

TUESDAY
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NEWS BRIEFS

Half of Citrus received at least one dose of vaccine

Almost 50% of Citrus County's population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. A weekly report published Friday, June 11, by the Florida Department of Health, stated 49% of county residents older than 12 (67,254) were either partially or fully vaccinated. According to the report, 55% of Floridians have been inoculated, and 39% of them were fully vaccinated. Health officials have reported a total 11,401 COVID-19 cases for the county since March 1, 2020, with 68 infections and a test positivity rate of 5.4% documented June 4-10.

Rep. urges 'endangered' status for manatees

Four years after federal wildlife officials reclassified manatees from endangered to threatened, U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., called Monday for a reversal of the decision. In a letter to Martha Williams, principal deputy director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Buchanan said a "staggering" 761 manatees have died this year, a pace that would exceed a previous record of 804 deaths in 2018.

"Manatees are beloved, iconic mammals in Florida, and we should be doing everything in our power to protect them and ensure their continued survival," Buchanan wrote in the letter. "Considering the number of manatee deaths so far this year, redesignating the manatee as endangered, which provides for the highest levels of federal protection and conservation efforts, is critical."

Buchanan said factors causing the deaths include degradation of water quality in manatee habitats and increased algae blooms that kill seagrass. The Fish and Wildlife Service announced in March 2017 that it was "downlisting" manatees from endangered to threatened, citing increases in manatee populations and improvements in habitats. It said the downlisting would not "diminish any existing federal protections that will continue to play a vital role in the recovery of the species."

— From staff and wire reports

Honoring the flag



Nature Coast Young Marines member Tyler Cook unfurls the American flag Monday morning, June 14, at the beginning of a Flag Day service to honor the Stars and Stripes.

Inverness marks Flag Day with ceremony

MATTHEW BECK
 Photo editor

Inverness celebrated Flag Day Monday, June 14, at The Depot District. According to the 2021 Farmer's Almanac Monday, June 14 is Flag Day, a day of national observance for all Americans, but it is not a federal holiday. Each year, the president proclaims the commemoration and encourages all Americans in the country to display the flag outside their homes and businesses. Usually, during Flag Day, the



American flags of all shapes and sizes were handed out Monday, June 14, during the Flag Day ceremony in Inverness.

flag is flown from all public buildings, speeches are made in public places, and ceremonies take place in towns or cities. There were few

public ceremonies that honored the flag until June 14, 1877, when it was flown from every

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BBQ nets \$27,000 for teen

Funds will help pay for boy's surgery for Tourette syndrome

NANCY KENNEDY
 Staff writer

It's amazing what smoked meat and dedicated people can accomplish. On Saturday, Jeremy's Journey fundraising barbecue at M&B Dairy in Lecanto raised \$26,935 toward the medical costs for an experimental brain surgery for 18-year-old Jeremy Schreifels, who hopes this surgery will give him relief from a severe case of Tourette syndrome. Because it's experimental, the surgery is not covered by Jeremy's health insurance. At Saturday's barbecue, hosted by M&B Dairy vice president Leon McClellan, 38 volunteers working a total of 267 hours, including three people who worked the smokers

from 2 to 6 a.m., cooked, carved and packaged 1,425 pounds of brisket, 1,000 pounds of pork butt and 600 pounds of ribs. The meat was paid for by a \$4,400 cash donation from the Kiwanis Club of Inverness, and Cavallo Winery donated \$1,800 worth of meat. In the two weeks prior to the day of the barbecue, they received so many orders that they purchased an additional \$4,300 worth of meat, Leon McClellan said Monday. "It got big quick," he said. To date, \$178,374 has been raised, which will go into a trust fund that is in the process of being established. The money will be used for the surgery and all the required pre-surgery and post-surgery therapies

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Planners will consider request for RV resort

MIKE WRIGHT
 Staff writer

A Miami developer is proposing a 600-space recreational vehicle resort on Citrus Avenue just north of Crystal River. Jaymelday Holdings LLC is requesting a zoning change from low-density residential on 61 acres across the street from the Crystal River United Methodist Church. Crystal River Luxury RV Resort would include up to 600 spaces, plus a bar/grill, gym, pool, dog park and pickleball courts. The property is bordered by Citrus Avenue and two residential streets, West Tom Mason Drive and North Ladybug Drive. Neighbors who contacted the county said the planned RV park is too

- **WHAT:** Citrus County Planning and Development Commission.
- **WHEN:** 9 a.m. Thursday, June 17.
- **WHERE:** Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

intense for their rural community. "This area is one of the few areas close to Crystal River that has homes only and acreage lots," one unsigned letter reads. Gail Easley, a retired city planner who was lead author of Citrus County's first land development code, lives in the adjacent community with her husband William Farrell. Easley wrote that the RV resort is incompatible

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Around the STATE

Transit services transition to normal operations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Citrus County Transit (CCT) suspended the Orange Line (deviated fixed route) and is currently operating demand response (door-to-door) service only.

Door-to-door service is available for the following trip conditions: doctor's appointments, employment, grocery and supplies and prescription pick-up.

As CCT begins to transition back to normal operations, capacity on these buses has been increased. Pre-COVID bus schedules and times have been reinstated for door-to-door service in each area.

All fares are being waived for door-to-door trips until Oct. 1, 2021, at which time all fares will be reinstated to pre-COVID rates.

The Orange Line is anticipated to be up and running again in August (barring any additional delays) along the same pre-COVID transportation routes. Transit will release additional information about these services as it becomes available.

Face masks are still required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for all public buses and transfer facilities.

For more information or bus schedules, visit citruscountytransit.com or call 352-527-7630.

Amateur Radio Club meets today

The Citrus County Amateur Radio Club will have a discussion about "Ham Radio," licensing and operating at 11 a.m. June 15 at the Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road in Inverness. Also on display at the library are amateur radio artifacts, which will be discussed at the meeting.

All are welcome and admission is free. For information, contact John Bescher at N4DXI@aol.com or 352-220-8530.

— From staff reports

Town accidentally sells municipal water tower

BROOKSVILLE — The Hernando County seat accidentally sold its water tower in a blundered real estate transaction.

A businessman purchased a municipal building underneath the city of Brooksville's water tower last April for \$55,000 with the goal of converting it into a gym. However, when Bobby Read went to the county to get an address for his new business location, he was told the parcel he bought included the entire water tower site, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

Luckily for the town, Read was willing to give it back. County records show he transferred the water tower back to Brooksville through a warranty deed last month. The town of 8,500 residents is located 50 miles north of Tampa.

City Manager Mark Kutney blamed the use of a bad legal description for what happened. The city's redevelopment agency director resigned after the accidental sale.

— From wire reports

City to discuss rates

Inverness considers waste pickup and impact fee hikes

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Just a year after implementing Inverness' first monthly solid waste disposal fees for city residents, the Inverness City Council will consider hiking them.

The current monthly waste pickup fee is \$9.85. That was based on a 2020 rate study by Tampa-based Tindale Oliver, the consulting company the city hired to review its waste pickup.

City Manager Eric Williams wrote his council bosses to remind them Tindale Oliver had recommended with its 2020 study that city officials should review the monthly fee each year and that it should be adjusted annually to better reflect changing cost factors.

Williams recommends

that the new fee be increased to \$10.15 per month for residential properties. Williams said the hike would be a 3% increase and consistent with the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

The consultants advised that any future monthly cost increase reflect new cost factors such as contract price hikes with outside, third-party waste collectors and increased administrative costs.

Until implemented, the city paid for residential trash pickup using general property taxes. But with most property owners utilizing homestead exemptions, the city council found that many city residents weren't paying enough property taxes to cover the cost of the service they were receiving.

The council meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday,

June 15, at 212 W. Main St., Inverness.

Also in city business, the council will conduct its second and final vote whether to raise its impact fees to match that of the county's rates.

The city historically follows suit when the county increases its impact fees. The county re-evaluates its impact fees every five years per state mandate. The county hires experts in the field to determine the impact costs of a new home, apartments, and other establishments.

The county raised its fees for single-family homes from \$4,809 to 6,017, effective June 23, 2021.

The city collects and transfers the impact fees from its new residents and passes them onto the county. Impact fees are collected from new and expanded developments and varies based on the



Eric Williams
 Inverness city manager.

development.

But the city collects and keeps impact fees related to transportation, parks and fire protection.

The city council will consider increasing impact fees beginning in September for transportation to

\$1,921, for single-family homes, up from the current \$1,909.99.

The city council is expected to approve the increases.

Impact fees for parks will decline from the current \$379.86 to \$330.50. Fire impact fees for the city will remain at the current \$393.93.

If approved, the new rates are not expected to impact many new residents.

In Citrus County during 2016, there were 242 new single-family homes built. Of those, only two were built in Inverness, according to a Citrus County Property Appraiser's report.

In 2020, there were 799 new single-family homes built in Citrus County. Of those, 13 were built in Inverness.

Also in city business, City Manager Eric Williams will give the council project updates on:

- The Eden Drive traffic signal.

- Vine Street sidewalk.

- Security cameras at the depot district parks. Earlier this year city staff told council members that graffiti and vandalism had become a problem at the new parks as well as people visiting after park hours.

- Emergency dirt road repairs in Inverness Villages. The city is applying for federal grants to pave Inverness Villages and Inverness Acres dirt roads. The city is also making some immediate emergency repairs so emergency vehicles can provide services.

- The council will also discuss preparations for July 4 celebrations and Teens Night Out.

ROCCS rowers return from nationals

HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Staff writer

Last week, three rowers from the Rowing Organization of Citrus County Students (ROCCS) made their way to Sarasota for the U.S. Rowing Youth National Regatta.

To kick off the tournament, the rowers participated in time trials at the regatta on Thursday, June 10.

Zed Zakaria competed in the "Men's Under 17 1x Time Trial," placing 19th out of 24 rowers. Zakaria completed his 2-kilometer race with a time of 8:04.748.

Trey Finley and Brenden Donnelly competed in the "Men's Youth 2x Time Trial," on Thursday and placed 37th out of 47 doubles teams. Their 2-kilometer time was 07:01.065.

Although the pair didn't move on, they did place 37th in the nation. "It's pretty awesome for what they did," assistant coach, Carly Zakaria, said. "It's not every day you have the



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Fifteen-year-old Zed Zakaria works out Tuesday, June 8, on Lake Henderson in Inverness. He recently returned from the U.S. Rowing Youth National Regatta in Sarasota where he competed in the under 17 age division as a single rower. After placing 19th in his time trial on Thursday, June 10, Zakaria finished in fifth place in his heat on Saturday, June 12, with a time of 8:23.729.

opportunity to compete with everyone in the nation."

After Zed's time trial, Carly said he was seeded to be last. He was placed in a heat to compete Saturday, June 12, to race against six other rowers. He was among only one other

15-year-old in his category.

