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Football stars have announced their college destinations

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DeBary Resident Nancy Raymond fighting for her life while raising awareness of kidney transplants

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Southwest under scrutiny after wave of storm cancellations

Major U.S. airlines were broadsided by the massive weekend winter storm that swept across large swaths of the country but had largely recovered heading into Monday, except for one. Problems at Southwest Airlines appeared to snowball after the worst of the storm passed.

Co-leader of Whitmer kidnapping plot gets 16 years in prison

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The co-leader of a plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was sentenced Tuesday to 16 years in prison for conspiring to abduct the Democrat and blow up a bridge to ease an escape.

50 years of Haitian migration to South Florida

MIAMI (AP) — They arrived 50 years ago, fleeing dictatorship and death. Along the treacherous, three-week ocean journey, the seafaring Haitian asylum seekers traded their shoes for food and water in Cuba, and were briefly jailed in the Bahamas before being asked their final destination.

Title 42 border rules confound Washington, migrants alike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The drawn-out saga of Title 42, the set of emergency powers that allows border officials to quickly turn away migrants, has been chaotic at the U.S.-Mexico border. In Washington, it hasn't unfolded much better.

LA jury convicts Tory Lanez of shooting Megan Thee Stallion

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a courtroom that turned chaotic after a trial that seethed with tension, a Los Angeles jury on Friday found rapper Tory Lanez guilty of three felonies in the 2020 shooting of hip-hop star Megan Thee Stallion.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

As of 3 p.m. Tuesday

Allegiant	\$64.18
Faro	\$28.01
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Tractor Supply	\$222.73
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A NIGHT OF IMPACT: The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools' new gala raises \$224K



Superintendent Serita Beamon (center) with school members and other attendees at 'A Night of Impact' gala for The Foundation.

Special to the Herald

Community members and businesses in Seminole County came together this month to raise funds to support K-12 Education. The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools hosted a brand-new inaugural fundraising event called A Night of Impact, which was a gala held at the Westin Lake Mary.

With the generous support from sponsors and attendees, more than \$224,000 was raised to support students. The mission is to ensure that every child can come to school, ready to learn.

A Night of Impact, presented by Orlando Health, gave guests

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Do you have relatives or friends who used to live in the long-forgotten town of Ethel?

Special to the Herald

A local historian is seeking information about people who lived in the once thriving township of Ethel in what is now Rock Springs Run State Reserve in Sorrento.

Although almost all traces of Ethel have long since disappeared, a new free e-book tells the history of Ethel and the pre-Civil War Delk

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Central Florida Zoo receives grant from Central Florida Foundation for Hurricane Ian relief

Special to the Herald

After a month-long closure due to Hurricane Ian, the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens reopened to welcome guests on October 26. But while the Zoo has resumed normal operations, the community mainstay is still recovering from damage suffered and the loss of

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Check out what's happening around Seminole County

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2024 High School Teacher of the Year Matthew Thompson (above) with members of the school board.



2024 Elementary Teacher of the Year Janan Hodges (top) and 2024 Middle School Teacher of the Year Joshua Autrey (bottom).

Seminole Schools announce 2024 Teacher of the Year finalists

Special to the Herald

Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) recently shared the 2024 Teacher of the Year Finalists & Grade-Level Winners:

Janan Hodges, 3rd Grade Math & Science Teacher, Spring Lake Elementary School. - Mrs. Hodges has been an educator for 16 years and has taught several grade levels and subjects. Janan Hodges establishes clear expectations to create a classroom community with learning at the heart. She is a reflective practitioner who strives toward life-long learning and continuous improvement.

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Making pig livers humanlike in quest to ease organ shortage

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The ghostly form floating in a large jar had been the robust reddish-brown of a healthy organ just hours before. Now it's semi-translucent, white tubes like branches on a tree showing through.

This is a pig liver that's gradually being transformed to look and act like a human one, part of scientists' long quest to ease the nation's transplant shortage by bioengineering replacement organs.

The first step for workers in this suburban Minneapolis lab is to shampoo away the pig cells that made the organ do its work, its color gradually fading as the cells dissolve and are flushed out. What's left is a rubbery scaffolding, a honeycomb structure of the liver, its blood vessels now empty.

Next human liver cells -- taken from donated organs unable to be transplanted -- will be oozed back inside that shell. Those living cells move into the scaffolding's nooks and crannies to restart the organ's functions.

"We essentially regrow the organ," said Jeff Ross, CEO of Miromatrix. "Our bodies won't see it as a pig organ anymore."

That's a bold claim. Some time in 2023, Miromatrix plans first-of-its-kind human testing of a bioengineered organ to start trying to prove it.

If the Food and Drug Administration agrees, the initial experiment will be outside a patient's body. Researchers would place a pig-turned-humanlike liver next to a hospital bed to temporarily filter the blood of someone whose own liver suddenly failed. And if that novel "liver assist" works, it would be a critical step toward eventually attempting a bioengineered organ transplant -- probably a kidney.

"It all sounds science fiction-ey but it's got to start somewhere," said Dr. Sander Florman, a transplant chief at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, one of several hospitals already planning to participate in the liver-assist study. "This is probably more of the near future than xenotransplantation," or directly implanting animal organs into people.

More than 105,000 people are on the U.S. waiting list for an organ transplant. Thousands will die before it's their turn. Thousands more never even get put on the list, considered too much of a long shot.

"The number of organs we have available are never going to be able to meet the demand," said Dr. Amit Tevar, a transplant surgeon at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "This is our frustration."

That's why scientists are looking to animals as another source of organs. A Maryland man lived two months after receiving the world's first heart transplant from a pig

last January -- an animal genetically modified so its organs didn't trigger an immediate attack from the human immune system. The FDA is considering whether to allow additional xenotransplantation experiments using kidneys or hearts from gene-edited pigs.

Bioengineering organs is markedly different -- no special pigs required, just leftover organs from slaughterhouses.

"That is something that in the long term may very likely contribute to the development of organs we can use in humans," said Pittsburgh's Tevar. He's not involved with Miromatrix -- and cautioned that the planned outside-the-body testing would be only an early first step.

The Miromatrix approach stems from research in the early 2000s, when regenerative medicine specialist Doris Taylor and Dr. Harald Ott, then at the University of Minnesota, pioneered a way to completely decellularize the heart of a dead rat. The team seeded the resulting scaffolding with immature heart cells from baby rats that eventually made the little organ beat, garnering international headlines.

Fast forward, and now at university spinoff Miromatrix sit rows of large jugs pumping fluids and nutrients into livers and kidneys in various stages of their metamorphosis.

Stripping away the pig cells removes some of the risks of xenotransplantation, such as lurking animal viruses or hyper-rejection, Ross said. The FDA already considers the decellularized pig tissue safe for another purpose, using it to make a type of surgical mesh.

More complex is getting human cells to take over.

"We can't take billions of cells and push them into the organ at once," Ross said. When slowly infused, "the cells crawl around and when they see the right environment, they stick."

The source of those human cells: donated livers and kidneys that won't be transplanted. Nearly a quarter of kidneys donated in the U.S.

last year were discarded because hospitals often refuse to transplant less than perfect organs, or because it took too long to find a matching recipient.

As long as enough cells still are functioning when donation groups offer up an organ, Miromatrix biologists isolate usable cells and multiply them in lab dishes. From one rescued human organ the company says it can grow enough cells to repopulate several pig liver or kidney scaffolds, cells responsible for different jobs -- the kind that line blood vessels or filter waste, for example.

In 2021, researchers with Miromatrix and the Mayo Clinic reported successfully transplanting a version of bioengineered livers into pigs.

That set the stage for testing a "liver-assist" treatment

PET OF THE WEEK: Granola



Photo contributed/Seminole County Animal Services

Granola is wondering if he will have a home for the New Year. Granola is roughly 4 years old. He is a fun dog with a lot of energy. Granola is so ready for his new family. He is heartworm negative, neutered and all of his vaccines have been updated. As an added bonus for the month of December all our adoptable dogs are only \$5 to adopt. What a great time to share your home with a new pet. Check out the dogs on www.seminolecountypets.com or come in and meet these cuties in person. Seminole County Animal Services is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday with extended hours on Wednesdays until 6:30 p.m. for adoptions. All dogs are ready to go home the same day they are adopted. Call 407-665-5208 for more info.

