), Brandon Dirosa (Jr., P/INF), Chris Dirosa (Sr., UTIL), Dustin Fischer (Sr., P/UTIL), Nick Morales (Sr., C/3B)

Key losses: Shawn Host, Coby Howatineck, Cole Mann, Seth Stockburger Key newcomers: Jake Casazza (Sr.,

OF), Dillon Futran (Sr., OF), Luke Malmberg (Fr., INF/P), Joseph Massa (Fr., SS)

#### **Seven Rivers Christian Warriors**

**Head coach:** Travis Phillips (4th year) Key returnees: Zavier Delgado (Sr., SS), Carson Pillsbury (Jr., P/1B/3B/OF), Brock Weed (So, 2B), Caleb Wharton (Sr., Key losses: C.J. Bianco, Westen Kin-

nard, Coy Phillips, Parker Pillsbury, Preston Shephard Key newcomers: Eric Brady (Sr., P),

.338 average). Dix, a shortstop, also hit Cameron Herrin (So., P/OF), Hunter .294 with seven doubles, two homers Looper (So., C/3B/P)

# Harper meets with Dodgers, still no decision

Associated Press

Bryce Harper meets with the Los Angeles Dodgers and the very next day, a Brinks truck is parked right outside the team's spring training complex.

Coincidence or correlation?

With the first full week of exhibition games on deck, Dodgers manager Dave Roberts confirmed he joined club executives in meeting with Harper in Las Vegas on Sunday night.

Roberts said it was a good session and gave the sides a chance to "get to know each other." Roberts said the Dodgers were "vetting a certain process."

Harper has been connected to the Philadelphia Phillies and the San Francisco Giants during a second consecutive slow free-agent market for the sport.

#### MARLINS 5, RAYS 0

Jon Berti, a non-roster invitee, tripled for Miami. Austin Dean had two hits and two RBIs.

Brandon Lowe and Joe McCarthy each had two hits for Tampa Bay.

#### **BRAVES 9, NATIONALS 4**

Patrick Corbin, who signed a \$140 million, six-vear contract, made the 2 1/2-hour bus ride to start for Washington. He allowed one hit in two innings, struck out two and walked none.

Freddie Freeman hit a two-run homer. Catcher Alex Jackson, the sixth overall pick by Seattle in 2014, doubled and drove in two runs for Atlanta.

#### **METS 3, ASTROS 3**

Justin Verlander pitched two perfect innings, striking out one and getting five flyball outs.

New York's Noah Syndergaard struck out the final two hitters of his two-inning

#### YANKEES 3, BLUE JAYS 0

James Paxton made his Yankees debut, working two innings and combining with five relievers on a one-hitter. Troy Tulowitzki went deep in his first at-bat as a Yankee, homering off former Toronto teammates Marcus Stroman.

Stroman gave up two homers in his spring debut for Toronto.

#### TWINS 7, ORIOLES 1

Byron Buxton singled, doubled and homered to drive in five runs for Minnesota.

Eric Young Jr. homered for Baltimore.

#### TIGERS (SS) 3, CARDINALS 3

Miguel Cabrera singled and drove in a run for the Tigers. Daz Cameron started in center field and went 1 for 2 with a double

Jose Martinez, the son of Carlos



Houston left fielder Josh Reddick catches a fly ball for an out during the fourth inning of a spring training game Monday against the **New York Mets in West Palm Beach.** 

Martinez, walked and singled for St. Louis.

#### PHILLIES 12, TIGERS (SS) 7

Jean Segura, acquired in a December trade with Seattle, had two hits and scored twice. Philadelphia newcomers Andrew McCutcheon and J.T. Realmuto each singled and scored a run.

Jordan Zimmermann struck out four in two innings the Tigers.

#### **PIRATES 4, RED SOX 3**

Pittsburgh starter Jordan Lyles pitched two innings, giving up a solo home run to Bryce Brentz. Melky Cabrera doubled for

#### **ROCKIES 12, ROYALS 5**

Mark Reynolds hit a grand slam for Colorado. Bubba Starling hit a pair of solo home runs and Jorge Soler also connected for Kansas City.

#### RANGERS 11, INDIANS 5

Mike Minor, a 12-game winner last year, started for Texas and gave up a home run in two innings.

#### **WHITE SOX 4, GIANTS 4**

Chicago starter Manny Banuelos struck out four in two innings. Yoan Moncada had two hits, drove in a run and

Derek Holland had a rough one-inning spring debut, allowing three runs on three hits for San Francisco.