Zakaria was placed in a heat to compete Saturday, June 12, to race against six other rowers. He placed fifth in his heat with a 2-kilometer time of 8:23.729.

Carly said that Zed was in last place for most of his race.

"Right in the last 200 meters, all of a sudden he got this huge burst of energy," Carly said. In the end, Zed placed fifth in his heat with a 2-kilometer time of 8:23.729. "He is definitively 17th in the nation for his category," Carly said.

Phil Royal Legacy Foundation annual awards night honors two

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Although COVID curtailed plans for a big, in-person event for the second year, nothing could curtail the Phil Royal Legacy Foundation from celebrating the people who give the community its heart of compassion and service to others.

On Saturday, the semi-virtual fifth annual Hearts of Gold Gala honored Thomas Kennedy and Lindsay Tozer with the Hearts of Gold awards.

Among other things he does on behalf of students in Citrus County, school board member Thomas Kennedy was instrumental in getting the Phil Royal EMT program at the Crystal River High School health academy named for the late Phil Royal, said the foundation's founder April Royal in a pre-recorded video.

Royal described Kennedy as "kind and genuine" and someone who "sincerely advocates for all students ... a man of talk and a man of action," she said. "I'm proud to be associated with Thomas Kennedy and know without a doubt our community has benefitted from his gifts of time, dedication, leadership and influence."

The second Hearts of Gold



Special to the Chronicle

At Saturday's Phil Royal Legacy Foundation Hearts of Gold Gala, two community members were honored for their service and dedication to the community: Lindsay Tozer and Thomas Kennedy. From left are: Lindsay Tozer, foundation founder April Royal, Thomas Kennedy and foundation board member Becky Beattie.

recipient, Lindsay Tozer, was honored for her behind-the-scenes work for the foundation, her "passion that goes beyond the daily work," Royal said. "She's been a big part of the Phil Royal Legacy since day one and has volunteered countless hours not only to the Legacy, but many other organizations ... there's no doubt that she serves the community she lives in."

Royal also announced that the focus of this year's gala fundraising effort is the All Kids Bike

learn-to-ride program that will provide all kindergarten classes in Citrus County, public and private schools, with the opportunity for the students to learn how to ride a bike by age 6.

The gala raised about \$65,000 toward their goal of \$135,000 to buy bikes, 24 for each school, training curriculum and helmets for every student to take home.

Royal said she's particularly excited about this five-year program because, not only will it build kids' confidence and help

with overall health and wellbeing through physical activity, but will hopefully reduce the number of hours kids spend with digital screens.

The gala this year was split into about a dozen small "house parties" where the pre-recorded video with the award presentations and entertainment performances was shown, and dinner was catered by Oscar Penn's in Inverness; there was also a party at Oscar Penn's out on the patio.

The gala video opened with an introduction by Becky Beattie, a foundation board member.

Harkening back to July 18, 2016, when the community lost a true champion with the sudden death of Phil Royal, Beattie said of his widow, April Royal, and the way she has continued Phil's legacy of "one team, one mission, one community": "She is like a tank, unstoppable. She brings optimism wherever she goes, and she reminds us that there are still people to serve ... and there can still be calmness and laughter and strength in numbers."

"Most of all, she reminds us that even in the darkest of times, there is hope, and that together we can make a positive change for all the people in our community."

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Today's HOROSCOPES

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ENTERTAINMENT

'I can carry a tune'

Smits is happy 'In the Heights'

SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS Associated Press

NEW YORK — He hadn't been in a musical since his high school years, but when Jimmy Smits saw the opportunity to play Kevin Rosario in the film adaptation of "In the Heights," he was happy to check that off his artistic bucket list.

"Of course it's something that you always wanna do if you had done it before. I mean, I don't sight-read music or anything like that, but I figure that, with the proper help, I can carry a tune," Smits said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

The star of "NYPD Blue" and "The West Wing," who is of Puerto Rican descent, was even happier to be part of a huge Latino production. He had seen Lin-Manuel Miranda's first show off-Broadway, where it began its path to the 2008 Tony Awards, and became a "huge fan" of



Associated Press

Actor Jimmy Smits attends the 2021 Tribeca Film Festival opening night premiere of "In the Heights" at the United Palace theater on Wednesday, June 9, in New York.

his work.

The just-released "In the Heights," directed by Jon M. Chu ("Crazy Rich Asians") is about the dreams and the struggles of the Latino community in New York City's Washington Heights.

Smits' character, Kevin Rosario, is the widowed father of Nina (played by singer Leslie Grace), whose Stanford college tuition seems almost impossible to pay through his modest taxi cabs business. The film opened this weekend in theaters with a modest

\$11.4 million box office tally and is streaming on HBO Max through July 11.

"It's so current. And you have this beautiful collage of people," Smits said in reference to a range of characters including Usnavi (Anthony Ramos), Benny (Corey Hawkins), Vanessa (Melissa Barrera) and Abuela Claudia (Olga Merediz), among others. "It's the immigrant experience that's been part of the fabric of this country since it started. And it's positive. So we need that right now after the pandemic."

Remarks have been edited for brevity and clarity.

AP: In the original show, your character has a wife. In the film, you are a widow parenting Nina alone. What did you think about this change?

SMITS: I think it worked in terms of the relationship between the father and the daughter because there was much more at stake because he was by himself. It was even more important that his daughter do well.

AP: When we first see you in the movie, you're spending \$20 on lottery tickets. Do you ever play?

SMITS: Yes, I do, actually! (laughs)

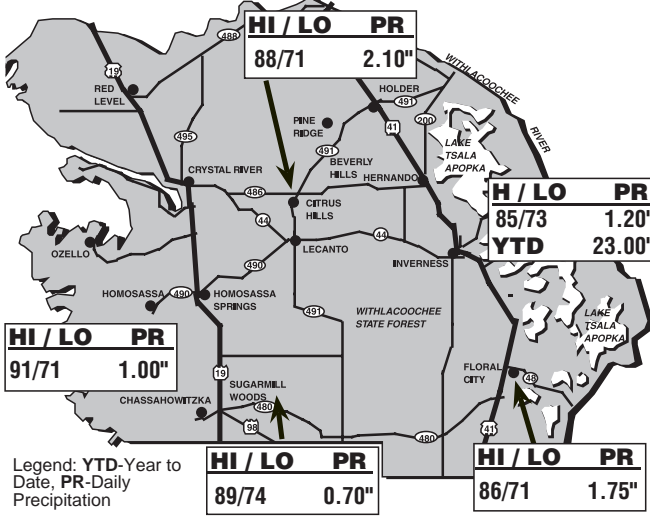
AP: Have you ever won anything?

SMITS: Never. Not even — No (laughs.)



Anthony Ramos

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Today & Tomorrow Morning: High: 88° Low: 73° Mostly cloudy with rounds of storms. Wednesday & Thursday Morning: High: 87° Low: 74° Partly sunny and humid. Thunderstorms possible. Thursday & Friday Morning: High: 86° Low: 73° Partly sunny with scattered thunderstorms.

ALMANAC

Table with weather statistics: TEMPERATURE (Yesterday 85/72, Record* 100/40), DEW POINT (75°), HUMIDITY (87%), POLLEN COUNT** (Today's active pollen: ragweed, grasses, chenopods), AIR QUALITY (Good PM2.5).

SOLAR TABLES

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

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Table with celestial data: SUNSET TONIGHT (8:29 pm), MOONRISE TODAY (11:01 am), MOONSET TODAY (12:07 am)

BURN CONDITIONS

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

WATERING RULES

Table with watering rules: Addresses with house numbers ending in: 0-1 Monday, 2-3 Tuesday, 4-5 Wednesday, 6-7 Thursday, 8-9-or- Common Areas Friday

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; Incorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669.

TIDES

Table with tide data: City, High, Low, TUESDAY

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with Florida temperatures: City, H, L, F'cast

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southwest winds around 15 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Numerous showers early in the morning. Scattered thunderstorms.

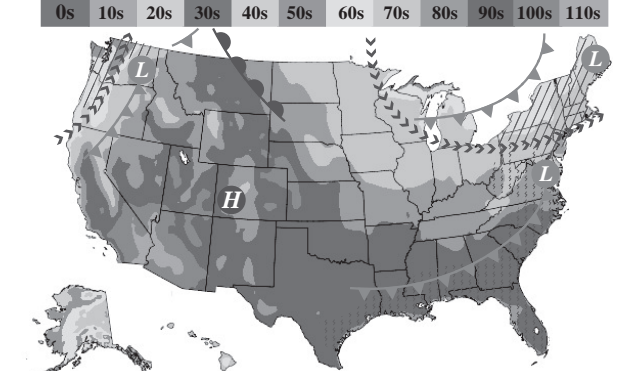
Gulf water temperature 85° Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Table with lake levels: Location, MON, SUN, Full

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Tuesday

Table with national forecast: City, MON, TUE, H, L, Pcp, H, L, Fcst

WORLD CITIES

Table with world cities: City, MON, H/L/Sky, Lisbon, 80/65/s, London, 77/57/mc, Madrid, 92/71/pc, Mexico City, 74/58/ra, Montreal, 68/57/ra, Moscow, 80/62/mc, Paris, 83/64/mc, Rio, 73/61/s, Rome, 83/69/s, Sydney, 62/50/mc, Tokyo, 80/69/pc, Toronto, 68/58/ra, Warsaw, 74/55/mc

Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 15, the 166th day of 2021. There are 199 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede. On this date: In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground that became Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act making the National Guard part of the U.S. Army in the event of war or national emergency. In 1991, Mount Pinatubo in the northern Philippines exploded in one of the biggest volcanic eruptions of the 20th century, killing about 800 people. In 1996, Ella Fitzgerald, the "first lady of song," died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 79. One year ago: The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision, ruled that a landmark civil rights law protects gay, lesbian and transgender people from discrimination in employment. Today's Birthdays: R&B singer Ruby Nash Garnett (Ruby and the Romantics) is 87. Actor Simon Callow is 72. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 72. Rock singer Steve Walsh is 70. Chinese President Xi Jinping is 68. Actor-comedian Jim Belushi is 67. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 67. Actor Julie Hagerty is 66. Actor Polly Draper is 66. Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs is 63. Actor Eileen Davidson is 62. Actor Helen Hunt is 58. Actor Courtney Cox is 57. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 52. Actor Leah Remini is 51. Actor Jake Busey is 50. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 48. Actor Greg Vaughan is 48. Actor Elizabeth Reaser is 46. Rock singer Dryden Mitchell (Alien Ant Farm) is 45. Former child actor Christopher Castile is 41. Actor Jordi Vilasuso is 40. Actor Denzel Whitaker is 31. Olympic gold medal gymnast Madison Kocian is 24. Actor Sterling Jerins is 17.