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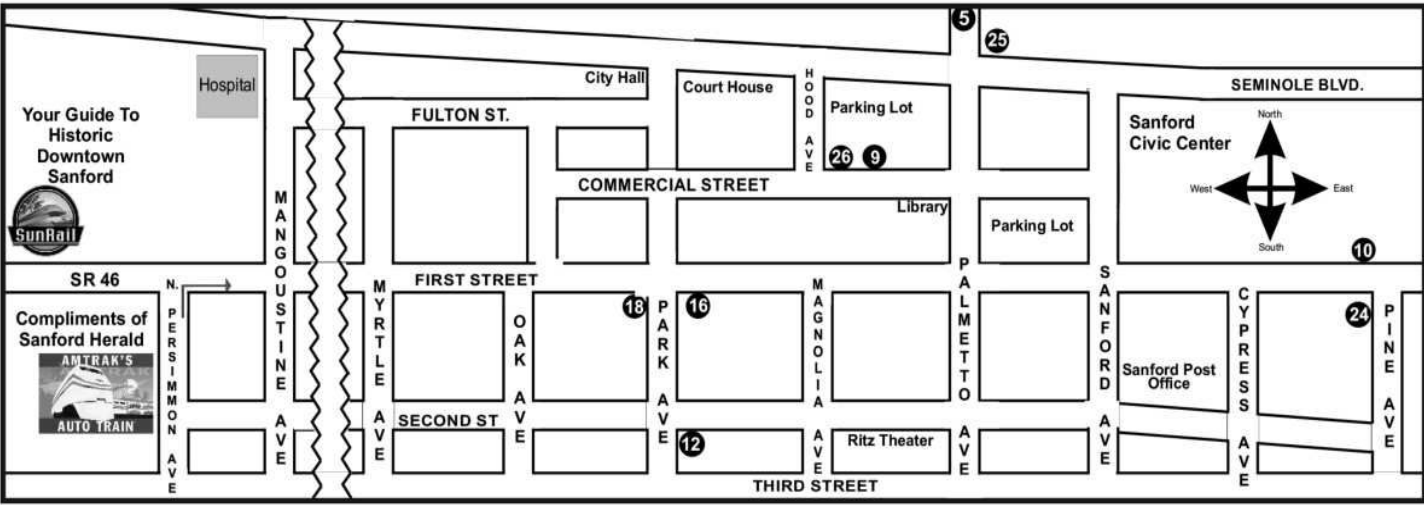
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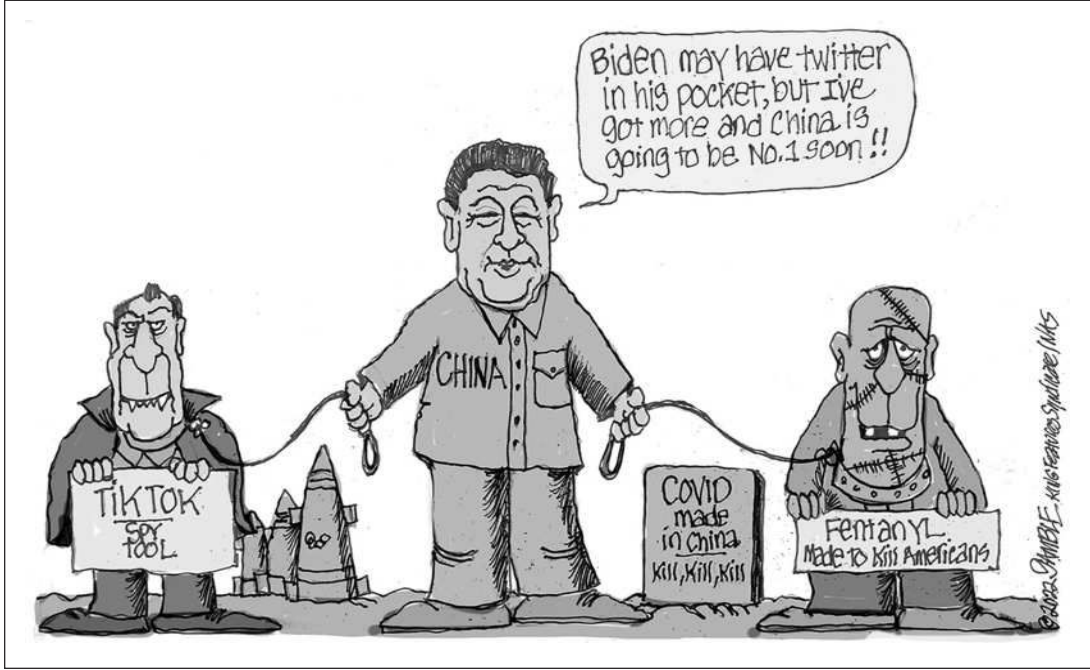
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OPINIONS



Three Big Surprises of 2022: Weakened Russia, Weakened China, Weakened American Economy

By Michael Barone

2022 was a year full of surprises. Important things didn't work out as many people had expected on just about every point on the political spectrum.

The prime example: Ukraine. When Vladimir Putin's Russian troops invaded on Feb. 24, it looked like an independent Ukraine was toast. Military experts on cable channels said Russia had overwhelming superiority. It would take Kyiv and occupy the whole country.

The Biden administration evidently shared this view, evacuating the U.S. Embassy and offering a plane to rescue the president (and former comedian) Volodymyr Zelensky, who at this point uttered the immortal words, "I need ammunition, not a ride."

The Biden administration, to its credit, adjusted to the unexpected reality and provided Ukraine with vital military and economic aid. This week, Zelensky is visiting Washington voluntarily, not as an exile. And it is Putin who is describing his side's position in Ukraine as "extremely difficult."

The lesson is that morale can trump material. People will prove braver and more resourceful when protecting their freedom and their nation's independence than firepower statistics suggest.

That is another way of saying that nationalism -- regarded by many in the press and academia as a form of fascism -- can be a positive force for human freedom. This is true even in a place that has been a separate nation, except for a few months in post-World War I chaos, for only a single generation.

A second surprise of 2022 has been the decline of China. It wasn't so long ago that sophisticated soothsayers predicted its economy would soon be larger than America's and that its centralized and admittedly authoritarian experts were showing the way to plan for the future.

So much for that. The Chinese Communist Party's rigid lockdown to suppress COVID-19 has done more economic damage than just about anyone deemed possible. This was not the regime's first unexpected infliction of self-harm. That would be its 1970s one-child policy, which has left China now with a population that has become elderly before it got rich. Maybe this shouldn't have been unexpected.

And maybe it shouldn't have been unexpected that even China's stringent lockdowns couldn't prevent the spread of a virus transmissible by asymptomatic persons and that, with appropriate vaccines, is seldom fatal except among elderly people with serious risk factors. Unfortunately, the supposedly efficient Chinese used their own inferior vaccine rather than one developed under the Trump administration's Operation Warp Speed.

It shouldn't have been unexpected that China's lockdowns wreaked enormous economic damage. Here in the U.S., similarly, the harshest lockdowns and masking requirements inflicted self-harm on liberal-run institutions such as unionized public schools and central-city mass transit systems.

China's economic crash has destroyed the long-held expectation that it would grow ever more prosperous and powerful, just as China's truculent behavior destroyed the optimistic expectation that its international trade ties would make it a responsible, rules-bound and democratic nation.

The good news about these failed expectations is that Russia's unexpected failure to conquer Ukraine may have made China's leaders more cautious about attacking Taiwan.

A third surprise this year is that massive transfers of trillions of dollars, initiated by the Trump administration and vastly increased by Biden Democrats, have not restored the low-inflation economy with growth tilted toward the low-skill -- and low-income was chugging along nicely in the Trump years up until February 2020.

The theory behind these enormous infusions is that when demand is down, if you throw enough money out of helicopters (Milton Friedman's metaphor), growth will result. That's how it worked in the De-

OUR TAKE

The Cold Snap

Well, we had a little aberration in the global warming scare.

Temperature only got down to 29 degrees. If we had any orange groves left, they would have suffered only minor leaf loss. One of the things that helped Sanford this time was the river and lake being still at flood stage. Who says that hurricanes are bad? The extra water kept us warmer than if there had been no hurricane.

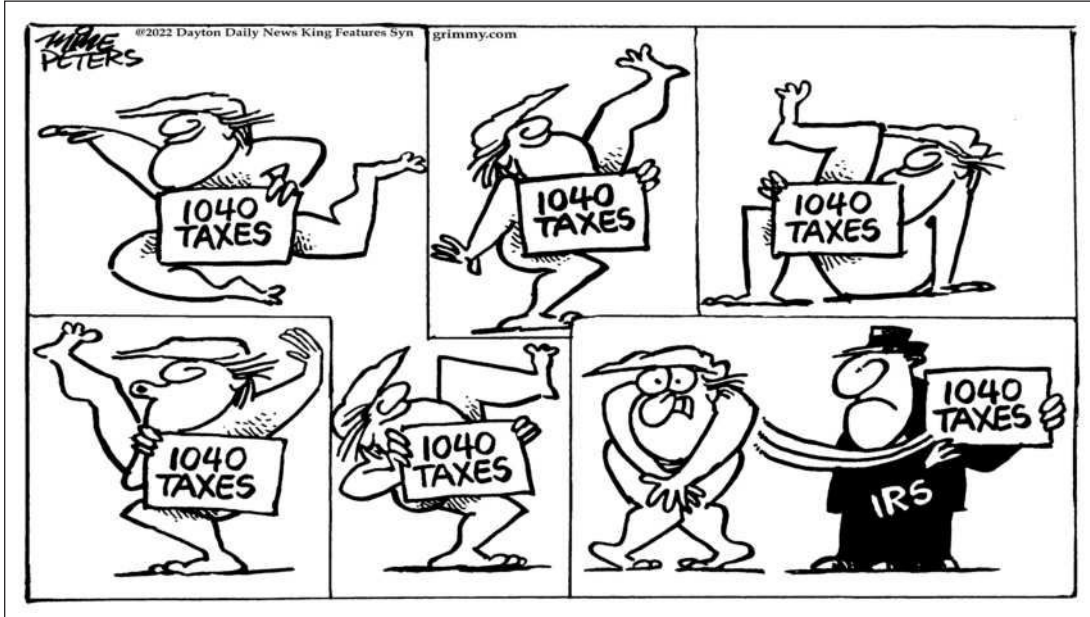
Even though we shivered, think about it, we could be in Buffalo.