#### DODGERS 11, CUBS (SS) 2

Justin Turner homered and drove in three runs with three hits, scoring three times for Los Angeles.

Trent Giambrone doubled and homered for Chicago.

#### CUBS (SS) 6, PADRES 4

Wil Myers singled and highly regarded shortstop prospect Fernando Tatis Jr. had a hit and scored a run. Ty France, drafted in the 34th round out of San Diego State, homered.

homer for the Cubs.

#### **ANGELS 4, BREWERS 3**

Jarrett Parker homered and walked hits for Oakland.

twice for the Angels. Julian Leon doubled and drove in two runs.

Third baseman Cory Spangenberg, starting at short, homered for the

#### **MARINERS 11, REDS 3**

Yusei Kikuchi made his spring training debut, working two innings for Seattle. The nine-year Japanese league veteran lefty struck out Joey Votto on a 2-2 curveball the veteran slugger missed. Edwin Encarnacion doubled and 2016 first-round draft pick Kyle Lewis homered. Domingo Santana added a two-run homer for the Mariners.

Cincinnati starter Alex Wood gave up three runs in one inning.

#### **DIAMONDBACKS 4,** ATHLETICS 3

Zack Greinke made his spring debut Willson Contreras hit a three-run and worked two clean innings for Arizona.

Dustin Fowler homered and Cliff Pen-

nington and Nick Martini each had two

# UF hoping series win over rival Canes ends funk

AP sports writer

Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan after the Gators went dormant offensively in three straight losses heading into Game 2 of their weekend series against rival Miami.

The Gators (5-3) batted .158, struck out 35 times and scored a total of four runs against South Florida, North Florida and the Hurricanes.

'I understand that everybody kind of 12 innings. goes through a tough stretch, but it's only six games," O'Sullivan said after a 5-2 loss to Miami. "I don't know why this pressing would start this early. It's the start of the season. We should be fine. We should be relaxed and go out there and play hard. I don't see why that would be so difficult at this point in the season."

Florida broke through Saturday, wiping out a 3-1 deficit to win 9-3. The Gators won 4-1 Sunday to take two of three for their fifth straight series win over Miami.

Last week probably will be a blip. The Gators always are loaded with talent, and they've made four straight College World Series appearances and seven in 10 years. Voters recognize all that capital, keeping Florida as high as No. 5 in the polls Monday.

"At the beginning of the season we started off struggling," freshman first baseman Kendrick Calilao said, "but we're starting to pick it up a little bit and getting a feel for it."

#### IN THE POLLS

Vanderbilt (5-1), LSU (7-0) and Texas Tech (5-1) remain the top three teams in the D1Baseball.com poll. Baseball America has the Commodores and LSU 1-2 teams by Collegiate Baseball newspaper are LSU, Vanderbilt and UCLA.

#### SHOUTOUT FOR SHUTOUTS

Tennessee (7-0) allowed one run over its first six games — none in its first major leagues last year and is a 19-time 41 innings. The Vols have outscored Appalachian State, Northern Kentucky and Indiana by a combined 50-4. The Vols' It's the worst start in the program's five shutouts so far are more than their 65-year history.

combined total for 2017 and '18.

### **DUDE HAD A DAY**

East Carolina sophomore Alec seemed more confused than frustrated Burleson's performance against Monmouth on Saturday established him as a two-way player to watch. He went 6 for 7 with three doubles and three RBIs in the 3-1 and 10-0 wins. In the opener, he allowed five hits and one run and struck out 10 in seven innings. Burleson is batting .577 (15 of 26) in seven games and has struck out 14 and walked four in

#### THAT'S OFFENSIVE

New Mexico State, among the most prolific offensive teams the last couple years, has put up ridiculous numbers while bullying Texas Southern and Yale. The Aggies lead the nation with 18.3 runs per game, a .447 batting average, .554 onbase percentage and a .758 slugging percentage. Nick Gonzalez, the 2018 Western Athletic Conference freshman of the year, is first with a .675 batting average and tied for the lead with six homers. Let's see if the Aggies can keep it up Tuesday at Texas Tech.

#### **SHORT HOPS**

Defending national champion Oregon State (8-0) is among 18 unbeaten teams through the first two weeks of the season. Alex McGarry has been a pleasant surprise for the Beavers. He redshirted in 2018 after transferring from a junior college. He's batting .577 with a teamleading 12 RBIs. ... North Carolina and rival North Carolina State are 7-0. The Tar Heels on Sunday extended their home win streak to 25 games with a doubleheader sweep against South Florida, and the Wolfpack came from four runs and UCLA (6-1) third. The top three down to beat Coastal Carolina 7-6 in 11 innings. NC State pitchers had held opponents without an earned run for 29 innings before Coastal Carolina scored in the first. ... Long Beach State, which had 18 former players in the NCAA Tournament participant since 1991, is 0-7 against a difficult schedule.