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The Nature Coast Young Marines present the colors Monday, June 14, at The Depot in Inverness. City officials, children at the Inverness Boys and Girls Clubs members, guests and Nature Coast Young Marines attended the Flag Day event.



Citrus County Sheriff's Office Lt. Christopher Ball, a United States Air Force veteran, addresses a group gathered Monday, June 14, in Inverness to celebrate Flag Day.

FLAG

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government building for the centennial of the flag's adoption. After that, many citizens and organizations advocated the adoption of a national day of commemoration for the flag. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson unofficially

declared June 14 as Flag Day.

Coincidentally, Wilson also proclaimed "The Star-Spangled Banner" the U.S. national anthem that same year. Congress did not designate the song as the national anthem until 1931, and only in 1949 did President Harry Truman sign the legislation that made June 14 of each year Flag Day.



On Saturday, Jeremy's Journey barbecue hosted by M&B Dairy in Lecanto raised nearly \$27,000 toward brain surgery for 18-year-old Jeremy Schreifels, who lives with a severe, debilitating case of Tourette syndrome. Jeremy, on the right, is shown with family friend Tim Pierce.

BBQ

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and procedures. "WOW! What a day and a half this has been!" Jeremy's family posted on Facebook. "We are so appreciative for each and every one of you that has

supported Jeremy's Journey throughout the last month and a half. "We are truly blessed to live in the most caring and giving community. This is Citrus County Strong right here ... Citrus County has definitely proven that when one of their own goes down they are there to help! The Schreifels family loves you,

Citrus County!" Follow Jeremy's Journey on Facebook at "Jeremy's Battle With Tourette's Syndrome." Contact Chronicle reporter Nancy Kennedy at 352-564-2927 or nkenedy@chronicleonline.com. Read more of Nancy's stories at tinyurl.com/yxt69grh.

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DeSantis signs bill requiring moment of silence in schools

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Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis visited a South Florida Jewish temple to denounce anti-Semitism and stand with Israel, as the Republican governor cloaked himself in religion Monday while signing a bill into law that would require public schools in his state to set aside at least one minute of silence for children to meditate or pray.



Gov. Ron DeSantis

His visit to the Shul of Bal Harbour, a Jewish community center in Surfside, Florida, had the air of a campaign event.

DeSantis seemed to blush when the Rabbi Sholom Lipskar introduced him as a “great governor and future world leader.” It has been speculated that the governor, who is running for reelection next year, might run for president in 2024.

DeSantis visited the temple to sign two bills into law. One would expand the role of volunteer

ambulance services, while the other makes Florida one of at least 15 states, a legislative analysis said, that would compel schools to hold moments of silence at public schools. The state had already been among roughly 18 other states that gave schools the option to do so.

“It’s something that’s important to be able to provide each student the ability, every day, to be able to reflect and to be able to pray as they see fit,” DeSantis said. “The idea that you can just push God out of every institution, and be successful — I’m sorry, our founding fathers did not believe that.”

The ambulance bill allows some volunteer first responders, including those run by faith-based groups, to use emergency lights and sirens when responding to emergencies. Some Orthodox Jews rely on these volunteer ambulance services to help overcome religious sensitivities that prevent some people from using traditional emergency

services. The ambulance bill was championed in the state Senate by Democrat Jason Pizzo, the only elected Democrat to take the stage with the governor during the bill signings.

Pizzo also supported the legislation that requires moments of silence in schools, saying the students won’t be required to pray during those moments set aside by schools. “It’s like a moment of meditation, relaxation, connection,” he said.

DeSantis used the event to tout his support for Israel, which he visited in his first year of office. During his speech, he referred to the United Nations as corrupt, saying the world body does more to sanction Israel than castigate China, which he lumped with what he referred to as “rogue regimes.”

As DeSantis began speaking, authorities forcibly removed a heckler from the hall. It was unclear what message the man was making as police pulled him away, most of his words inaudible to those watching a broadcast of the rally.

Around the STATE

Vaccinated visitors soon can take off masks at Disney World

ORLANDO — Walt Disney World in Florida is making it easier to see smiles again, but guests still can’t hug the characters.

Starting Tuesday, face masks will be optional for visitors to the theme park resort who are vaccinated, though Disney workers won’t require proof of vaccination, the company said on its website.

Visitors who aren’t fully vaccinated still will need to wear face masks indoors and on all rides and attractions. Because vaccines aren’t yet available for children under age 12, they too will have to mask up still.

All visitors, whether vaccinated or not, will still be required to wear face coverings on buses, monorails and Disney Skyliner, the resort’s aerial gondola, according to the latest guidelines.

The decision on masks is Disney World’s latest tweak to the virus-related safety rules it created when the coronavirus pandemic was declared in March 2020. Disney World closed for two months last year at the start of the outbreak and reopened last summer with strict safety guidelines that involved masking, social distancing and crowd limits.

Last month, Disney officials started allowing visitors to go without masks outdoors. Disney officials said they expect to ease up on physical distancing guidelines in the near future.

Florida gets another legal challenge to new elections rules

TALLAHASSEE — Two more groups sued Florida over its new restrictive elections laws Monday, adding to a growing chorus of voter rights advocates who say the rules could keep some people from casting ballots.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Tallahassee by the Fair Elections Center and the Southern Poverty Law Center on behalf of Head Count and the Harriet Tubman Freedom Fighters.

The suit argues that the new law foments distrust against civic organizations that work to register voters by suggesting that residents use the government’s website instead.

The lawsuit is designed to “protect our clients’ right to organize through voter registration activities, communicating their message that our democracy works better when all our voices are heard,” Michelle Kanter Cohen, policy

director and senior counsel at Fair Elections Center, said in a statement.

“Voter registration organizations serve their communities by building trusted relationships with Floridians for whom voting and participation may not otherwise be accessible,” she added.

At the core of the complaint is a requirement under the law that third-party voter registration groups use specific language to tell all residents who work with them that they might not submit a voter’s application documents in a timely fashion.

The lawsuit contends that the groups are being forced to provide an “inaccurate warning” that is “self-denigrating, misleading, and contradictory” to the mission of the groups.

The law, signed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis last month, limits the use of ballot drop boxes, places new restrictions on who can collect completed ballots and requires identifying information for once-routine registration transactions. It also mandates how voter-rights groups can operate in the state.

Scientists look for link between wastewater and algae in bay

TAMPA — Scientists are looking for any links to dreaded algae blooms and the pumping of 215 gallons of wastewater into Tampa Bay from the site of an old fertilizer plant two months ago.

Scientists want to know whether the specific nutrients found in wastewater at the Piney Point plant match those being consumed by the organisms growing around the bay. They plan to use a kind of signature within different molecules to follow where nitrogen goes and how it gets used in the environment, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

The wastewater was pumped into Tampa Bay in April after a leak developed in a reservoir at the Piney Point plant. The reservoir contained what are called phosphogypsum stacks, a leftover from the phosphate mined for fertilizer. The wastewater contained nitrogen, phosphorus, ammonia and small amounts of radium and uranium, according to officials.

Algae called Lyngbya have blanketed waterways around Anna Maria Island in recent weeks, and red tide has been found at bloom levels near Port Manatee and off Pinellas County beaches. Dead fish have been reported at Sunset Beach, Madeira Beach and Indian Rocks Beach.

Health officials in both Hillsborough and Pinellas counties have issued advisories warning visitors they could experience mild respiratory issues

when around a bloom.

Tampa Bay Estuary Program executive director Ed Sherwood said, it “doesn’t take much to put two and two together.”

Florida man charged with manslaughter after toddler drowns

NAVARRE BEACH — Police searching for a missing toddler in the Florida Panhandle found her drowned in a canal near her home and charged the 1-year-old girl’s father with negligent manslaughter, news outlets reported Monday.

Tracy Potter, 29, of Navarre Beach, was arrested early Monday and booked into the Santa Rosa County Jail where he was being held without bond.

Deputies responded to the family’s home Sunday evening after receiving a report of a missing child, and found the girl’s body a short time later in the canal, according to the news reports.

It was not immediately clear if Potter has an attorney.

Massachusetts woman dies while snorkeling in Florida Keys

MARATHON — A 25-year-old woman has died while snorkeling in the Florida Keys, authorities said Monday.

Katherine Boukharov was pronounced dead after being taken to a hospital in Marathon, Florida, according to the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office.

Witnesses reported seeing Boukharov face down and motionless in the water at Bahia Honda State Park Sunday evening. They brought her to shore, began CPR and called 911.

Foul play was not believed to be a factor in her death, the sheriff’s office said.

Autopsy results were pending for the woman who was visiting from Melrose, Massachusetts.

Florida man accused of fraud in ticket business scheme

TAMPA — A Florida man is accused of defrauding investors he recruited for a business opportunity where he was supposed to secure coveted tickets and resell them for a profit.

The federal indictment against Thomas Coelho, 52, of St. Petersburg, charges him with two counts of wire fraud. It also notifies Coelho that the U.S. government is seeking to recover \$1.8 million, the amount he is estimated to have made from the scheme.

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IMPASSABLE STREETS

Dirt roads need to be paved

It's been quite a while since the residents of Inverness Acres and Inverness Villages have seen a school bus traverse the roads in their neighborhoods. They haven't had mail delivered to individual boxes in years. If there is a fire or medical emergency, people worry help won't reach them. The reason? The neighborhoods don't have paved roads, but ones made of sugar sand that even four-wheel drive vehicles sometimes have trouble navigating.

When it rains, the pock-marked landscape becomes a treacherous obstacle course. After decades of neglect and disrepair, residents are rightfully tired, frustrated and angry about the state of their roads. The have had enough of trying to put a Band-Aid on a larger problem — a temporary fix at best.

The residents in the two communities are at an impasse. They cannot afford to overhaul the precarious sandy roads and pave them. But they also don't want to stand by and watch their dirt roads keep deteriorating.

But the city of Inverness has a plan. City Manager Eric Williams thinks it would cost \$30 million to pave the 16 miles of the two subdivisions. Inverness doesn't have that, but recently hired consultants Kimley-Horn to apply for U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development grants that were allocated to Florida. The money is earmarked for disaster mitigation and Williams and the consultants think this project qualifies. That would certainly be a good use of infrastructure dollars.

Critics will say buyers knew what they were getting into when they purchased their homes years ago. But those residents pay taxes just like homeowners on paved streets, and they deserve comparable city services and attention. The area is home to many elderly, and emergency services need to be able to reach them on safe streets in the event of a crisis.

The city stands to gain from paving the roads. Unimproved and undeveloped lots are a missed opportunity for property taxes. Paving the roads would also allow for development of more affordable housing — something that is desperately needed in Citrus County.