Notice that the major media has gone all out to label all Republicans as pro-Russia. Any questioning of where the money sent to Ukraine is ending up is played as being on Vladiput's side. To be sure, we hope all is being used for the war effort, but still, unless there are bean counters involved, funds can go astray in any situation. Raising a voice of concern here before the money gets to Kyiv, will encourage the

Ukes to keep their skirts clean.

Drive down St Johns Parkway by Waste Pro. Look at the size of the warehouses going up on the old celery fields. Even the old farmhouse is about to disappear. Why? Because the imminent completion of the western beltway around Orlando means that Sanford regains some of its potential as the gateway to the interior of Florida, meaning everything south and southwest of Lake Monroe.

All the major oil companies fled Russia when the war started. What has not changed is they want the oil and gas not only in that country but also in Ukraine. There are two untapped major reservoirs of gas in that country plus untold treasure offshore of Crimea in the Black Sea. It will be interesting to watch as the majors jockey for position as the war ends. Do we go with Zelensky or a wounded Putin. Are we after what may be offshore Ukraine or a surer thing on Sakhalin Island in far away Siberia? Most wars involve oil, this one is no different.



troit of my childhood years: you gave consumers more money through subsidies or tax cuts, demand for cars rose, and GM, Ford and Chrysler recalled all those workers they'd laid off a few months before. Everything was back in place.

But today's economy is more complicated than the Detroit midcentury model suggests. As maverick economist Arnold Kling argues, the economy is the sum of multiple patterns of sustainable specialization and trade. COVID-19 restrictions disrupted hundreds of thousands of these patterns, and reconstructing them -- or

constructing new ones -- takes time and imaginative effort by many firms and individuals.

So the trillions of dollars injected into the economy have left many people out of jobs, even while employers vainly seek employees -- the so-called Great Resignation. These trillions also sparked skyrocketing inflation, which Democrats and the Federal Reserve insisted was transitory but now looks to be out of control.

Economic damage from pandemic restrictions, it turns out, can't be repaired the same way as economic damage from downward thrusts in the busi-

ness cycle.

Some surprises, such as the weakening of Russia and the chastening of China, are good news. But others, like America's current economic conundrums, leave us puzzled and most likely unprepared for the surprises of 2023.

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A LOOK AT EVENTS AROUND SEMINOLE COUNTY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holiday Light Display

To Sunday, Jan. 1, Cranes Roost, Altamonte Springs. This holiday season, take a leisurely stroll throughout Cranes Roost Park to enjoy the many holiday displays powered by Duke Energy. The lights on at dusk.

AARP Live Classroom

Thursday, Jan. 5, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., One Senior Place, 715 Douglas Avenue, Altamonte Springs. Bring a lunch snack & drinks. No smoking on premises. Register at 407-961-1473.

First Fridays From The Garden

Friday, Jan. 6, Noon to 1 p.m. - online. Monthly lunch & learn Zoom webinar on different topics each month. Pre-registration required: <http://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com> January 6 - Spring Vegetable Gardening, February 3 - Eat Your Weeds, April 7 - Drink Your Garden: Growing plants for Teas, May 5 - Attracting Pollinators for Crop Pollination. Cost - free.

Florida First Detector

Friday, Jan. 6, noon to 1 p.m. - online. Monthly lunch & learn Zoom webinar workshop on a different topic related to invasive species in Florida. An invasive species is a non-native species causing harm like economic losses, environmental damage, or human/animal health hazards. The webinars are open to everyone & applicable to professionals & residents alike. Pre-registration required <http://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com>.

Wildlife Photography Class

Saturday, January 7, 8 to 10 a.m., Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 3485 N CR 426, Geneva. Join adventure photographer TJ Waller as he shares some of his secrets of wildlife photography! This class will cover camera settings, techniques for stationary and moving subjects, approach techniques & more. After instruction, head out on a guided hike to practice your photography skills. Cost: \$8/person, ages 18+, Pre-registration required www.recreation.seminolecountyfl.gov

4-H Gameboard Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 7, 9 to 10:30 a.m., UF/IFAS Seminole County Extension Services Auditorium, 250 W. County Home Rd., Sanford. \$10 per child. Learn how to make a simple circuit 4-H gameboard. 4-H Gameboards may be entered in to the 4-H County Events & Central Florida Fair competitions. All materials provided. Open to youth ages 8 to 18 & 5 to 7, with parent/guardian accompaniment. RSVP <http://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com>

4-H Exhibits Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 7, 9 to 10:30 a.m., UF/IFAS Seminole County Extension Services Auditorium, 250 W. County Home Rd., Sanford. Cost: \$5/child for supplies. Interested in making a poster or exhibiting information learned in your 4-H project? Come to the 4-H Exhibit Workshop. RSVP: <http://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com>

Get Hook'd on Lake Monroe

Saturday, Jan. 7, noon to 6 p.m. West End Trading Company is sponsoring the "Get Hook'd On Lake Monroe Fishing Tournament" & Seafood Festival featuring a variety of seafood, vendors, kids' zone, entertainment & a children's fishing clinic.

Spokes Luncheon

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 11 a.m., Heathrow Country Club, Heathrow. \$29 per person. New Year & New You! Clara from Emz on

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Chili Cook Off

Saturday, Jan. 14, 4 to 6:30 p.m., Downtown Historic Longwood. Cooks wanted. Cash prizes & trophies. Call 407-260-3497 for more info.

Scottish Highland Games

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 14 & 15, Central Winds Park, Winter Springs.

National Night Out Longwood

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Candyland Sports Complex, 599 Longdale Ave., Longwood. Free hot dogs & drinks, vendors, bounce houses, DJ Dennis, Police & Fire vehicle displays, raffle items, child ID program & free giveaways.

Landscape University

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2 to 3 p.m. online. \$10 per workshop. How can you design your landscape to support beneficial organisms, grow plants in a shady area, invasive species, etc. 6-week webinar series. Continuing education units (CEUs) are available for individuals that hold a pesticide applicator license. Series is: Jan 19 - Managing Trees & Palms in Landscape; Jan 26 - Hangry Plants; Feb 2 - Landscaping with Native Plants; Feb 9 - Fruit Trees in Landscape; Feb 16 - Calculations & Calibration for Equipment; Feb 23 - Lawn Trends. Register for just 1 or multiple workshops. Register to attend all 6 classes for a rate of \$35. Pre-Registration required <http://seminole-extension.eventbrite.com>

Movie in the Park

Monday, Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m., Reiter Park, 311 W. Warren Ave., Longwood.

Florida Tree Trek

Saturday, Jan. 21, 9 to 11 a.m., Econ River Wilderness Area, 3795 Old Lockwood Rd. Oviedo. Hike Rating: Easy. Celebrate Arbor Day by hiking through mixed forests of pine, oak & cypress. \$5/person, ages 7+ (children must be accompanied by adult). Pre-registration required at recreation.seminolecountyfl.gov.

Food Truck Battle & Concert in the Park

Saturday, Jan. 21, 4 to 9 p.m., Reiter Park, 311 W. Warren Ave., Longwood.

AARP Live Classroom

Thursday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., One Senior Place, 715 Douglas Avenue, Altamonte Springs. Bring a lunch snack & drinks. No smoking on premises. Register at 407-961-1473.

Sanford Mardi Gras

Saturday, Feb. 18, Sanford Mardi Gras, 4 p.m. parade 'Sashay' on Sanford Avenue, from 6th Street to 2nd Street, ending and dissolving into a street festival with a variety of vendors. The parade portion of the event will end by 4:30 pm.

Tiaras & Hooks

Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 to 7 p.m., Sanford Civic Center, Sanford. Free parking. Tiaras and Hooks is a family friendly event. Take photos with your favorite Pirate & Princess characters, enjoy themed activities all day and shop with our amazing Artist & Vendors. All children under 12 years old are free & Adults \$5. Fun for the whole family, bring out your inner child. Pirate & Princess races. Costume contest (children & adult). Free Photo ops with characters. Face-painting & more activities all day.

Shower Down of Blessings Church Members supply Turkeys & More to Families in Goldsboro and Midway



Photos contributed

The members of Shower Down Of Blessings church, located at 201 S. Elm Ave., were able to supply 20 families with turkeys & supplies in the Goldsboro & Midway area. Left (l to r): Cheryl Outlin, Elba Vegara, Santa Cruz, Noah Outlin, Gabriela Vieira, Sarah Taylor & Pastor Timothy Hudson, Sr. Right (l to r): Jolene Hurtado, Antonio Pages, Jr., Pastor Timothy Hudson, Noah Outlin & Cheryl Outlin.