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**SOUND BITES** 



Dr. Sunil Gandhi **CANCER & BLOOD DISEASE** 

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e are in a war against cancer. Fortunately, we are making headway due to research and development of newer therapy, prevention and mass education.

Recent reports suggest the rate of cancer is declining in many areas. There is one significant concern: We, as Americans, are getting more and more obese.

Everyone knows that obesity increases the risk of heart attack, high blood pressure, diabetes and etc. What we need to know is the obesity epidemic in the U.S. is also increasing certain cancers. The risk of developing obesity-related cancer is increasing in successive generations, along with increasing rates of

Researchers studied the incidence of 30 of the most common cancers, including 12 that are obesity related, from 1995 to 2014 in people ages 25 to 84 more than 14.6 million cases. This was reported in "Lancet Health." For example, compared with people born in 1950, those born in 1985 had a risk of multiple myeloma 59 percent higher, and a risk of pancreatic cancer more than twice as high at comparable ages.

They found that for six of the 12 obesity-related cancers (multiple myeloma, colorectal, uterine, gall bladder, kidney and pancreatic), the risk for disease increased in adults ages 25 to 49. It is important to realize that the magnitude of the increase gets steeper the younger the age. In other words, younger people are more affected.

A lot of research is being done to elucidate why obesity increases the risk of cancers. One possible mechanism is increasing inflammation with weight gain.

Fortunately, the smoking rate continues to decline and that is helping to reduce the cancer incidence. Also, HPV (human papilloma virus) and other virus-related cancers are also declining. Obesity-related cancers are on the rise. This hurts in our fight against cancer.

What can we do about this? Studies have demonstrated that interventions targeting weight, diet and physical activity are feasible, can improve quality of life (QOL), and may minimize disease and treatment-related side effects for cancer survivors. Some preliminary evidence suggests that lifestyle changes may also improve the prognosis in individuals with early stage cancers.

Changing one's lifestyle is very beneficial. I suggest the following:

■ Avoid smoking and excessive alcohol use. ■ Try to maintain

healthy body weight with BMI of 25 or less.

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# Corroded old fillings not uncommon

periodontal health and am 43 years of age. I go for three cleanings a year and

floss and brush twice a day.

My concern is that my dental office has had a "revolving door" of dentists for the past five years and I never know who will examine my teeth; therefore, I have no "relationship" or history with any dentist there. The current doctor

took 18 X-rays for a routine checkup and cleaning. He then told me that two of the five smaller fillings in my first molar needed to be replaced

I am a woman with rel-because a small "space" or sepaletter. The high cost (\$150) of a atively good dental and ration from the tooth was visible on my X-rays, and that saliva could get in there and cause an infection.

> Have you ever heard of this? I am somewhat of a dental phobic, but show up routinely for my cleanings. I am concerned that this procedure is being done unnecessarily. My fillings are from circa 1977 and I am concerned about the durability of filling material used today. I have absolutely no

discomfort with these teeth. I anxiously await your reply, as I have an appointment three weeks from the date of this

second opinion for this simple procedure prohibits me from traditionally seeking one.

Thank you for your column, I do enjoy reading it very much.

A: What you are describing to me sounds like you have some old fillings that are corroding at the edges where the filling meets the tooth. This is not uncommon in old fillings and, in fact, happens all of the time.

When a filling corrodes it also expands — this is sometimes responsible for cracks or fractures in teeth. The newer materials are designed to minimize this; however, over time they will also corrode.

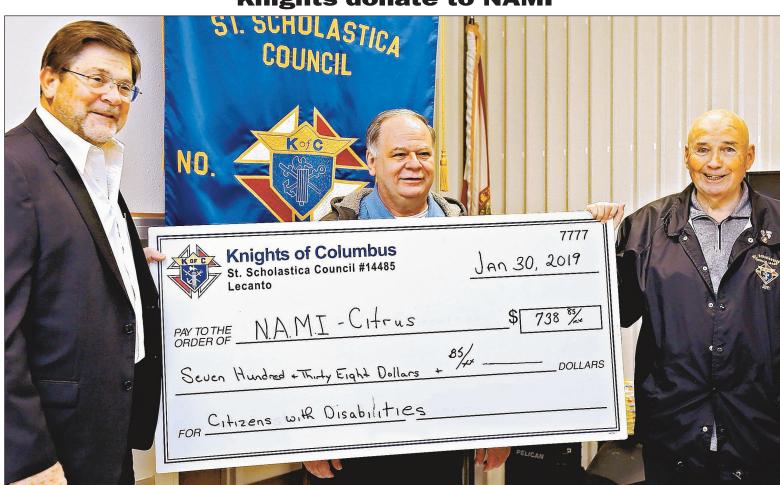
Since you did not mention that your dentist talked about decay, I am further inclined to think that what you have is not decay