"It's a problem that has to be solved ... and can't persist," Williams said.

It's encouraging the city is not forsaking the residents and is taking a positive step forward to solve the issue. Until then, residents such as Nelson Piovot will keep using his four-wheel drive truck to haul out neighbors and delivery people who get stuck on the roads.

THE ISSUE:

Inverness explores ways to pave dirt roads.

OUR OPINION:

It's time to bring those roads up to par.

LETTERS to the Editor

Check donations have been coming into Chronicle offices to support and fund a new animal shelter building in Citrus County. Below are some notes of gratitude and encouragement for the cause:

Thank you for being part of the cause

To the Chronicle, Thank you for helping to make this much needed new animal shelter become a reality by reaching out to the public and making it easy to be a part of contributing to this cause.

Dailene Vargo

New shelter is very much needed

This donation is for the new proposed animal shelter that is much needed.

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Rich and Linda Varvarineiz

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Shelter conditions are archaic

I have been a past supporter of Shelter Me Citrus and that money remains in an unused fund at the shelter. I do hope our contributions are used for building a new shelter. As a volunteer who spends at least 10 hours a week walking dogs at CCAS, I see the archaic conditions dogs and cats live in and how hard it is for the staff to provide good care and sanitary conditions.

Marie Nall

Leadership in doing the right thing

Dear Chronicle staff, Thank you so much for organizing and collecting donations for this very worthy cause. Because of your coverage and because you provide a reliable system for people to contribute, our animal shelter has a real chance to change lives (animals and shelter staff and volunteers) as it is replaced and updated. The community will respond thanks to your leadership and your passion for doing the right thing.

To the animal shelter fund. You may remember you tried this five to 10 years ago. I sent a donation at that time and never heard an accounting — or total — of what was accomplished. I can only assume that the powers that be — the commissioners — just "spent it" as they do any money that crosses their path. I am trusting your word, that this will be used for the stated purpose.

Hot Corner: ANIMAL SHELTER

■ (Re the Wednesday, June 9, front-page story, "County: Plan to move courts is too expensive"): Judge Howard is asking for more space for another judge that we definitely need and yet we balk at the price, but the pet owners are willing to spend \$8 million for something that belongs to them, not all of us. The pet owners should pay for their share of this thing, but the monies should go to getting that new judge into a perfect place. We need him, we need roads, we need so many other things over here that the thought of

spending \$8-plus million to house pets, that's ridiculous.

■ Commissioners say we don't have \$2.5 million to move the courthouse but we've got \$11 million for a new animal shelter. It's about time they get their heads out of (the sand) and get their priorities straight. So a commissioner makes the comment about the Citrus County Chronicle's weekly opinion poll where the people were overwhelmingly in favor of a new animal shelter. I challenge that commissioner to put it on the ballot and see how

overwhelming it is overwhelmingly not to spend the money.

■ For the animal shelter that needs to be built, you have a lot of Lowe's and Home Depots and they have excess material that's left over from projects and jobs on homes and renovations. They could donate all this stuff. They have contractors that would be willing to help out with the services that need to be done on these animal shelters and I think it's a priority. I would forget about these people and their ramps and their big boats. That will come later.

SUPPORT THE SHELTER

■ If you would like to make a contribution to help fund construction of a new animal shelter in Citrus County, you can drop a check off at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Meadowcrest. You can also mail your contribution to The Chronicle Animal Shelter Fund at 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. For those with a digital desire, contributions can be made via the Citrus County Chronicle's animal shelter GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/73903811>.



Explain your contingency plan

(Re the Tuesday, May 25, Page A9 "Hot Corner: \$1,000 Bonus"): The county commissioners are approving that they're going to pay a \$1,000 bonus to people who sign up to work. After 90 days they'll give them \$1,000. Let me ask you, county commissioners, what is your contingency plan when all these people take the \$1,000 and leave? What is your contingency plan going to be?



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Watch what happens in the tunnel

I've lived in Citrus Springs for almost 35 years. My wife and I keep a beautiful property and

I've been trying to get my road resurfaced for so long and they say, "No, no, no," but yet they're building a tunnel and a bridge on (County Road) 39 in Citrus Springs for bicyclists. This is going to be no more than a hangout for homeless. Watch what happens. You know how many roads they could have paved in Citrus Springs instead of wasting this government money? This is a waste of big money.

Health care reform would nix fundraisers

(Re the May 24, front-page story, "What happens when call for help goes out in Citrus?" "Fundraisers, direct donations raise nearly \$73,000 toward surgery for local teen"): It seems in

these modern times that we are inundated with GoFundMe's and fundraisers. Locally, it's a big thing, and, nationally, it seems to be a big thing. I have one comment for that: If we had health care for all, we wouldn't have to be having fundraisers and GoFundMe's so people could have surgeries and medical care that they need.

Dogs too comfortable at restaurant

There is a restaurant with outside dining. ... that has allowed dogs to be there forever. In the past few months, there are dogs weighing over 100 pounds being held by ropes to keep them from going after patrons going to the restroom. We have seen dogs peeing, pooping, licking themselves on the deck — really not very nice for people eating

dinner. We like this place, but have decided it's dogs or people. People abuse the "dogs allowed" rule and let their pets put their paws on tables and the bar. Just can't have this. It's disgusting. Hope the owner realizes dogs don't run a tab.

Sheriff shouldn't be using CARES money

(Re the Tuesday, May 25, front-page story, "Officials: Financial plan for 911 upgrade has flaws"): I'm calling Sound Off to say hold the phone. No, we should not use CARES Act to upgrade the emergency dispatch system, which comes under the sheriff's department. Let's see their budget in black and white. How much money did they confiscate from the drugs that they caught so far? The vehicles they confiscated

and they sold them, how much money did they receive on those? Let's see all that in black and white before you decide to put money into a 911 upgrade. No, let the sheriff's office put their budget out there where everyone could see it before you invest any CARES Act money. I say no, no, no.

Complaints about trails understandable

What percent of Citrus County people use the trails for bicycle riding? I'd be surprised if it's as high as 5%. It's probably 1%. Yes, I ride a bicycle, but not much — just to the store or sometimes around Cooter Pond. I can understand people complaining, and taxpayers, about spending \$5 million for a bicycle trail that only a few people or maybe some groups will (use)...

Biden backs NATO



Associated Press
U.S. President Joe Biden pauses before speaking during a media conference at a NATO summit in Brussels, Monday, June 14.

President firm as he prepares for Putin meet

AAMER MADHANI, JONATHAN LEMIRE AND LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — President Joe Biden used his first appearance at a NATO summit since taking office to call on Russian President Vladimir Putin to step back from provocative actions targeting the U.S. and its allies on Monday. NATO leaders joined the United States in formally accusing Moscow and Beijing of malign actions.

Biden's sharp words for Russia and his friendly interactions with NATO allies marked a sharp shift in tone from the past four years and highlighted the renewed U.S. commitment to the 30-country alliance that was frequently maligned by predecessor Donald Trump.

Biden, wearing a NATO lapel pin, said that in his extensive talks with NATO leaders about his planned meeting with Putin on Wednesday, all were supportive of his plans to press the Russian leader to halt Russian-originated cyber attacks against the West, end the violent stifling of political dissidents and stop interfering in elections outside its borders.

"I'm going to make clear to President Putin that there are areas where we can cooperate, if he chooses," Biden told reporters as he ended his day at NATO headquarters. "And if he chooses not to cooperate and acts in a way that he has in the past relative to cybersecurity and other activities, then we will respond, we will respond in kind."

Biden is on an eight-day visit to Europe in which

he is seeking to rally allies to speak with a single voice on countering Russia and China.

To that end, NATO leaders on Monday declared China a constant security challenge and said the Chinese are working to undermine global order, a message in sync with Biden's pleas to confront Beijing on China's trade, military and human rights practices.

In a summit statement, the leaders said that China's goals and "assertive behavior present systemic challenges to the rules-based international order and to areas relevant to alliance security."

The heads of state and government expressed concern about what they said were China's "coercive policies," the opaque ways it is modernizing its armed forces and its use of disinformation.

UK delays easing lockdown

Concerns mount over new 'delta' virus variant

PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson confirmed Monday that the next planned relaxation of coronavirus restrictions in England will be delayed by four weeks, until July 19, as a result of the spread of the delta variant.

In a press briefing, Johnson voiced his confidence that he won't need to delay the plan to lift restrictions on social contact further, as millions more people get fully vaccinated against the

virus. He said that by July 19, two-thirds of the British population will have been double-vaccinated.

"I think it is sensible to wait just a little longer," he said. "Now is the time to ease off the accelerator, because by being cautious now we have the chance in the next four weeks to save many thousands of lives by vaccinating millions more people."

Accompanying the decision to delay the easing, Johnson said the government has brought forward the date by which everyone over the age of 18 will be offered a first dose of

vaccine, from the end of July to July 19.

"It's unmistakably clear the vaccines are working and the sheer scale of the vaccine roll out has made our position incomparably better than in previous waves," he said.

Under the government's plan for coming out of lockdown, all restrictions on social contact were set to be lifted next Monday. Many businesses, particularly those in hospitality and entertainment, voiced their disappointment ahead of the official announcement.

Nation & World BRIEFS

Illinois plant blast, fires prompt evacuations

CHICAGO — An explosion at a northern Illinois chemical plant Monday morning sparked massive fires that sent flames and huge plumes of thick black smoke high into the air and debris raining onto the ground, prompting evacuations.

After 7 a.m., emergency crews rushed to the scene of the fire near Rockton, northwest of Chicago, at Chemtool Inc., a company that manufactures lubricants, grease products and other fluids, and is, according to the company, the largest manufacturer of grease in the Americas.

Rockton Fire Department Chief Kirk Wilson said about 70 employees were evacuated safely from the plant, and that one firefighter suffered a minor injury. Chemtool's parent company, Lubrizol Corp., later said there were closer to 50 employees present when the plant was evacuated.

Cashier fatally shot after mask argument

DECATUR, Ga. — A grocery store cashier in the Atlanta area was killed and two other people were wounded Monday in a shooting that followed an argument over wearing face masks in the supermarket, authorities said.

DeKalb County Sheriff Melody Maddox said the shooting occurred inside the Big Bear Supermarket at South DeKalb Mall in Decatur while several people were inside the business. She said a female cashier was killed when a man opened fire.

"There was some confrontation, argument — I'm not sure exactly what — in reference to the wearing of masks, at which time the subject pulled out a weapon and shot the cashier," Maddox said at a news conference. Maddox said she did not know the details of the argument.

A reserve deputy, who was employed parttime for security with the store, returned fire and shot the subject, the sheriff said. The deputy and the suspected shooter were injured, she added.