David Weekly Homes provides 300,00 Meals during Eighth Annual Companywide Food Drive

Special to the Herald

More than 300,000 people nationwide received a hearty Thanksgiving meal, thanks to the partnership of David Weekly Homes and 19 charities across the U.S. Throughout November, the company hosted its eighth annual companywide Thanksgiving Drive, with nonperishable food items, frozen turkeys and more than \$169,000 in monetary donations donated to organizations around the country with help from homeowners, real estate agents, vendors, trade partners and team members.

"The CARE program is such a huge part of our culture at David Weekly Homes. To have our entire team support that and donate to this drives makes me incredibly thankful," said Perry Hunt, project coordinator in Austin at David Weekly Homes. "There are so many people who will benefit from all of the donations we collected and dropped off."

Companywide, more than 1,180 team members participated in the drive to help families in need. In addition, the Dovetail Impact Foundation, donated more than \$123,000 to local organizations.

For the seventh year in a row, the Tampa team partnered with Feeding Tampa Bay, an organization dedicated to fighting hunger by providing food to nearly one million food insecure families in West Central Florida. Donations provided over 5,270 meals that could feed a family of four, with \$9,000 in monetary donations and \$3,370 in donations of nonperishable foods, frozen turkeys and hams.

"Thank you to David Weekly Homes for the continued

support and partnership in ensuring our neighbors have holiday meals," said Kate Scaglione, community engagement manager at Feeding Tampa Bay. "This is a wonderful campaign that helps fight hunger here in the Tampa Bay area."

In Minneapolis/St. Paul, team members supported Second Harvest Heartland and collected more than \$1,200 in monetary donations in addition to approximately \$4,200 in nonperishable food items. Additionally, the Dovetail Impact Foundation donated \$4,500 which was used to purchase label printers and insulated food bags for the organization.

"There's hope in stability... the stability of a meal, of a grocery bill covered, of a school lunch provided. When you have that one thing covered, you're on more stable ground to focus on what's next," said Maddie Archbold, community engagement generalist at Second Harvest Heartland. "The recent support received from the David Weekly Homes team provided 3,600 meals this season, ensuring more families right here in the heartland will receive the gift of food stability."

The annual drive is an initiative of the company's CARE program, which allows the extended David Weekly Homes family to live out its purpose of Building Dreams, Enhancing Lives. Over the past 20 years, more than \$250 million has been donated to worthy causes around the world through company earnings and the Dovetail Impact Foundation (formerly the David Weekly Family Foundation). In addition, team members have volunteered countless hours with various organizations across the country.

Nancy Dzumba - Social Security supports Rural Communities

By Nancy Dzumba

Social Security District Manager - Lake Mary

Social Security touches the lives of nearly every American. Millions count on us — retirees who worked hard their whole lives, people no longer able to work due to disability, dependents, and survivors. As a member of the Rural Partners Network, we want to continue reaching out to rural communities.

We make it easy for you to access our programs and services. Our website offers a convenient way to apply online for benefits. You can apply online for:

- Retirement or Spouse's Benefits – You must be at least 61 years and nine months in age and want your benefits to start in no more than four months. Check out our Apply for Benefits page at www.ssa.gov/retireonline for information on how to apply.

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- Medicare – Medicare is a federal health insurance program

for people who are age 65 and older, some people younger than 65 who have disabilities, and people with end-stage renal disease. If you are not already receiving Social Security benefits, you should apply for Medicare three months before turning age 65 on our Medicare Benefits page at www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare.

- Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Costs – Extra Help helps pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and co-payments related to Medicare prescription drug coverage. Apply at www.ssa.gov/extrahelp.

We also encourage rural community leaders to encourage people to sign up for a personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. With a personal my Social Security account, you can request a replacement Social Security card, verify earnings, get future benefit estimates, and obtain benefit verification letters.

We also provide survivors benefits to widows, widowers, and dependents of eligible workers. This benefit is particularly important to young families with children. You cannot apply for survivors benefits online. Visit our website for more information at www.ssa.gov/benefits/survivors.

If you are not able to use our online services, call our National toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213. We may be able to help by phone and, if an office visit is required, we can make an appointment to reduce the time waiting in an office.

We remain committed to helping maintain the well-being and protection of the people we serve—including those in rural areas. Please share this information with others in your local community.

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PEOPLE

A GLANCE AROUND TOWN AND COUNTY

Art, Theater & Music throughout Seminole County



Sally Dehler is a local artist and instructor who is a City of Sanford Public Arts Commission board member.

Photo contributed

City of Sanford

Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 300 N. Park Ave, Sanford.

Seminole State College Exhibit: A wonderful collection of artwork curated by Marina Burgner includes 25 pieces from the college's permanent collection. The Dean of Arts and Communications said, "We hope the art provides joy and inspiration to City of Sanford employees and all who come to City Hall." Second floor of Sanford City Hall open to the public during normal hours. More locations and artwork have been chosen for additional utility box wraps. Stay tuned. www.sanfordfl.gov/publicart

Galleries

• Jeanine Taylor Folk Art Gallery, 211 E 1st St, Sanford.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 6 to 9 p.m. "Harmony" New Art by Theresa Disney opening reception. Joyful moments come to life in her latest collection.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 6 to 9 p.m. "Open Studio Event" Meet the artists and see their latest work. 407-323-2774, info@jtfolkart.com

• Hollerbach's Arthaus (upstairs)
Through Jan. 19. Ryan Otero Price: "A Distant Mirror" paintings, prints, poems, and art books.

Jan. 19, 6 to 9 p.m. Ryan Otero Price Closing Reception

Through Jan. 19. Priscilla Billingsley: "Interior Castle"

Enjoy the ongoing display of Linda Hollerbach's paintings.

Gallery Hours: Sunday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., 201 E 1st St. Sanford. 407-321-2204.

• City of Casselberry Art House
Tuesday, Jan. 3 to Sunday, Jan. 29. The Florida Painters Annual Reunion Exhibition. Friday, Jan. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Opening Reception.

Gallery hours: Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 127 Quail Pond Circle, Casselberry. 407-262-7700 extension 1122.

Art Shows

Wine Art Marketplace
Wednesday Jan. 4

Enjoy the work of local artists while strolling through the beautiful park in downtown Lake Mary. Live music, food trucks, and their wine and beer garden complete the event. Central park, 100 N. Country Club Rd., Lake Mary
5:30-8:30 p.m.

Theater/Music

• Ritz Theater

Saturday Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m. "The Long Run: Tribute to the Eagles" 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Jan. 8, 3 p.m. "Cash Unchained: Tribute to Johnny Cash"

Friday Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m. "Classic Seger: Bob Seger's Greatest Hits"

Friday Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. "Earth to Mars: the Bruno Mars Experience"

201 Magnolia Ave, Sanford.

For tickets go to www.ritztheatersanford.com/calendar or call 407-321-8111.

• Sanford's Art & Jazz Night, Thursday, Jan. 19, 6 to 9 p.m.

Visit these local businesses to enjoy live jazz and art every third Thursday.

• Hollerbach's Bier Garten (upstairs) –

Music: The Greg Parnell group featuring Steve Luciano on guitar, Ben Kramer on bass and Central Florida Jazz Society student scholarship recipient Evan Anderson on keyboard. Art exhibit in the Art Haus, 201 E. 1st St., Sanford

• Sanford Brewing- Music: Unity Performing Arts group featuring Simon Jones, Sal Manning, Bryce Hayes and Ethan Grusgott. 400 Sanford Ave, Sanford

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DeBary Resident, Nancy Raymond fighting for her life while raising Awareness of Kidney Transplants



Photos contributed

By Jenna Greaves
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Herald Correspondent

DeBary resident Nancy Raymond, living on the verge of kidney failure, is fighting for her life, giving her all to raise awareness about the undying need for kidney transplants.

In 2015, Raymond was given one month to live after she was diagnosed with liver cancer. A last minute liver transplant saved Raymond's life only to leave her with another life threatening problem.

After the liver transplant, doctors at Mayo Clinic put Raymond on medication to prevent her from rejecting her new liver. Although the medication helped her liver, it began to destroy her kidneys.

Now, at 63 years old, she is fighting for her life again in search of a new kidney.

Kidneys are in high demand as nearly 100,000 people are waiting for a transplant. Raymond was placed on a five year waitlist, but she may not have that long before she needs to be placed on dialysis.

Raymond and her family banded together to search for a matching kidney. Raymond's sister thought of a unique but effective way to spread the word.

"She came to me a couple months ago and said, 'Hey we need to start advertising on the back of the car' and I said, 'You're crazy no one's going to call,'" Raymond said.

Her sister's efforts can be spotted driving around central Florida with the message "kidney donor needed for my sister please call 407-325-2508" on the back of a white Lexus SUV. So far, Raymond has received seven donation offers.

She is hoping that one of the seven will be a



match not only for herself, but for someone else in need of a transplant.