and corrosion of an old filling. When I see a new patient for the first time, I discuss this situation with them at their consultation appointment. I tell the patient that I do not see decay but there is corrosion of the filling, causing breakdown between the tooth and the filling. I tell them that in an ideal world you would want to remove the old filling and replace it with a gold inlay or onlay (that you have read about in past columns).

As an alternative, you could replace it with a new filling (white or silver); however, you will not get the longevity that you would with a gold restoration. Gold does not break down in the oral environment even over a 50- or 60-year period.

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#### **Knights donate to NAMI**



The Knights of Columbus St. Scholastica Council 14485 recently donated \$738 to NAMI-Citrus (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Jan. 30 at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto. Accepting the donation from Grand Knight Jim Fitzsimmons, right, and Director Les McGlothlin, center, is NAMI-Citrus President Steve Lasko. The money was raised as part of a fundraising campaign for Citizens with Disabilities.

#### MOPARS donate to NAMI



Greg Warhol, vice president, and Laurie Anderson, treasurer, both from the Citrus MOPARS car club, recently presented a \$500 donation check to Karen Monsen, a member of the Board of Directors of NAMI Ending the Silence, and Patti Fram, vice president of the board. Like Citrus MOPARS, most car clubs of Citrus County have donated significant funds to local charities as a result of the money they make from their car shows. When you register for a car show and feel the fees are too high, keep in mind that your money is going to a good cause.

#### **HEALTH NOTES**

### Swinging party for Parkinson's

The community is invited to a "Roaring '20s Party" in honor of Parkinson's Awareness Month from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at the Senior Circle Center at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers, 11537 W. Emerald Oaks Drive, Crystal River.

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers Outpatient Rehab is invested in raising awareness around Parkinson's disease while celebrating life with those in the Parkinson's Support Group at Bayfront Health's Senior Circle Center.

Get in the "swing" of things and join them for a "Roaring '20s Party." Enjoy an afternoon of food,

live entertainment and activities. Roaring '20s attire is suggested but not required. RSVP by March 14 by calling 352-795-0534.

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers Outpatient Rehab offers physical, occupational and speech therapies. For outpatient rehab information, call 352-795-0534.

#### **Conquering Cancer in Citrus County**

Join the Black Diamond Ladies' Golf Association for their annual fundraiser to raise money to fight

cancer for Citrus County residents. The Monday evening social, "Diamonds & Denim," will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday, March 25. It will feature an auction and raffle items including: stay and play golf packages at Black Diamond, vacation packages for four, rounds of golf for four at Black Diamond and other area golf courses and

Tuesday will begin at 9 a.m. with a Shotgun Shamble on the Quarry Course open to Citrus County residents. The fee of \$155 includes entry to the Monday evening social, cart, greens fees for golf, prizes and a buffet lunch following golf. Make a foursome or we can find a foursome for you.

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■ So you know: The information contained in the Health & Life section is not intended to cover all possible directions, precautions, warnings, drug interactions, allergic reactions or adverse effects and is not intended to replace consultation with a physician.

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All money raised remains in Citrus County. Those funds flow through the Citrus County Family Resource Center (CCFRC) and the Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation (CACF). None go toward administra-

tive costs. The CCFRC provides a cancer screening program for eligible Citrus County Residents. Then together, the dedicated members of CCFRC and CACF help organize the services necessary to provide treatment for those diagnosed with cancer. Additionally, contributions are made to cancer research at Moffitt Cancer Center and the YMCA of the Suncoast's LIVESTRONG

program. For more information and to make donations, email 4C2019dee@gmail.com. For golf registration, email masalvio@gmail.com.

#### Phone support for cancer patients

RBOI is offering a free, 10 -week telephone support group for people diagnosed with cancer who are receiving a form of active treatment. This group will provide a safe place to exchange support and receive information and guidance while discussing the unique challenges of living with a cancer diagnosis.