Vehicle plows into Minn. protesters, killing one

MINNEAPOLIS — A woman was killed and three other people were injured when a vehicle drove into

India



Associated Press
Children wearing face masks as a precaution against the coronavirus attend online classes at a slum on the outskirts of Jammu, India, Monday, June 14.

demonstrators during a protest in the Minneapolis neighborhood where a Black man was fatally shot this month during his attempted arrest by members of a federal task force, police said Monday.

The crash happened at about 11:40 p.m. Sunday in Minneapolis' Uptown neighborhood. Witnesses said the driver of an SUV struck a parked car, tossing it into the crowd of demonstrators. Police spokesman John Elder did not confirm that account, and said authorities are still investigating.

Police said the driver's motive was not immediately known, but that a preliminary investigation indicated drugs or alcohol may have been a contributing factor.

Israel has new government after Netanyahu ouster

JERUSALEM — For the first time in 12 years, Israelis on Monday woke up to a new prime minister, after Naftali Bennett secured the backing of parliament and ousted longtime leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

The two held a brief handover meeting in the afternoon, but without the formal ceremony that traditionally accompanies a change in government — a sign of Netanyahu's lingering anger and hostility toward the new government.

Israel's parliament, the

Knesset, narrowly approved the new Bennett-led coalition government on Sunday, ending Netanyahu's historic 12-year rule.

Bennett now presides over a diverse and fragile coalition comprised of eight small and midsize parties with deep ideological differences. Netanyahu serves as the opposition leader.

Nicaragua stages roundup of opposition leaders

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaraguan police have arrested another opposition politician, bringing to six the number detained over the weekend in an unprecedented roundup of opponents of President Daniel Ortega.

Five were arrested Sunday, the biggest one-day roundup so far in Ortega's campaign to jail anyone who might challenge his rule. The last arrest, which came late Sunday, was that of Victor Hugo Tinoco, the leader of the political movement Unamos.

Tinoco is a former assistant foreign minister and former ambassador to the United Nations; he was detained by 10 men wearing hoods and plainclothes at a shopping mall.

Relatives complained Monday that authorities were not allowing them to deliver food or personal items to the detainees in the capital's infamous El Chipote prison.

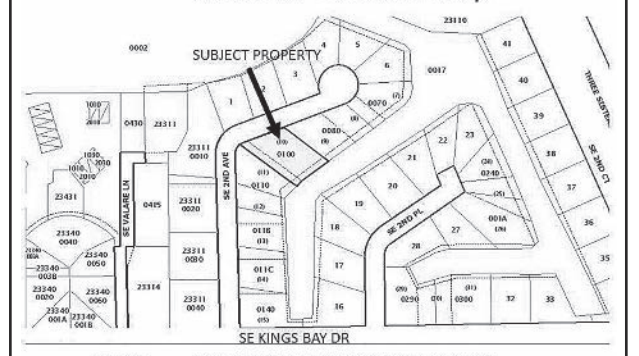
— From wire reports

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Crystal River, Florida that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held before the City of Crystal River Planning Commission to consider **APPLICATION NO. V21-0006 from Peter and Michelle Wyatt** to allow for an addition to an existing single-family residence, having less than the required 25-foot minimum setback from the waterway pursuant to Section 4.02.02 **Standards for buildings and building placement (Setbacks)**, of the LDC, on property located in Section 21, Township 18S, Range 17E; specifically, Lot 10 together with the northeasterly 20 feet of Lot 11, Springdale Addition to Springs O'Paradise (AK #1077451), which address is 131 SE 2nd Avenue, Crystal River. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Planning and Development Services Department.

Variance - Locator Map



The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 123 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, Florida.

Planning Commission Public Meeting: Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City of Crystal River, City Manager's Office, 123 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, FL 34428, (352) 795-4216, at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

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

All interested persons who wish to be heard on this matter, take due notice of the time and place of the Public Hearing. Information on the proposed Variance is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 123 NW U. S. Highway 19, Crystal River, FL 34428. If you have any questions concerning this application, please call (352)

Mind and Body Challenge

(A Partnership)

Location: St. John Paul II Catholic School Lecanto, Florida Saturday, June 26 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Event "Challenges"

Intellectual

- Geography
- Math with Money
- Spelling

Physical

- Horseshoes
- Disc Golf
- Fill Water Bucket

CASH REWARDS

Family & Friends Reaching for Abilities (FFRA) and the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring a unique, in-teractive and challenging intramural competition for developmentally disabled adults in Citrus and surrounding Counties. Get your "child" involved? Be on a Team! No need to handle each challenge as other Team members will participate. Learn new skills during coaching sessions and have an opportunity to win cash rewards.

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*Entrance Fee includes a hotdog or hamburger, chips and beverage.
 Other snack food vendor products will be available for sale.

Contact Robert DeSimone at 352-628-5606

Is there new hope?

Learn about new
 FDA-approved
 Alzheimer's drug

Q: The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) recently decided to approve the drug aducanumab (brand name Aduhelm) for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. What can you tell me about this drug?



Dr. Richard Hoffmann
ASK THE PHARMACIST

A: Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a devastating disease that slowly destroys memory/

thinking (cognitive) skills. It is the most common cause of dementia (loss of memory, language, and problem-solving skills), affecting approximately 6 million Americans — and this number is expected to nearly triple by the year 2050.

There is an enormous unmet need for effective treatments. No medications have been approved for AD since 2003 and currently available treatments are only modestly and temporarily helpful. In addition, no medication has been approved to treat the underlying cause(s) of this extremely complicated disease or to slow down its progression.

The exact causes of AD are unknown, but the disease process may begin decades before symptoms occur. It is known, however, that the brains of Alzheimer patients have microscopic deposits of proteins known as amyloid plaques and tau tangles which are thought to interrupt the transmission of nerve impulses between the brain cells and interfere with memory, thinking, and behavior.

Aducanumab (ad-u-canu-mab) is known as a monoclonal antibody that helps to remove the amyloid and tau deposits from the brain when given intravenously once a month. This drug has been studied for years and after doing a number of studies involving over 3,000 patients with AD, an application was submitted by the Drug's Sponsor (Biogen) to the FDA for aducanumab's approval to slow the progression of AD.

I was selected to serve as the Patient Representative for the 11-member FDA Advisory Committee convened to discuss the approval of aducanumab for AD on Nov. 6, 2020.



Biogen via AP

Numerous documents were submitted for approval, but the Advisory Committee, Drug Sponsor, and FDA focused on two major, near-identical clinical studies. In both studies, aducanumab was shown to effectively reduce the amount of the toxic proteins (amyloid and tau) in the brains of patients. However one study showed that the drug was effective in slowing cognitive decline (as measured by a number of tests), but the second study did not.

Several explanations were offered from the FDA and Drug Sponsor for the conflicting results, but in the end the majority of Advisory Committee members did not support the approval of aducanumab without more evidence of the drug's effectiveness.

They also expressed concern that approximately one-third of the patients receiving aducanumab experienced brain edema, swelling, or bleeding. These are potentially dangerous side effects that require appropriate monitoring and treatment.

It is still uncertain why aducanumab was not clearly effective, since it did reduce the accumulation of the toxic amyloid and tau proteins in the brain. One possible explanation is that several other toxic proteins and nerve cell-destroying processes, which make some people more susceptible, may also be involved in this very complex neurodegenerative disease. Another reason may be that treatment should be initiated earlier at an appropriate dose, before too many brain cells are already destroyed.

Following the Advisory Committee

meeting, the FDA requested more information from the sponsor for additional review and analysis. Based upon this follow up review, the FDA decided to grant accelerated approval for aducanumab (Aduhelm) on June 7, 2021.

Under the accelerated approval provisions, the FDA is requiring the manufacturer, Biogen, to perform a post-approval study to verify that the drug provides the expected clinical benefit to patients. If the post-approval (confirmatory) study does not verify the drug's anticipated clinical benefits, the FDA has regulatory procedures in place that could lead to removing the drug from the market.

The prescribing information for Aduhelm includes a warning for amyloid-related imaging abnormalities (ARIA), which most commonly presents as temporary swelling in areas of the brain which may cause symptoms such as headache, confusion, dizziness, vision changes, or nausea. Aduhelm may also cause diarrhea, confusion/delirium/altered mental status/disorientation, or hypersensitivity reactions in some people.

Some future challenges for this new Alzheimer's disease drug include an independent Medicare National Coverage Determination by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), educating dementia specialists about the use of Aduhelm, and the establishment of enough drug infusion and imaging centers to meet the expected demand for this new treatment.

Richard P. Hoffmann, Pharm.D, is a

What are the side effects?

DR. RICHARD HOFFMANN
Special to the Chronicle

What are the potential side effects of the newly approved drug for Alzheimer's disease?

The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved Aduhelm (aducanumab) for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD), under its accelerated approval regulations. These regulations require a further clinical study to verify its clinical effectiveness and safety, which is to be completed by August 2029.

It is the first and only drug approved to try to slow down the progression of Alzheimer's disease. It is administered as a one-hour intravenous infusion once a month.

Aduhelm works by reducing the amount of a protein known as amyloid in the brain, which is thought to interrupt the transmission of nerve impulses between brain cells and interfere with memory, thinking and behavior.

The most common and concerning side effects of Aduhelm are known as ARIA or amyloid related imaging abnormalities; this includes brain swelling (edema) or bleeding in or on the surface of the brain.

These side effects may not produce any symptoms, but in some people can be very serious and periodic magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the brain is required. Symptoms of ARIA can include headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion and vision changes. Patients treated with Aduhelm who have any of these symptoms should immediately contact their health care provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Clinical studies with Aduhelm have involved several thousand people, but as the drug is promoted and used in the millions of patients who may qualify to receive it, we will have a much better idea of both its safety and effectiveness.

retired pharmacist and medical writer with over 40 years of experience. He currently serves as a consumer/patient representative on FDA Advisory Committees for new drugs and devices. Dr. Hoffmann is also a research advocate for the Parkinson's Foundation.

Attend an ABC of Dementia workshop

Several sessions on tap for Citrus County

Special to the Chronicle

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

The workshops provide an overview of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, how they affect the individuals and how their care partners can use this knowledge and techniques of voice, approach and appropriate touch to provide more effective care.

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

■ Monday, June 21, Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills, call 352-746-6622.

■ Friday, July 23, Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St. in Crystal River, call 352-795-3716.

■ Monday, Aug. 16, Central Ridge Library.

■ Friday, Sept. 17, Coastal

Region Library.

■ Monday, Oct. 18, Central Ridge Library.

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

■ Friday, Nov. 19, Coastal Region Library.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 8, Lakes Region Library.

■ Monday, Dec. 20, Central Ridge Library.

CDC guidelines will be observed and seating may be limited.