"I hope that, if two or three qualify, then I can help someone else because I'm only going to get one... I'm a huge advocate for everybody who needs a kidney because no one wants to be in that position, but if we could all come together and get the word out because a lot of people don't know that you can live perfectly fine with one kidney," Raymond said.

After Raymond recovers, she plans to start her own nonprofit to educate people and raise awareness about the high demand for kidney transplants.

When complimented on her efforts for others, she humbly replied, "you have to keep everyone in mind."

The one thing really driving Raymond to find a new kidney for herself is her four month old granddaughter.

"I want to be here to watch her grow up, see what kind of person she becomes, and help shape her as an individual," Raymond said.

Once Raymond gets her kidney and heals, she would also like to check a much overdue vacation to Belgium off of her bucket list.

If you are interested in donating a kidney to Raymond or anyone in need, visit <http://livingdonormc.org>.

"I encourage people to donate and learn more about it and I pray for everybody out there that they don't have to go through dialysis, and they don't have prolonged wait times to get a kidney. I know it's a huge sacrifice on the donor's part. It's not easy to go under the knife and say, 'yes take my organ, my perfectly healthy organ, out of my body,'" Raymond said.

Newcomers of Central Florida Holiday Luncheon



Top left: Susan DeTemple, Co-VP Luncheons Tina Parrish, Publicity Chair Trisha Fuston and Estelle Simandl at Newcomers of Central Florida's Dec. 8, 2022 holiday luncheon at Heathrow Country Club
Top center: Wendy Jackson from the Seniors First charity accepted donations from Newcomers of Central Florida members and is shown here with Joan Hansen and Hospitality Chair Diana Engling.
Top right: Dru Juhl, Pat Brizel, Santa Ray Smith, guest Petrana Yonkova, Ronnie Telzer and Dawn Courtright.

Bottom left: Caroline Dawson, Co-VP Programs Dru Juhl, Santa Ray Smith and Newcomers of Central Florida President Sue Horn.

Bottom center: Barbara Moore, Marge Ahearn, Gail Boudreaux, guest Juannette Martin and Joyce Hefke
Bottom right: Bunny Hayden, Joan Shovich and Lo-rayne Stelling.

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OBITUARIES

RICKY A. JOHNSON

Ricky A. Johnson, 61, of Deltona, passed away Oct. 30, 2022.



Ricky A. Johnson

He was born May 29, 1961 and worked as a sign/traffic coordinator for the City of Sanford.

He is survived by his son, Michael Johnson; daughter, Christi Johnson; brother, Martin; sister, Tammy; and three grandchildren.

BARBARA ANN WHITE

Barbara Ann White, 74, of Sanford Passed peacefully on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at Advent Health Orlando, Florida surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 9, 1948, in Sanford, Florida to the proud parents of the late Cleophas and

Valeria White Sr. She was married to Nathaniel White for over 50 years who also precedes her in death. Barbara was a graduate of Crooms High School, Class of 1966. She was a member of New Salem Primitive Baptist Church where she served as the president of the choir and the Mother Board and many other positions where needed she retired from Stromberg-Carlson.

She is survived by one daughter Neitra White. Five brothers Willie P. White, Nathaniel White, Tommie (Nina) White, Cleophas (Dorothy) White Jr., and Darrell (Tina) White. Two sisters Linda White, and Valerie White. She is also survived by her extended family of her late husband as well as nephews, nieces, and cousins.

We understand that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted but for your health and the safety of those around you please wear a mask if you are attending the visitation or service, thank you.

The visitation for Barbara

Ann White will be Friday, December 30, 2022, from 5 PM – 7 PM at New Salem Primitive Baptist Church 1500 West 12th Street, Sanford, Florida 32771. The Home Going Service will be



Barbara Ann White

Saturday, December 31, 2022, at 11 AM at First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church 700 South Elm Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771 with Elder CJ Haynes eulogizing. The interment will be in Restlawn Cemetery 1818 West 25th Street, Sanford, Florida 32771 next to her late husband Nathaniel White.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary 1110 Pine Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771, (407) 322-5212. Continuing the Legacy of Miss Eunice I. Wilson.

ETHEL

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Plantation that preceded it. Now author Don Philpott is hoping to trace more relatives of people who used to live in Ethel to learn even more about life there a century ago before printing a revised hard copy of the book.

"Almost nothing was known about Ethel until two headstones were found in the corner of a pasture in 2010," said Philpott, who is also President of the Wekiva Wilderness Trust, the volunteer nonprofit group that supports the work of the Wekiva River Basin State Parks which includes Rock Springs.

"The discovery of the headstones, both bearing the same last name of Moore, led to a 10-year research project that has unearthed a treasure trove of information about Ethel which flourished between 1870 and 1920, and the 3,000-acre pre-Civil War Delk Plantation that occupied the site of the present-day Kelly Park."

In the New Year, an Historic Ethel Walking Trail will be officially opened. Interpretive panels will tell the story of the township and its inhabitants and historic markers will mark the locations of important sites such as the schoolhouse, cemetery, and railway station. There will be guided walks as well as a brochure for those who want to do the walk themselves. School groups will be encouraged to visit to learn more about their local history.

There are also plans to construct some homestead cabins as they would have looked around 1880. One will be used as a small museum to display maps and photos that have been gathered. Another will be furnished – sparsely – as it would have been around that time.

"I would like to contact anyone who had relatives that lived in Ethel or may have old photographs or documents about Ethel. We know that there are still many relatives living in the Apopka, Leesburg, Longwood, Orlando, Mount Dora, Sanford, and Sorrento areas. I am especially interested in hearing from any descendants of William



Photo contributed

The entrance of Ethel cemetery at Rock Springs Run State Reserve.

Delk and Anthony Frazier," said Philpott.

"Frazier was a slave on the Delk Plantation who fought in the Union Army during the Civil War. Afterward, he returned to the area and bought various parcels of land over the next 50 years becoming a prominent member of the community. In 1880 he was appointed an Orange County Commissioner for Roads, a remarkable achievement. His wife Mary was the local midwife and delivered many of the babies born in Ethel. Although we have photos of Mary and her children, no photograph of Anthony is known to exist. No one knew who Anthony Frazier was when we started this project, now everyone should," he said.

If you have any information, please contact Don at info@wwwt-cso.com. The free e-book about the history of Ethel and Rock Springs can be downloaded at [wwwt-cso.com](http://www.wwwt-cso.com)

SENIOR NEWS LINE:

By Matilda Charles

Is 2023 the year when you have to consider moving into assisted living? Or perhaps helping an elderly relative make the move? In either case, your first steps should be gathering as much information as possible.

What type of care is needed? Daily help with everything from bathing to eating to remembering to take medications? Or is a more specialized, secure location needed for memory care? Or something in between?

What facilities are in your area? It will be important that friends and family can visit easily, as well as having access to the same medical care after the move. Going out for lunch locally can go a long way toward keeping relationships intact.

Once you've selected a few facilities to explore, start digging for information. Call the state and ask about the licenses, accreditation and safety track records. Call your local fire

and police departments about potential safety issues.

Do you know anyone who works in one of the facilities you're considering, or who knows someone who lives there? Their input could be crucial when it comes to learning about any rules the facility might have, or any staff shortages that could lead to problems with client care or any ongoing complaints about the food.

Then ask for a tour at every facility on your list. Stay as long as you can and ask a lot of questions. Get a copy of the potential contract to give your attorney to review (ideally one specializing in elder law).

Money: You'll need to know what everything costs, and by everything, that means all the fees that might not be included in the overall amount. Are clients charged for field trips or special entertainment, for example? How about laundry costs?

As part of your information-gathering, go online and search for "how to select an assisted living facility" or something similar. Look for checklists of questions to ask. You'll need all the information you can find.

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the red-carpet treatment while raising funds to support the amazing programs in Seminole County Public Schools. The event featured a silent and live auction, VIP reception, gourmet dinner, live band, and a showcase of pro-

grams of the Foundation. The event highlighted the impact donations to The Foundation make to provide resources to the over 1,500 homeless students in Seminole County, STEM programs, and mentoring and college readiness coaching for over 100 high school students.

Executive Director of The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools Jean Vansmith said: "This event

was a chance to have a good time for a great cause. Our supporters really stepped up to make sure students have the resources and support to excel in the classroom. It's amazing to see how our community values education, including supporters like Orlando Health and our Diamond Sponsors: Duke Energy, VMG Construction, and Wharton-Smith."

TEACHERS

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Joshua Autrey, 6-8th Grade Band, K-12th Grade Music, Milwee Middle School - Mr. Autrey has been an educator for 12 years and shares his love of music with his students daily. Joshua Autrey is a talented and innovative educator that provides an exceptional academic experience for his students every time they enter his classroom. Mr. Autrey always takes his time with all details concerning the children. He truly cares for their overall wellbeing as well as musical experience.