This group is specifically designed for individuals who are not able to make in person cancer support group meetings. A telephone support group is where everyone dials into a phone line that is linked together, like a conference call. You can share and talk to others that are also isolated due to energy level, mobility or lack of transportation.

This group is cancer focused to assist you in new ways of coping and increase feelings of hope and empowerment. This group begins Thursday, March 28. You will connect with us for 10 Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. Space is limited and pre-registration

is required. For more information or to

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Dr. Sunil Gandhi is a

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register, call facilitator Wendy Hall, LCSW, at 352-527-0106 or email whall@rboi.com.

#### Surgical weight loss seminar at CMH

Citrus Memorial is offering a free weight loss seminar at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA in Lecanto.

"Is Weight Loss Surgery the Answer for You?" will feature a presentation from general surgeon Dr. Parth Patel. The seminar will give a general overview of obesity and weight loss options, including the process to become a candidate for a robotic-assisted gastric sleeve procedure.

Obesity is the excess accumulation of body fat, to the extent that it may have an adverse effect on health. It can lead to reduced life expectancy and increased health conditions such as certain types of cancer, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, osteoarthritis, acid reflux, sleep apnea and type II diabetes.

Anyone interested in learning more about surgical weight loss options is welcome to attend. An RSVP is not required but encouraged by calling 352-637-3337 or visiting citrusmh.com.

#### Friendly faces at ACS center

A friendly volunteer with a warm smile will welcome you when your stop in to visit the American Cancer Society Resource Center at 208 Grace St., Inverness.

We have free literature, free wigs and mastectomy bras in the house. Our hours are Tuesday and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m., or by appointment. For information, call 352-726-0026.

#### **Citrus Memorial hosts** heart seminar

Citrus Memorial is offering a free health seminar at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Citrus Hills Golf and Coun-

try Club in Hernando. "TAVR Town Hall" will feature a panel discussion from heart experts including interventional cardiologists doctors Hari Kannam, Srinivas Attanti,

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The discussion will focus on advancements in interventional cardiology and cardiac surgery, with a highlight on transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). TAVR is a procedure that allows a specially trained team to replace a diseased aortic heart valve without open-heart

surgery. A hot meal will be served and educational materials will be available during the seminar. Seating is limited so an RSVP is required to attend. Register by calling 352-637-3337 or sign up online at CitrusMH.com.

#### CHIPS to offer sign language course

Citrus Hearing Impaired Program Services (CHIPS) is offering a children's sign language six-week course beginning on March 12. This class will be structured for children ages 10-17, but adults may also attend.

All children must be accompanied by one parent or guardian — no exceptions. The fee for the class is \$40 for each student; there is no fee for the one parent or

The class will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the CHIPS office at 109 NE Crystal St., Suite B (in a train car at the Lions Club Train Depot property).

For those who have considered learning a new language, this is a wonderful opportunity to give sign language a try. The course will introduce students to topics such as deaf awareness, deaf culture, finger spelling, and receptive, expressive and conversational skills.

Books will be made available for an additional charge, but are not needed for the class.

For more information or to register, call 352-795-5000 or email maureen@citrushearing impaired.org.

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast conducts grief

### Ongoing grief

- Second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 1-2:30 p.m. at First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonade St. in Inverness.
- ■Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa (gold

#### Learn to Cope with Family Loss: Free

If you're struggling with the death of a parent or sibling, find coping strategies and a path forward with the help of bereavement staff and others who understand what you're experiencing.



The spunky, intense little sister of Irish

### Grief support for newly bereaved

support groups for the newly bereaved at two locations.

For information or to join one of these groups, call Grief Services Manager Susan Quenelle at 352-249-1470.

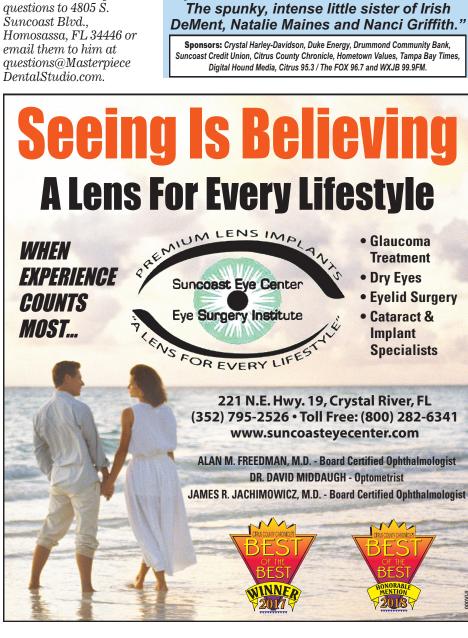
- Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m. at Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa (gold building on right).
- Thursdays, 1:30-3 p.m. at First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonade St. in Inverness.