To reserve seats for the workshops, call 352-422-3663 or email deb@coping.today.

HEALTH NOTE

YMCA announces Recovery Series presenters

The YMCA will host presenters for their 2021 Recovery Series, who will share information and community resources available to help people who have experienced challenges during the pandemic. The remaining series sessions are:

■ STEMI Alert: What You Should Do in a Heart Emergency, 1:30 p.m. June 15, with Cheryl Bray, emergency room clinical nurse coordinator

■ Men's Health Month, 1:30 p.m. June 24, with Dr. Nelson Main

■ Can Macular Degeneration and Diabetic Retinopathy be Reversed?, 1:30 p.m. June 28, with Dr. Shelesh Kaushal

The presentations are open to the public and pre-registration is recommended. To learn more, visit the YMCA Facebook page or call 352-500-9622. To get an organization involved, contact Joanna Castle, YMCA district vice president, at jcastle@suncoastymca.org.

■ **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.

Will Hearing Devices Improve Communication Ability In Noise?

ANSWER: Yes. Older hearing aids used to impede hearing in background noise as there was no sophisticated background noise suppression. Now, that is not the case at all. Today's hearing aids have sophisticated noise suppression as well as special features that allow the hearing device user to activate more suppression in order to hear what you want to hear and suppress what you do not.

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Dr. Joanie Davis, Dr. Cynthia Quintana, Crystal Taylor, AA, Dr. Ashley Brown



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Pitches thrown Monday night by Tampa Bay starter Tyler Glasnow before he was forced to leave with right elbow inflammation.

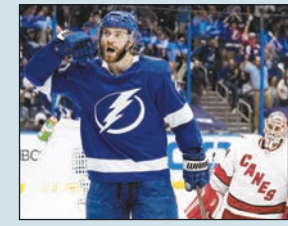


Tyler Glasnow

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121ST U.S. OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

TOUGH TEST



FACTS & FIGURES

Dates: June 17-20
Site: Torrey Pines GC (South)
Length: 7,652 yards Par: 71
Cut: Top 60 and ties Field: 156 players
Purse: \$12.5 million. Winner's share: \$2.25 million
Defending champion: Bryson DeChambeau
Last year: Bryson DeChambeau took the unconventional route to a U.S. Open title...
Last U.S. Open at Torrey Pines: Tiger Woods won his third U.S. Open title in 2008...
Last tournament at Torrey Pines: Patrick Reed won the Farmers Insurance Open in January...
Mickelson's Quest: One month after 50-year-old Phil Mickelson won the PGA Championship...
California Dreaming: This will be the 14th U.S. Open in California...
Oh, brothers: Brothers have not played in the U.S. Open since 2011...
Key statistic: When Tiger Woods won at Torrey Pines...
Noteworthy: Only 14 players are in the field who played the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines in 2008...
Quoteworthy: "I don't think the USGA has to do a hell of a lot to make it very difficult...
Streaming (all times EDT): Thursday-Friday, 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. (Peacock).
Television (all times EDT): Thursday, 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Golf Channel), 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (NBC)...

No Tiger, no telling what happens at Torrey for this U.S. Open

The strongest memory from the last U.S. Open at Torrey Pines was accompanied by words that explain golf then and now.

Tiger Woods faced a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole in 2008 after a week hobbling around with torn knee ligaments and a double stress fracture in his left leg.

Now? Expect pretty much anything. The U.S. Open returns to Torrey Pines on June 17-20 with the top two players in the world, Dustin Johnson and Justin Thomas, failing to register a top 10 in the last three months.

The highest hopes are with Phil Mickelson, who turns 51 on the eve of the U.S. Open.

He accepted a special exemption to the U.S. Open from having fallen out of the top 100 in the world, and then he won the PGA Championship a week later to become the oldest major champion in history.

"I know that I'm playing well and this could very well be my last really good opportunity to win a U.S. Open. So I'm going to put everything I have into it," Mickelson said.

What shouldn't be a surprise is Torrey Pines as a tough test that defines an old-fashioned U.S. Open. It's one of the strongest courses on the PGA Tour even in January when the turf is soft and there is less regard for the winning score.

"I don't think the USGA has to do a hell of a lot to make it very difficult," Louis Oosthuizen said "It's already a tough golf course."

BRYSON AND BROOKS

The sideshow at the U.S. Open could be two of its most recent champions. DeChambeau (2020 winner) and Brooks Koepka (2017, 2018) have been jawing at each other for nearly two years, and it went to a new level with an unaired Golf Channel interview with Koepka that was leaked.



Phil Mickelson watches his ball from the eighth tee during the final round at the PGA Championship golf tournament on the Ocean Course, Sunday, May 23, in Kiawah Island, S.C.

TORREY PINES

Patrick Reed won the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines in January, so he figures to be a contender, especially with his short game. Reed will try to join some elite company.

SPECTATORS

The U.S. Open is the latest major to welcome back spectators, at least some of them. The USGA expects to have roughly 10,000 fans at Torrey Pines compared with none at Winged Foot.

OLYMPICS

The U.S. Open is the final week before the world ranking that determines the 60-man field for the Olympics in Tokyo. Each country gets two players until the field is filled, with a maximum of four if they are among the top 15 in the world.

121ST U.S. OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP | PLAYER CAPSULES

PATRICK REED
Age: 30
Country: United States
World ranking: 9
Worldwide victories: 9
Majors: Masters (2018)
U.S. Open history: In seven appearances his only top 10 was fourth place in 2018 at Shinnecock Hills, three shots behind Brooks Koepka.



winning at Oakmont in 2016, he had at least a share of the 54-hole lead in three other U.S. Opens.
U.S. Open moment: Winning his first major at Oakmont while playing the final seven holes without knowing the score as the USGA debated whether to penalize him for a ball that moved on the fifth green.

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU
Age: 27
Country: United States
World ranking: 5
Worldwide victories: 9
Majors: U.S. Open (2020)
U.S. Open history: His only top 10 in six appearances was his victory last year at Winged Foot.



JORDAN SPIETH
Age: 27
Country: United States
World ranking: 23
Worldwide victories: 15
Majors: Masters (2015), U.S. Open (2015), British Open (2017)
U.S. Open history: Has only one top 10 (his victory at Chambers Bay) in nine previous appearances.



World ranking: 3
Worldwide victories: 11
Majors: None
U.S. Open history: In five appearances, a tie for third at Pebble Beach
U.S. Open moment: Opening with a 76 in his U.S. Open debut at Oakmont in 2016, and rallying to tie for 23rd.

PATRICK CANTLAY
Age: 27
Country: United States
World ranking: 7
Worldwide victories: 4
Majors: None
U.S. Open history: Has made the cut in all five of his U.S. Open appearances, but he has yet to crack the top 20.



U.S. Open moment: Setting the U.S. Open scoring record at 16-under 268 at Congressional just two months after losing a four-shot lead in the Masters.
Backspin: On the 10-year anniversary of his U.S. Open title, McIlroy is fielding questions on when he's going to win another major.

BROOKS KOEPKA
Age: 31
Country: United States
World ranking: 8
Worldwide victories: 11
Majors: U.S. Open (2017, 2018), PGA Championship (2018, 2019)



JUSTIN THOMAS
Age: 28
Country: United States
World ranking: 2
Worldwide victories: 14
Majors: PGA Championship (2017)
U.S. Open history: Two top 10s in his six appearances and a share of the 18-hole record.



RORY McILROY
Age: 32
Country: Northern Ireland
World ranking: 10
Worldwide victories: 27
Majors: U.S. Open (2011), British Open (2014), PGA Championship (2012, 2014)



DUSTIN JOHNSON
Age: 36
Country: United States
World ranking: 1
Worldwide victories: 25
Majors: Masters (2020), U.S. Open (2016)
U.S. Open history: Along with



JON RAHM
Age: 26
Country: Spain



PHIL MICKELSON
Age: 50
Country: United States
World ranking: 31
Worldwide victories: 48
Majors: Masters (2004, 2006, 2010), British Open (2013), PGA Championship (2005, 2021)
U.S. Open history: A record six runner-up finishes, and the only major



Spain held to 0-0 draw by Sweden

Schick scores pair of goals for Czech Republic

Associated Press

SEVILLE, Spain — The chances came and went but neither Spain nor Sweden managed to put any of them in the net Monday in a 0-0 draw at the European Championship.

Spain dominated possession and stayed close to the Swedish net for most of the match but couldn't capitalize on its many scoring opportunities at La Cartuja Stadium.

Sweden looked dangerous only on rare occasions. The team came close to breaking the deadlock near the end of the first half when Real Sociedad forward Isak Alexander had his shot from inside the area hit the post after deflecting off Spain defender Marcos Llorente in front of the goal line.

Álvaro Morata had Spain's best chance just a few minutes earlier but his shot missed wide with goalkeeper Robin Olsen the only opponent to beat inside the box. Olsen also saved a close-range header by substitute Gerard Moreno in the 90th minute.

Early in the second half, Marcus Berg misfired inside the area for the other good chance wasted by Sweden.

Spain's matches at Euro 2020 are being played in Seville instead of Bilbao — the original host city for Spain — because the high contagion rate of the virus in the northern city wouldn't allow for many fans to attend games.

A limited crowd of 12,517 attended the match at La Cartuja, where Spain will also play Poland on Saturday and Slovakia on June 23. A quarterfinal match will also be played at La Cartuja.

Sweden, which hasn't advanced past the group stage at



Scotland's goalkeeper David Marshall is caught in the goal's net Monday after he failed to save a long distance shot by Czech Republic's Patrik Schick during the Euro 2020 soccer championship group D match between Scotland and Czech Republic at Hampden Park stadium in Glasgow. The Czech Republic won 2-0.

the European Championship since 2004, next faces Slovakia on Friday in St. Petersburg.

Czech Republic 2, Scotland 0

GLASGOW, Scotland — Patrik Schick spotted the goalkeeper off his line, launched a looping shot from just inside the halfway line, and gave his team a two-goal lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Schick scored both goals for the Czech Republic in a 2-0 victory over Scotland at the European Championship. But it was his second goal that will be talked about for years to come.

Scotland lost possession when a shot was blocked and the ball fell to Schick. The Bayern Leverkusen forward looked up and spotted opposing goalkeeper David Marshall way off his line before hitting a long, curling shot that bounced into goal.

Marshall gave chase, but he could only watch the ball sail into the goal before he ended up tangled in net.

Schick and the other Czech players ran toward the corner of Hampden Park where a few dozen Czech fans erupted in celebration.

UEFA said it was the longest distance for a goal in the tournament at 49.7 meters. The previous record of 38.6 meters came from Germany

midfielder Torsten Frings at Euro 2004.

The Czech Republic took the lead in Group D with three points and spoiled the party for Scotland, which was returning to a major men's soccer tournament for the first time since the 1998 World Cup.