Matthew Thompson, 9th-12th Grade

Family & Consumer Science Teacher, Hagerty High School - Mr. Thompson has been an educator for 8 years and brings learning alive for his students with hands-on lessons that equip them for life after high school. Matt Thompson is the lead teacher in Hagerty High's culinary program. Under his leadership, the program has thrived and currently consists of three full time teachers who serve over 500 students! Matt has developed positive relationships with his students and the faculty.

The 2024 SCPS TOY Celebration is presented by the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools and sponsored by Addition Financial. This event will take place in early February and the overall SCPS Teacher of the Year (TOY) will be named and will go on to represent the district at the state competition.

GRANT

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revenue during its closure. Central Florida Foundation has answered the Zoo's call for assistance for Hurricane Ian recovery.

The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens received a \$43,000 grant from the Rex V. Stevens and Dulciza Stevens Fund at Central Florida Foundation. The grant will help the Zoo recover from the damages of Hurricane Ian, as well as offset some of its operations costs so it can continue its conservation work and provide experiences that excite and inspire children and adults to learn and act on behalf of wildlife.

"We are incredibly grate-

ful to Central Florida Foundation and the Rex V. Stevens and Dulciza Stevens Fund for their generosity as we continue on the road to recovery after this devastating storm," said Zoo CEO Richard E. Glover, Jr. "We have a long way to go, but it warms our hearts to see community helping community."

While all the Zoo's animal residents made it safely through Hurricane Ian, several areas of the Zoo sustained damages during the storm and the flooding of the St. Johns River and Lake Monroe afterward. Areas in need of repair include the bear exhibit, Aldabra tortoise exhibit, Bald Eagle exhibit, and The Wayne M. Densch Discovery Center, the Zoo's main meeting building.


The damages and the cost

to operate the Zoo throughout its four-week closure are estimated to exceed \$800,000. This grant and support from the local community will help the Zoo throughout the lengthy recovery process.

Those who wish to donate to help with recovery efforts can visit www.centralflorida-zoo.org/get-involved/hurricane-ian/.

The Zoo is now open and is welcoming smiling faces daily and at upcoming events, including Asian Lantern Festival: Into the Wild presented by Publix, which runs Nov. 18 through Jan. 15.

For more information about the Central Florida Zoo, visit www.centralflorida-zoo.org. For more information about Central Florida Foundation, visit <http://cffound.org>.



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Sports

Briefs

HOLIDAY HOOPS

A few Seminole County boys basketball teams will be in action in tournaments this week, here is the most up to date games that we know of:

Jim Clark Classic

At Bishop Moore, Orlando

Tuesday, December 27

Trinity Prep vs. Boone.

Wednesday, December 28

Trinity Prep plays at 9 a.m. if they lost on Tuesday and at 3 p.m. if it won.

Thursday, December 29

Seventh place game, 9 a.m.

Fifth place game, noon

Third place game, 3 p.m.

Championship game, 6 p.m.

New Smyrna New Year's Shootout

At New Smyrna Beach High School

Wednesday, December 28

Lyman vs. Deltona, 10 a.m.

Lake Region vs. Lake Mary, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 29

Lake Mary vs. Colonial, 2:30 p.m.

NSB vs. Lyman, 7 p.m.

Friday, December 30

Lyman vs. The First

Academy-Orlando, 4 p.m.

Satellite vs. Lake Mary, 5:30 p.m.

Mount Dora Christian

Academy Christmas Classic

Thursday, December 29

Seminole vs. Montgomery-

Alabama Christian Academy, 2:30 p.m.

MDCA vs. Whitman-Hanson

Regional, Massachusetts, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 30

Thursday's losers at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday's winners at 5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY RALLY

Next up is another of the most popular events on the CFSBD calendar, especially with out of state competitors, as they will head to Mike Kirby Park to welcome in the New Year when The City of Sanford Parks and Recreation Department and Central Florida Soap Box Derby hosts the 2-Day Holiday Rally this Saturday and Sunday.

Kirby Park will be open on Friday, December 30, from 10 a.m.-to-2 p.m. for trailer drop-off.

RV's are welcome, but you MUST make prior arrangements with the Rally Director.

Each Day, check in will be at 7 a.m., with racing beginning at 8:30 a.m., and will consist of a Double Elimination race for each class in the morning, followed by a lunch break and a Single Elimination race for each class in the afternoon.

Soap Box Derby racing is open to children ages 7 to 20 _ Stock, 7-to-13; Super Stock, 9-to-18; Masters, 10-to-20 _ with a limited number of loaner cars available for new participants.

Everyone, especially interested non-racers, is invited to attend any of the family friendly events, free of charge, at beautiful Mike Kirby Park located on the west side of Sanford on Oregon Avenue, north off of CR-46A (25th Street/H. E. Thomas Parkway) or east off of Rinehart Road, just south of the GreeneWay entry. The track is East of Bentley Elementary School.

For more information or to download a registration form, please check out the websites at www.AASBD.com or www.centralfloridasoapboxderby.com; Eric Griffin, centralflorida@soapboxderby.com, 407-353-6228, or call the City of Sanford Recreation Services Department at 407-688-5120. More information is also available at <https://www.facebook.com/CentralFloridaSoapboxDerby/> _ especially photos and flyers.

MILITARY BOWL

For the first time in history, the UCF football team is headed to the Military Bowl.

UCF (9-4) will meet Atlantic Coast Conference representative Duke (8-4) at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday), in 34,000-seat Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland, in the Military Bowl presented by Peraton, benefiting the USO. The game will be televised by ESPN.

UCF MEN

The UCF men's basketball team (9-3) opens its final American Athletic Conference campaign by hosting Wichita State (7-5) tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at Additional Financial Arena. The Knights will travel to Texas on Saturday to face No. 3 nationally-ranked Houston (12-1) at the Fertitta Center at 2 p.m.

UCF WOMEN

The UCF women's basketball team (8-3) will close out 2022 and the non-conference portion of its schedule when it hosts Texas Southern at Addition Financial Arena on Thursday at 6 p.m. The Knights will open AAC play next Tuesday in Dallas against SMU in Moody Coliseum at 8 p.m.

CHEEZ-IT BOWL

The Florida State Seminoles (9-3, 5-3 ACC) will meet the

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Early Signing Day 2023

County stars sign with Colorado, UCF, FAU and FSU

From Staff Reports

While it wasn't the busiest Early Signing Day for Seminole County athletes, the few football players that did sign National Letters of Intent did so at some very good programs.

As expected, Lake Mary High School's Braeden Marshall and the Seminole High School duo of Luke Rucker and Darren "Goldie" Lawrence, fulfilled their previous commitments by signing with UCF, Florida Atlantic (FAU) and Florida State (FSU), respectively.

Then over the weekend, former Seminole High and South Florida (USF) decided he will transfer to Colorado to play for new head coach Deon Sanders, choosing the Buffaloes over Houston, Penn State and Texas A & M among others.

One decision was left hanging as Lake Brantley High School quarterback Braxton Woodson did not sign with the U.S. Naval Academy as expected after the Midshipmen parted ways with longtime coach Ken Niumatalolo. No other information has been released.

Headlined by 10 players from the state of Florida, including four players from the Orlando area, UCF football head coach Gus Malzahn announced the addition of 14 players that have signed national letters of intent to play for the Knights.

"It's a big day. It's a big day for our program and our program's future," said Malzahn. "I'm real proud of our staff and the work that they did to get us to this point. I mean, we lost our two coordinators in the middle of last week, which is extremely tough to do and still have this kind of class. We signed one of the better classes in school history, if not the best class in history."

Here is the list of signees:

* Kaven Call, defensive end, 6-3, 240-

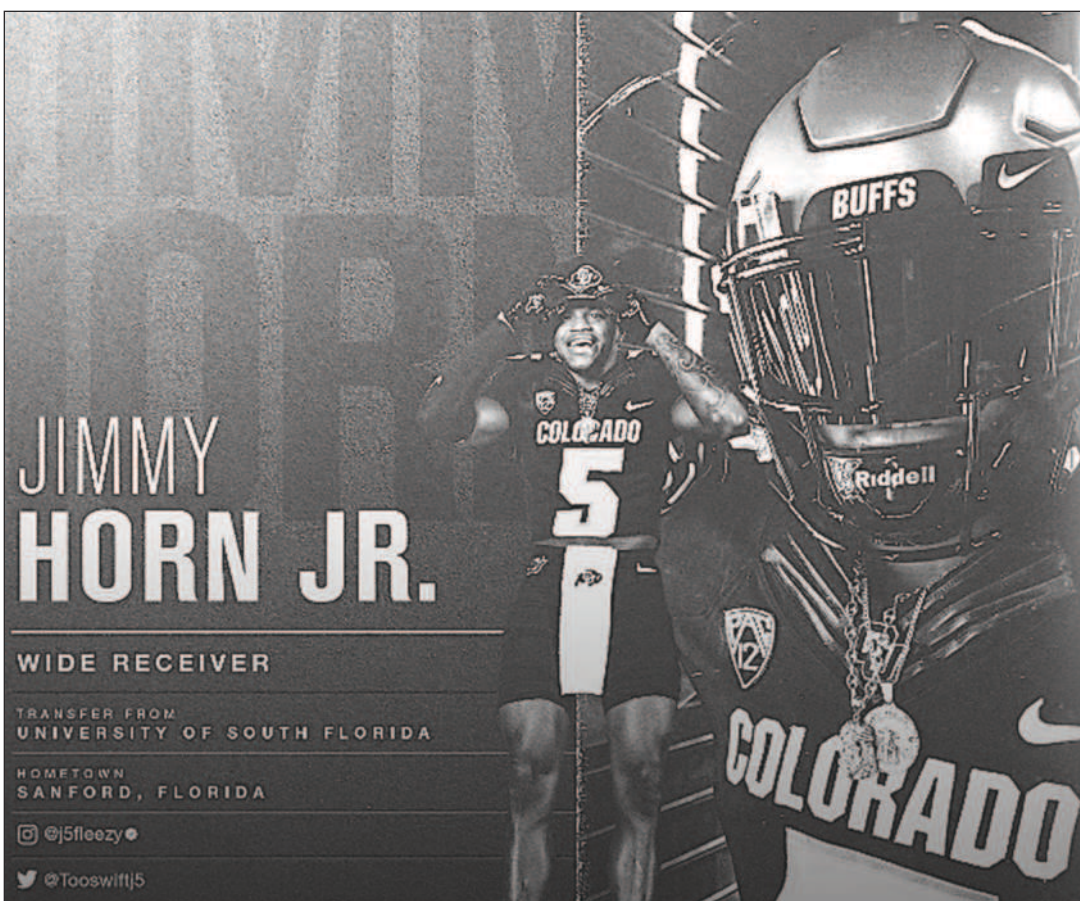
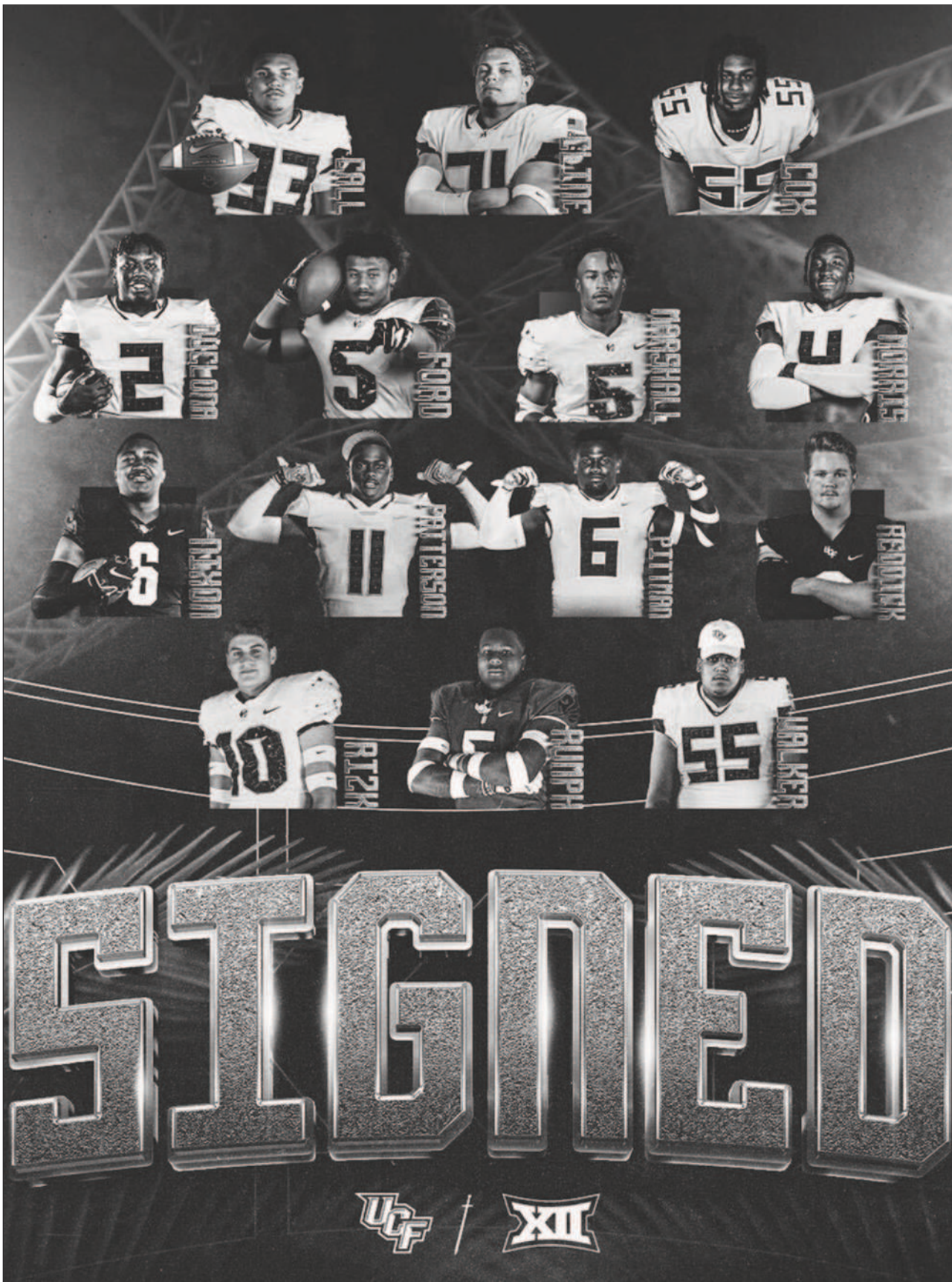
pounds, Apopka High School.

* Johnathan Cline, offensive lineman, 6-4,

295-pounds, Cartersville, Georgia.

* Keyon Cox, offensive lineman, 6-5, 270-pounds, Central High School, Phenix City, Alabama.

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While UCF signed 14 new players (top), including Lake Mary High's Braeden Marshall, the Seminole High trio of Darren "Goldie" Lawrence (No. 1), Luke Rucker (No. 11) and Jimmy Horn Jr. (No. 5) also found new homes for 2023.

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Ernie Sims named UCF linebackers coach

Former NFL standout leaves South Florida to join the Knights

Special to the Herald

ORLANDO — Ernie Sims, former NFL linebacker and top-10 draft pick and most recently an assistant coach at South Florida, has been named UCF linebackers coach, head coach Gus Malzahn announced Saturday.

“We’re excited to welcome Ernie, his wife Brooke and their four children to the UCF family,” said Malzahn. “Ernie had an incredible playing career, both in the NFL as a top draft pick and in college here in the state of Florida. He’s one of the top young coaches and will do a great job coaching our linebackers.”

Sims joins the Knights following three seasons at South Florida, serving as linebackers coach the last two years and co-defensive coordinator for the 2022 season. He was promoted to linebackers coach in January 2021 after joining the USF staff in 2020 as a defensive analyst. He went on to serve as co-defensive coordinator for the final game of the 2021 season and defensive coordinator for the final three games of 2022.

Sims began his collegiate coaching career as part of Lane Kiffin’s staff at Florida Atlantic as an assistant strength and conditioning coordinator in 2018. FAU promoted Sims to director of football operations in 2019 and the Owls went on to post an 11-3 record that year, winning the

Conference USA championship before defeating SMU in the Boca Raton Bowl.

The ninth overall pick in the 2006 NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions, Sims played eight NFL seasons with four teams, finishing his NFL playing career with the Dallas Cowboys in 2013. The Tallahassee, Florida, native recorded 623 tackles, 5.5 sacks, six forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and an interception during his playing career. He started all 16 games in his rookie season in 2006 with the Lions, collecting 124 tackles. Sims was named to the Pro Football Writers of America All-Rookie Team that season. The Lions named him a team captain prior to the 2007 campaign.

He posted 100 or more tackles in each of his first three seasons with the Lions before he was traded to Philadelphia in 2010. He played that season with the Eagles, 2011 with Indianapolis and 2012-13 with Dallas.

A Parade and USA Today prep All-American at North Florida Christian High School in Tallahassee, Sims was rated the No. 1 recruit in the nation by Rivals prior to signing with Florida State in 2003.

At Florida State, Sims played for the late Bobby Bowden and made an instant impact in his freshman season, playing all 13 games including the Orange Bowl. The following year, he was named an ESPN first-team All-American in 2004 and a second-team All-ACC selection after posting 86



Photo courtesy of UCFAA

tackles, nine tackles for loss and 4.5 quarterback sacks. He was named a Sporting News preseason All-American prior to the 2005 campaign and went on to post 72 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks while helping lead the Seminoles back to the Orange Bowl. He entered the NFL Draft following his junior campaign and completed his Florida State career with 200 tackles, 21 tackles

for loss and seven sacks in three seasons.

Following his NFL career, Sims started the Big Hits Foundation to mentor youth and returned to Florida State to complete his degree in social science in 2018.

Sims and his wife, Brooke, have four children: Ernie IV (11), Major (8), Savannah (5) and welcomed their fourth child Bella on Wednesday.