### support group

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast conducts ongoing grief support groups at two locations. For information or to join one of these groups, call Grief Services Manager Susan Quenelle at 352-249-1470.

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# VITAS Support Group



The Family of Origin Loss Group, sponsored by VITAS Healthcare, meets 3-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday through March 26 at the VITAS offices, 3280 W. Audubon Park Path in Lecanto.

Learn about the dimensions of grief; the physical, mental and emotional impact of grief; and tips for taking care of yourself as you rebuild your life after the death of a parent or sibling. Free. Reserve a spot in the support group by calling VITAS Bereavement

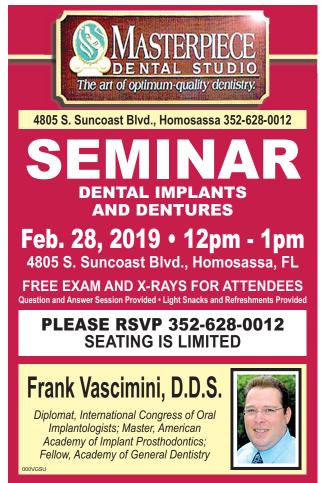
Services Manager Lois Osborn at 352-527-2020.

#### YMCA to host bereavement group

The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA will host an ongoing bereavement group on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. This group is open to the public.

The death of a loved one is perhaps the hardest thing we

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#### volunteer medical adviser of the Citrus Unit of the American Cancer Society. Write to 521 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, email sgandhi@ tampabay.rr.com or call 352-746-0707.

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Call 563-5592 for information about our Senior Care Directory

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have to go through in life. You do not have to walk this journey alone. The group is facilitated by Susan B. Quenelle, M.Ed., grief specialist with Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast. Receive professional support, share your story and meet others going through the same journey.

#### Learn more about medical cannabis

Nature Coast Cannabis Caregivers was founded to support licensed medical marijuana card holders as a support group, devoid of special interests. It has a classroom for 18 and think tank confer-

ence room for 10. Patients and caregivers are welcome at "Think Tank Thursdays" from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 103 N. Apopka, Inverness. RSVP is required by calling 352-419-8789.

#### Cancer institute plans kids' program

The Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute will have the special children's program, CLIMB - Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery, specifically for children ages 6 to 11.

This unique program was developed so that every child whose parent or loved one diagnosed with cancer, has the early tools and emotional support to cope. The special program was developed by the Children's Treehouse Foundation, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to the emotional support of children who have parents or grandparents with cancer.

The program is facilitated by RBOI Licensed Clinical Social Worker Wendy Hall being held for the second time in Citrus County. The aim is to build upon the child's strength and enhance his/her ability to cope with stress associated with a loved one's illness. The program includes six

RBOI, 522 N. Lecanto Highway. Anyone who is interested in more information should call Wendy Hall at 352-527-0106.

structured sessions, an hour

each which will be held at

#### Get active with Kings **Bay Walking Club**

Residents are invited to join the free, educational and engaging Kings Bay Walking Club that takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Saturdays. The group meets at the public parking lot at the intersection of NE Fifth St. and NE First Ave. (across from Vintage on 5th).

The Kings Bay Walking Club is lead by Crystal River resident and certified medical exercise specialist and master personal trainer Bill Coyle. He encourages walkers of all abilities to come out and socialize while they exercise.

Weekly wellness tips are offered during the walk. Slower walkers will be given shortcuts. Heavy rain or

storms cancel the walk. Light to moderate rain requires a

201-281-4444.

For information, call Bill at

#### SilverSneakers for healthier seniors

The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA in Lecanto is partnering to provide complimentary memberships to members of the nationally recognized SilverSneakers program.

Through this collaboration, the YMCA offers older adults a way to increase their levels of physical activity while motivating them to remain active. SilverSneakers is the nation's leading community fitness program designed exclusively for older adults.

SilverSneakers helps older adults take greater control of their health through a variety of fitness offerings that engages participants in more frequent strength training, aerobic and flexibility exercise by providing access to a

variety of venues and programming designed specifically for older adults.

The Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA is at 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto.

To learn more about its SilverSneakers offerings, call 352-500-9622 and speak to a YMCA membership associate.