Slovakia 2, Poland 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — As Marek Hamsik's influence begins to wane for Slovakia, Milan Skriniar has stepped up as the main man.

Scoring the winning goal in a match at a European Championship is a decent way to start.

Skriniar brought down a corner

and toe-poked the ball into the net from 15 meters to earn Slovakia a 2-1 victory over Poland.

It's becoming quite the year for the uncompromising center back, who is coming off playing an integral role for Inter Milan in its title-winning campaign in Italy.

FIFA player of the year Robert Lewandowski's struggles at major soccer tournaments continued, the Bayern Munich striker failing to have a clear-cut chance and snatching at the opportunities he did have in the first half for Poland.

Lewandowski has only two goals in 12 matches at a World Cup or European Championship.

Point fuels Cup repeat bid

Has nine goals this postseason, 31 since 2018 playoffs

FRED GOODALL
AP sports writer

TAMPA — Brayden Point isn't the biggest name among stars in the NHL playoffs, though it is difficult to imagine the Tampa Bay Lightning being where they are without him shining so bright.

No one has scored more goals over the past four postseasons, and the 25-year-old center has a knack for delivering when the defending Stanley Cup champions need it most.

"There are certain guys that have got that 'it' factor," coach Jon Cooper said. "Pointer's one of those guys."

With linemate Nikita Kucherov back in the lineup after missing the entire regular season and Point playing as well as ever, the Lightning rolled through the first two rounds of the playoffs to reach the Stanley Cup semifinals for the fifth time in seven years.

Point scored his league-leading ninth goal of the postseason during Sunday's 2-1 loss to the New York Islanders in Game 1 of a rematch of the 2020 Eastern Conference final. Game 2 is Tuesday night, with the Lightning facing a series deficit for the first time since dropping the opener of last year's Stanley Cup Final against Dallas.

Point has six goals in Tampa Bay's past seven games, including the third series-clincher of his career against Carolina in the second round. The barrage comes on the heels of scoring a franchise-record 14 during last year's title run in the NHL bubble and gives him 31 playoff goals since 2018.

"You can see it's not a fluke. He's a heck of a player, and he's been like that in juniors, he was like that for Team Canada and in world juniors, and he's been like that in the NHL," Cooper said.

"There are a lot of players on this team that do big things in big moments," the coach added. "The moment's not too big for him. He just continues to deliver for us."

Kucherov's return has given Tampa Bay a charge offensively, particularly on the power play, where the Lightning have converted nearly 42% of their opportunities. The leading scorer from last year's playoffs has a league-leading 19 points (five goals, 14 assists) in 12 games, six more than Point (9, 4),



Tampa Bay center Brayden Point celebrates after scoring against the Carolina Hurricanes in Game 3 of an NHL Stanley Cup second-round playoff series Thursday, June 3, in Tampa. Point has nine goals this postseason.

Alex Killiorn (6,7) and Steven Stamkos (5, 8).

"It takes everyone in the playoffs," Point said. "Everyone has their moments."

No one's been more clutch than Point, who led the Lightning in goals (23) and points (48) during the regular season for the first time.

"He is up there with some of the best players in the National Hockey League," said Islanders coach Barry Trotz, whose teams have faced Point in the semifinals three of the past four seasons.

"He is undervalued in my opinion," Trotz added. "He's a really good player. ... You look at his points per game in the playoffs, it's higher than it is in probably the regular season, and he has pretty good totals. He's a big-game player that probably doesn't get enough credit."

Islanders center Mathew Barzal has taken notice, too, saying Point is "awesome to watch."

"I don't think there's anything in his game that you can't like," Barzal said.

"I think he's probably the 'dartiest' player in the NHL, just in terms of moving his feet off battles and jumping into holes and whatnot," Barzal added. "So he's super fun to

watch, and definitely when I watch him I try to pick things out that maybe I can bring into my game."

Kucherov is widely regarded as one of the best players in the NHL. Stamkos has been a scoring champion, defenseman Victor Hedman is elite and goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy is a Vezina Trophy finalist. Point fits right in with that group of Tampa Bay stars.

"I think the thing that stands out is obviously Pointer's speed, kind of the opposite of Kuch. Kuch really slows the game down, and Pointer just pushes the pace as good as anyone in the league," Stamkos said.

"But I think the thing that separates Pointer is how clutch he's become for our team. In big moments he seems to rise to the occasion," the Lightning captain added. "That's the mark of a really elite player."

Point embraces the challenge of doing whatever's necessary to win.

"It's why we play the game to be in those situations, where your shift could mean the difference between a win or a loss, or a simple back check or forecheck can swing momentum of the game," he said. "The stakes are raised, and it's just the competitiveness. We have a lot of that in our room."

Jags 'cautious' with Lawrence

MARK LONG
AP pro football writer

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars expect quarterback Trevor Lawrence to be fully cleared to practice by training camp next month.

Lawrence was a limited participant as the Jaguars opened a two-day, mandatory minicamp Monday that signals the end of their offseason program. The former Clemson star and No. 1 draft pick wore a compression sleeve on his left leg to help his hamstring, which he tweaked during practice last week.

Lawrence sat out all of Jacksonville's 11-on-11 drills Monday, but he did get repetitions in some seven-on-seven situations.

"You yank a hamstring now, you're going to miss the early part of training camp," coach Urban Meyer said. "So we're just being cautious. That's that one muscle that ... you guys have all seen it like I have."

"You pull a hamstring at this point, you're going to miss all your summer conditioning. So we're being somewhat conservative on it. But he could actually play a game if he had to."

Lawrence looked like he might try to do more before he pulled himself out of stretching lines at the start of practice and showed trainers where he was feeling tightness on the back of his leg.

"It's feeling good," Lawrence said after practice. "It's been about a week and trying to work it back to full capacity. Yeah, it's a little frustrating just not being able to go full speed, but I'm feeling good."

"I'm just trying to not have any more setbacks, so taking it slow. Got some good reps today. So start getting more and more each day this week and kind of work back into it. Yeah, it's doing great, trying to work it back."

Lawrence has rarely been full go since Jacksonville drafted him in April.

He opened rookie minicamp in May on a pitch count and with teammates under strict orders not to touch his surgically repaired left shoulder. Lawrence had labrum surgery on his non-throwing shoulder in February, days after he worked out for NFL scouts and executives.

He started throwing with no limitations in late May, but then he tweaked his hamstring about a week later. He returned after the tightness and threw two interceptions that were returned for touchdowns.

But Meyer said he's not concerned, especially since Lawrence has shown a command of the playbook, which he got weeks before the draft.

"His retention and carryover have been very good," Meyer said. "Execution at times, like you would imagine, has been up and down, especially when they start changing the looks up on defense, which obviously can happen a ton. But we're very pleased with where he is. The summer's got to be great and the training camp's got to be great."

TRYOUT PLAYERS

The Jaguars invited four players for a tryout during minicamp, including 2016 first-round draft pick Laquon Treadwell. The former Mississippi standout joined cornerback Simeon Thomas, cornerback KeiVarae Russell and offensive tackle Jerald Hawkins as guys trying to impress coaches and land a roster spot before training camp.

Treadwell caught 65 passes for 701 yards and two touchdowns in four seasons with the Vikings. He played five games for Atlanta last season.

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Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: My daughter is the co-owner of a salon in Florida. All the folks there work extremely hard trying to make a living.

Here is the problem: Let's say "Karen" books a hair color treatment that requires three hours to complete on a Thursday.

That time frame is now blocked off on the schedule. On Wednesday, Karen is contacted to verify she will be in to receive her color treatment, and she verifies.



DEAR ANNIE

As the time approaches Karen's appointment, several folks walk into the salon to request a service but are denied because the time has been allotted to Karen.

Karen is 10 minutes late and then 20 minutes late and then 30 minutes late.

The salon then calls Karen to make sure she has not run into a ditch. Karen says: "Oh, I forgot all about it. I'll have to reschedule."

Apparently, these no-shows have no concept that they have not only cost the salon three hours of productivity but also denied service to many walk-ins.

In some cases, folks who cannot make their appointment have the courtesy to call and inform the salon so the time allotted for their service can be filled. Would Karen just blow off an appointment with her doctor or dentist?

Folks have to come to the realization that salon owners and employees have careers that have always catered to the customer. Customers also have to understand that they have a responsibility to the salon to either uphold their commitment and show up when scheduled or have the decency to call and cancel their appointment in a timely fashion so the salon can fill the time.

The "I forgot" excuse is bogus. Remember, the owners and employees are trying to earn a living while providing the best service possible. Do you have any suggestions to make it easier to address these Karen moments? — Customer Etiquette

Dear Customer Etiquette: Yes, to answer your question, I think that Karen could also blow off a doctor or dentist appointment. It is not a personal attack on your daughter; it is a personality flaw of Karen's, in that she didn't learn about consideration for others.

In order to deter people from forgetting about appointments, your daughter could install a cancellation policy. Many businesses have them, including doctors and dentists. She could also look into an automatic email reminder for customers, with a note stating the salon's cancellation policy.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Finally Crawled Out of the Bottle," who wrote in response to "Outside the Bottle Looking In." I want both of those writers to know that they have someone praying for them who they will never meet.

My husband gave me, and our children, the gift of his sobriety 15 years ago. We were so blessed that he recognized what was happening to him, even before I did. I know his Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and the people he came to know through them, made all the difference.

I hope "Finally Crawled Out of the Bottle" can feel me, and I'm sure many others, lifting her up and rejoicing with her in her sobriety. — Someone Who Cares

Dear Someone Who Cares: Thank you for your heartfelt letter. Your gratitude toward your husband, and the gift he gave you, is simply beautiful.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Bridge

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Money comes and goes all day long on Wall Street. This has attracted many of America's best bridge players.

I was shown today's deal by Jim Krekorian, who used to trade at the American Stock Exchange in New York City.

He played in the two-no-trump contract at a tournament in East Brunswick, New Jersey.

You might not like the auction,

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North, West, East, and South.

Dealer: South Vulnerable: Neither South West North East 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass 2NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♦7

but that's how it went. Over two no-trump, North understandably chose to pass. If he had gambled with a plunge into four spades, he would have gotten lucky and made it.

West guessed well to lead the diamond seven: three, king, five. Back came the diamond 10, suggesting that the suit was 5-3.

Krekorian ducked this trick but won the next, having discarded two low spades from the dummy. Now came the spade queen: two, six, seven.

So, the spades were apparently 3-3. Declarer continued with the heart ace and king. When the 10 appeared on the second round, Krekorian concluded East had started with only a doubleton.

This marked East with 3=2=3=5 shape.

Declarer played a spade to the jack and ace. When East returned a low club, Krekorian went up with his ace, cashed the heart queen and exited with the club eight.