#### Help available for caregivers of elders

The Home Care for the Elderly Program provides a monthly payment of \$106 to help full-time caregivers take care of low-income elders. Home Care for the Elderly can help with the cost of food, housing, clothing, medical

care and supplies. The caregiver must live

with the elder full time and provide their care. The person being cared for must be 60 or older and meet financial eligibility.

For more information or to apply for the Home Care for the Elderly Program, call the Elder Helpline at 800-262-2243, go online to www. agingresources.org or write to100 SW 75th St., Suite 301, Gainesville, FL 32607.

#### iBill currency readers available for the blind

Currency readers are available for the blind and visually impaired at no cost. The iBill currency reader is a small, hand-held device that denominates all U.S. currency in circulation.

Call Blind Americans Inc. at 352-637-1739 for information.



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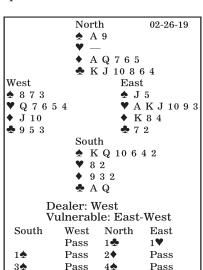
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Here is the second big swing for Wbridge5 from France against Synrey Bridge from China in the third quarter of the final of last year's world computer championship.

At the first table, where Synrey sat North-South (if a computer program can sit!), North opened one diamond, deeming the hand not strong enough for a reverse. The auction continued one heart - one spade - two hearts - three clubs



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- three hearts - five diamonds - all pass. Thus, Synrey reached a poor contract but took 12 tricks, aided by

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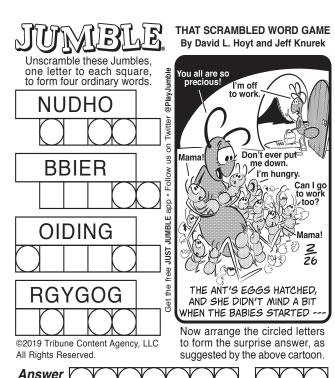
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the friendly trump position. In the given auction, Synrey West was even more cautious because of the vulnerability. This gave Wbridge5 the space to reach one of the two good black-suit slams. South's jump-rebid of three spades guaranteed at least a six-card suit and a game-forcing hand. (If South had rebid two spades, that would have been forcing for one round and promised only five cards in the suit. This is one of the very rare occasions when one may rebid in a five-card suit.) Then, North sensibly raised spades, rather than show the 5=6 shape with four diamonds. With a third spade, North would have control-bid four hearts.

South deduced -- hoped? -- that partner had some sort of heart control, so used Roman Key Card Blackwood to learn that his partner had two aces.

With no nasty breaks in the black suits, Wbridge5 won all 13 tricks and gained 11 international match points. (It is hard to bid seven with confidence.)

Wbridge5 took the third quarter 57 imps to 4 and the title 150.9 imps to 132.



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# Annıe offers advice

ear Annie: I enjoy my job, but my boss is a bit hit-or-miss. Sometimes he's very friendly with me, whereas other times, he's blunt and unforgiving. I've had lifelong issues with anxiety. It's diagnosed and medicated, but my boss's unpredictability sends my anxiety through the roof. He's not very approachable, so I don't feel comfort-

talking to him directly any m o r ethan I already have. (I once let him know that his bluntness w a s stressing me out. but he

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**DEAR ANNIE** 

iust brushed me off.) I've also let his boss know that he causes me a lot of anxiety. After I told his boss that, things got better for a while. But lately, my boss is as passive-aggressive as ever. I truly don't know how to navigate his moods. I hate having to play this guessing game. I love everything about my job except working for him. He's the head of my department. I don't foresee him leaving that position any time soon. What do I do? — Managing a Moody Manager

Dear Managing a Moody Manager: It's a well-kept secret, but bosses are, in fact, human. Your manager could be stressed over things in his home life, spread thinner at work than you realize or even battling his own mental health issues. Whatever the cause of his moodiness, it's not you. So do your best not to take it personally. Develop a healthy sense of detachment — an umbrella to keep you dry no matter your boss's emotional weather. I also recommend seeing a therapist regularly, if you're not already, and talking through this with him or her. He or she could help you erect healthy boundaries and manage your anxiety.

Lastly, if your boss's moodiness escalates and he lashes out at you or behaves in any way that would constitute harassment, document the incidents and go to human resources.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to the letter from "Not Inviting Singles Ever Again." I am one of the singles invited to join families for Christmas Day dinners. I'm not single by choice, but I've adjusted. My wife died several years ago, and my children live far away. I have often been invited by people with "a big heart" to join them. The people have been very cordial and kind, but I still have felt strongly like a fifth wheel. I would much rather be alone and open a can of soup than sit there with a fake smile on my face, pretending I am enjoying myself. If I politely decline an invitation, I get the third degree, and it might be more unkind to truthfully say I'd rather be alone than with the hosts. So I think I am speaking for many singles who were happy when "Not Inviting Singles Ever Again" said she is not going to invite singles again because of a lack of RSVPs. There are two sides to everything. Please, just leave me alone. **Anonymous** 

Law & Order "Magnet" '14' ©

(Answers tomorrow)

**Dear Anonymous:** I am sorry for the loss of your wife. I appreciate your speaking from the heart. You're absolutely right that there are two sides to every story, and your honesty about your feelings here may help give "Not Inviting Singles Ever Again" and anyone else in her shoes a more complete perspective.

**Dear Annie:** I have always wondered whether I should put my husband's name first when signing a letter, out of courtesy, or my own because I wrote the letter. - Mary Smith

**Dear Mary:** It is absolutely appropriate to sign your name first on a letter that you wrote. There is nothing discourteous about it.

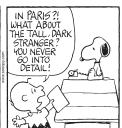
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#### **Peanuts**























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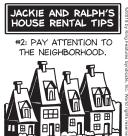








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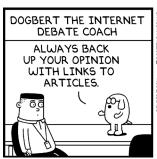


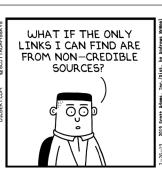
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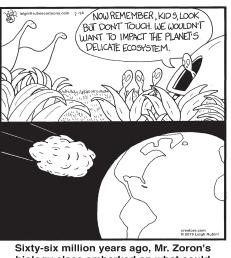




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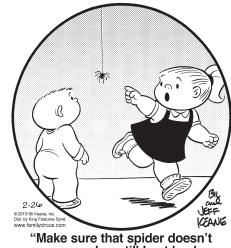
biology class embarked on what could quite possibly be the most ill-timed high school field trip ever.

**Dennis the Menace** 



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go anywhere till I get back with Daddy."

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**Big Nate** 





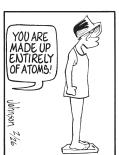




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"Fighting with My Family" (PG-13) 1, 4, 7 p.m. "Alita: Battle Angel 3D" (PG-13) 4 p.m.

"Alita: Battle Angel" (PG-13) 1:05, 7:05 p.m. "Happy Death Day 2U" (PG-13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:30 p.m. "Isn't It Romantic" (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:35 p.m.

"Cold Pursuit" (R) 12:50, 3:50, 7:10 p.m. "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part" (PG)

1:10, 4:10, 6:45 p.m. "The Upside" (PG-13) 12:40, 3:45, 6:50 p.m.

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#### CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: F equals K

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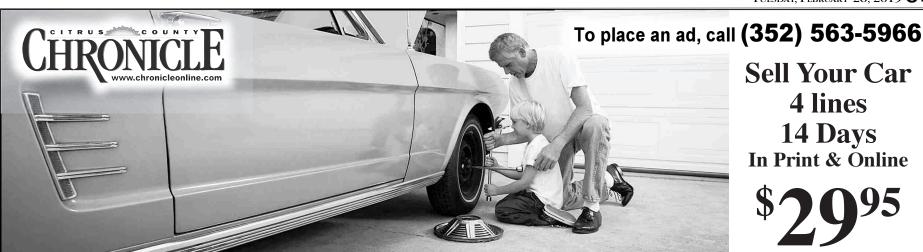
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Previous Solution: "I was born and raised in the Bronx. ... My grandfather and my brother Garry were huge Yankees fans." — Pennv Marshall



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- 23 66 and I-80
- 24 Funny
- Sandler 26 Wheat hull
- 27 Spellbound 28 Composer
- Stravinsky
- 30 Almost-grads
- 31 Set down 32 Muffin spread
- 33 Calf's cry
- 35 Give forth
- 40 Enigmatic sighting
- 41 Strike caller
- 43 Related
- 45 Place for
- a pin 46 Piano
- composition
- 48 Now! 49 Eurasian
- mountains 50 Gaelic star
- 51 Divinity sch. subject
- 52 TV network
- 53 Head

Every answer is a rhyming

they will fit in the letter

pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and

squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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movement 55 Give it — —

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1. Sandwich pickle invoice (1)

2. More conniving fibber (2) 3. Tension-free singer Springsteen (1)

4. Discover already autographed (1)

5. Lithe twosome (2)

6. Disturb dad (2)

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