East took the club jack and queen, but then he had to give the last two tricks to the spade king and club 10 on the board.

Krekorian's eight tricks were two spades, three hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

Finally, East would have defeated two no-trump by shifting to a low club at trick two — very tough.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

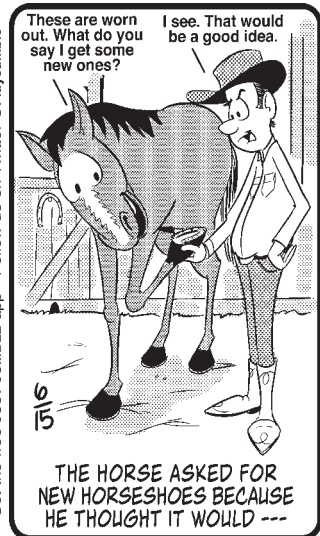
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzle grid with circled letters and word lists: VEOMI, CUVOH, CANBEO, SOCOEH.

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Answer here: [Grid of circles]

Yesterday's Jumbles: FENCE SKIMP FILLET ACCORD Answer: The stitching between the panels didn't look quite right and — SEAMED OFF



THE HORSE ASKED FOR NEW HORSESHOES BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WOULD ---

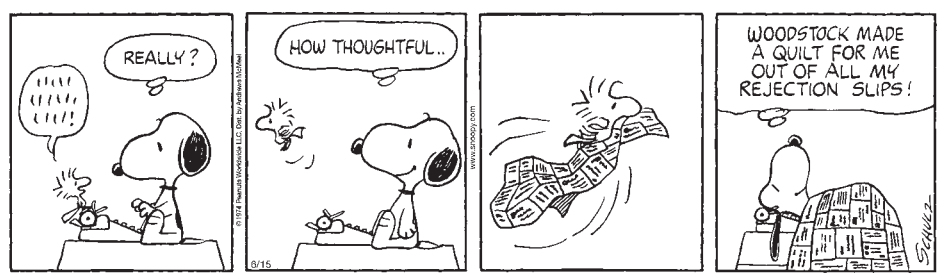
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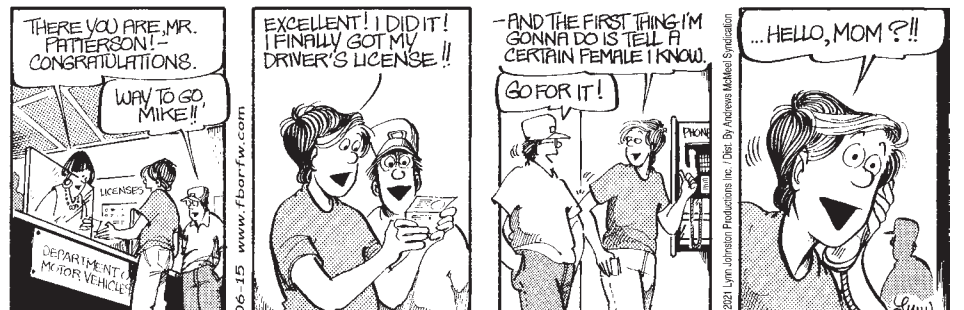
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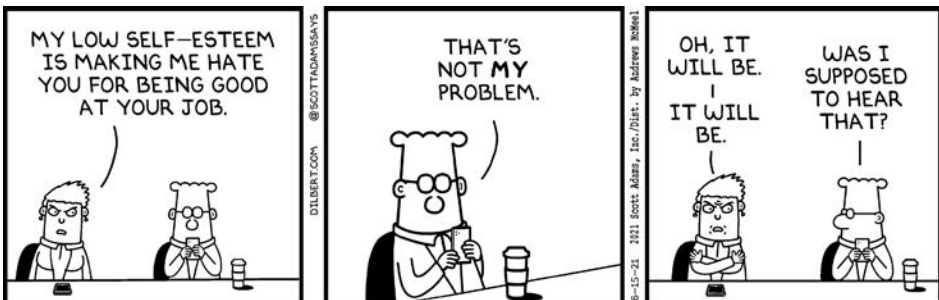
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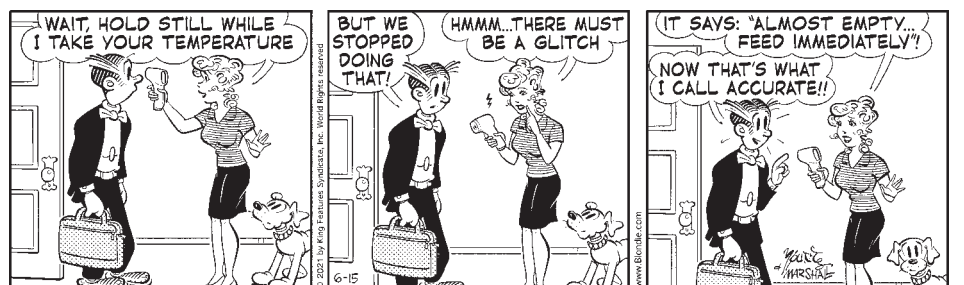
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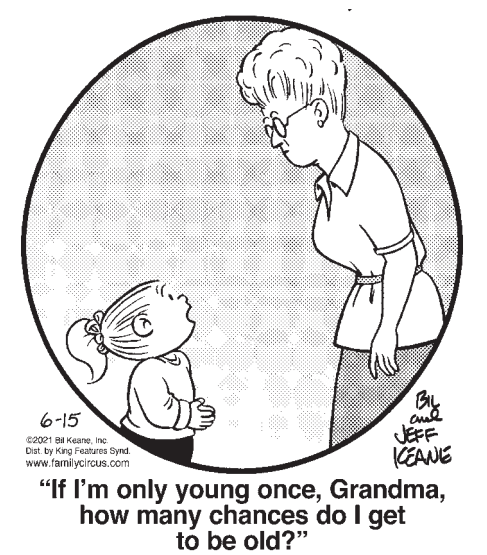
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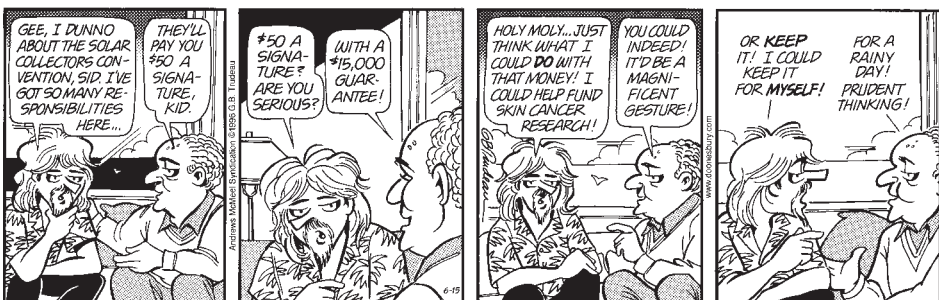
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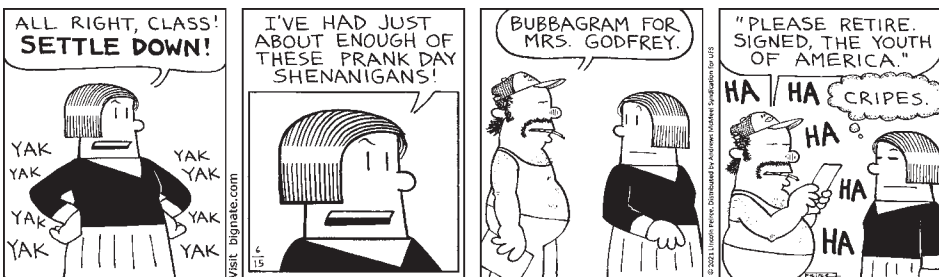
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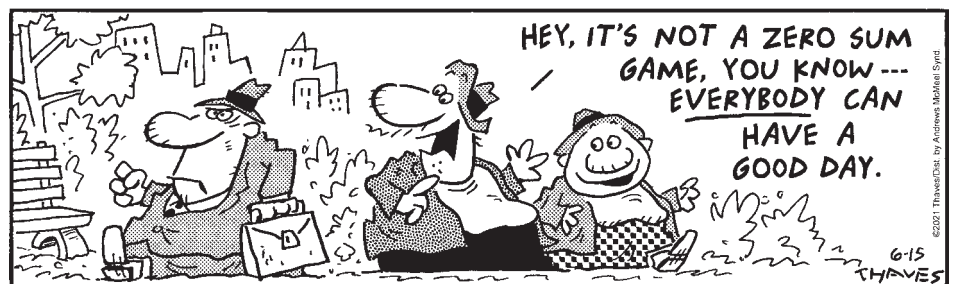
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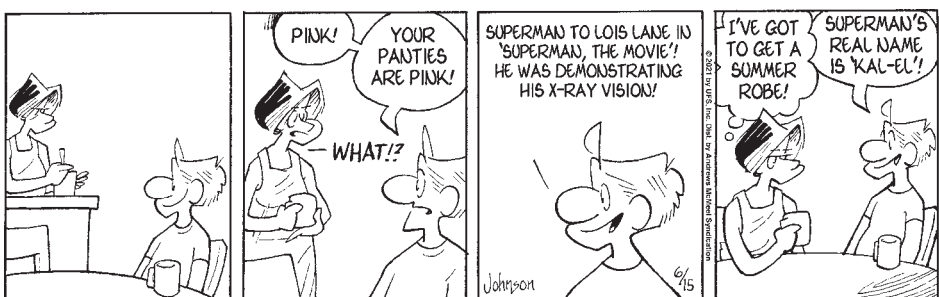
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Today's MOVIES

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE. Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187 Tuesday, June 15. 'In The Heights' (2021) PG13 — 11:30 a.m., 3, 6:30 p.m. 'Spirit Untamed' (2021) PG — 3:45, 7:15 p.m. 'The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It' (2021) R — 12, 3:30, 7 p.m. 'A Quiet Place Part II' (2021) PG13 — 12:30, 4, 7:30 p.m. 'Cruella' (2021) PG13 — 3:15, 6:45 p.m. Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850 General admission: \$5 'Sing' — Thursday, June 24, 2 p.m. 'When Harry Met Sally' — Friday, June 25, 7 p.m. 'Finding Nemo' (Free admission) — Saturday, June 26, 3 p.m. 'Glory' — Sunday, June 27, 3 p.m.

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: H equals M. 'UIXUM NF UMK XVUNHEUK TLCKI. CMKO UMK UIXUM SLHKF EILXOW, EVV UMK VNKF MERK UL IXO EOW MNWK.' -- NSK SXGK. Previous Solution: 'I'm proud of the USA. We've done some amazing things. To wear our flag in the Olympics is an honor.' -- Shaun White