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- * Jason Duclona, defensive back, 6-1, 170-pounds, Estero High School.
 - * Troy Ford Jr., linebacker, 6-2, 235-pounds, Richmond Hill, Georgia (Savannah, Calvary Day School).
 - * Braeden Marshall, cornerback, 5-10, 175-pounds, Lake Mary High School.
 - * Ja'Maric Morris, defensive back, 6-2, 205-pounds, Timmonsville, South Carolina (Hutchinson Community College).
 - * Isaiah Nixon, defensive lineman, 6-4, 215-pounds, St. Petersburg-Lakewood High School.
 - * Tyree Patterson, wide receiver, 6-2, 175-pounds, Eustis High School.
 - * Randy Pittman, tight end, 6-2, 225-pounds, Lynn Haven-Mosley High School.
 - * Grant Reddick, kicking specialist, 5-10, 190-pounds, Orlando-Boone High School.
 - * Dylan Rizk, quarterback, 6-2, 205-pounds, Fort Lauderdale-Cardinal Gibbons High School.
 - * Andrew Rumph, defensive tackle, 6-3, 265-pounds, Palmetto High School.
 - * John Walker, defensive tackle, 6-4, 300-pounds, Kissimmee-Osceola High School.
- Marshall was rated as a four-star cornerback at Lake Mary High School. Here is the rest of his bio:
- Helped Lake Mary to 8-4 record and 2022 Florida 4M playoff wins over Hagerty and top seed Seminole (12-8) before falling in regional final to second-seeded and state runner-up Apopka;
 - Credited with 42 tackles for Rams as senior in 2022;
 - 2021 Florida all-state selection as junior after making 28 tackles and intercepting three passes;
 - Helped Lake Mary to an 8-3 record in 2021, finishing with Florida 8A playoff regional semifinal loss to Seminole;
 - Has trained extensively with former UCF defensive back Drico Johnson (2012-16);
 - Averaged 12.2 points as junior point guard for Lake Mary basketball squad;
 - Expected to enroll at UCF in January 2023;
 - Played for coach Scott Perry.

Here is some information on the three former Seminole High players:

- * Darren “Goldie” Lawrence, wide receiver, 6-2, 190-pounds _ Rated as four-star recruit, No. 41 wide receiver nationally and No. 77 overall prospect in Florida by ESPN...rated 47th in the country at his position by 247Sports and 60th among nation’s receivers in On3 Consensus...247Sports also ranked him 68th among all prospects in Florida...three-year contributor at Seminole...totaled 92 catches for 1,495 yards with 21 touchdowns and added 139 rushing yards and nine touchdowns on the ground in his prep career...made 27 receptions for 471 yards and seven touchdowns while adding 89 yards and five touchdowns on 11 rushing attempts in eight games played his senior season...helped lead Seminole to regional semifinal round of 4M state playoffs...played all 13 games his junior year...had 54 catches for 782 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed 18 times for 50 yards and four touchdowns...helped Seminole win 8A state championship his sophomore season, catching 11 passes for 242 yards and three touchdowns...also played basketball for Seminole.
- * Luke Rucker, quarterback, 6-4, 200-pounds _ Named First Team All-Seminole Athletic Conference, Honorable Mention All-State 8A...as a senior, passed for 1,385 yards and 12 touchdowns for the top school in Seminole County, despite not playing a full slate of games...listed as a Florida passing leader by MaxPrep...named to the Orlando Sentinel Super 60 in 2022...following a 7V7 season that he posted 1,050 yards and 10 touchdowns was ranked No. 14 QB in Florida...as a junior, led Seminole to an 11-2 record in Florida’s highest classification and split time with another quarterback...tossed for 1,849 yards, 26 touchdowns with just four interceptions...named squad’s Offensive MVP...as a sophomore, attended Oviedo High School where he posted a 5-5 record, threw for 2,392

yards with 22 touchdowns against 12 interceptions.

- * Jimmy Horn Jr., wide receiver/kick returner, 5-foot-10, 175-pounds _ 247 Sports lists the junior to be with a transfer rating of .9000 as the No. 40 ranked player overall and No. 14 receiver...at South Florida _ Played in 23 games registering 67 receptions for 959 yards and four receiving touchdowns, with 14 rushes for 107 yards and a rushing touchdown...Added 16 kick returns for 323 yards, averaging 20.2 yards per return, and a touchdown...In 2022, played in 11 games with 37 receptions for 551 yards and three touchdowns adding seven kick returns for an average of 29.9 yards and another score...In 2022 was named to First Team All-AAC as a Kick Returner by the Coaches...In 2022 had four games with 100-plus all-purpose yards...Played in 12 games with five starts in 2021 with 30 receptions for 408 yards and one receiving touchdown...High School Rankings _ A three-star prospect by the recruiting services...On3 listed him as the No. 191 player in the class, the No. 31 receiver and No. 25 player from Florida...ESPN ranked him as the No. 37 wide receiver in the class and No. 75 player from Florida...247 Sports ranked him as the No. 152 wide receiver in the class and No. 105 player from Florida...On3 Consensus listed him as the No. 511 player nationally, the No. 77 wide receiver and No. 70 player from Florida...247 Composite ranked him as the No. 863 player nationally, the No. 127 wide receiver and No. 107 player from Florida...at Seminole High School _ Played one season of varsity football for coach Eric Lodge...He helped lead his undefeated team to the Class 8A state championship, becoming the first undefeated state championship football team in Orlando area history...In the state championship game led all receivers with seven catches for 74 yards...In his senior year he had 42 receptions for 736 yards and nine touchdowns and added 29 rushes

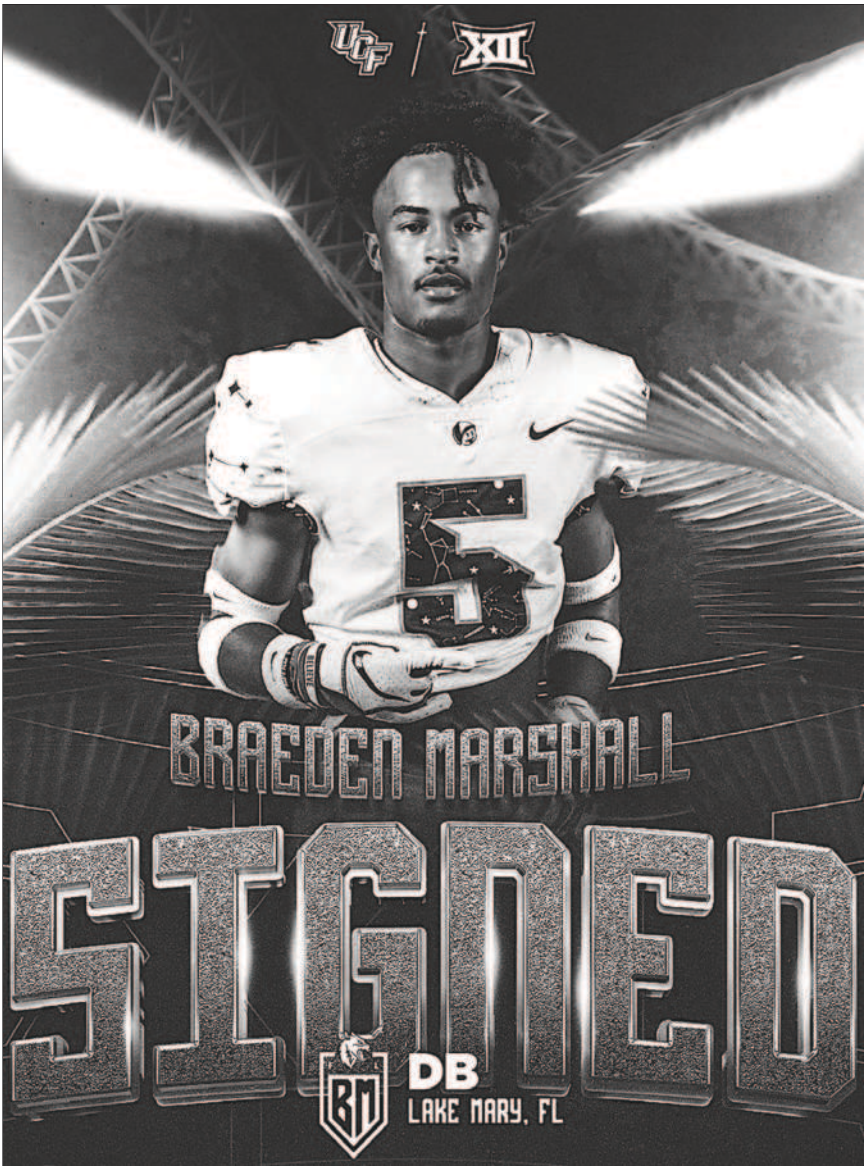


Photo courtesy of UCFAA

Lake Mary High School's Braeden Marshall lived up to his verbal commitment and signed a National Letter of Intent with UCF.

for 196 yards and three touchdowns accounting for 1,182 all-purpose yards and 12 touchdowns...As a standout in track and field, won four medals at the 2021 Florida Class 8A State Track and Field Championships...Was a part of the state champion 4X100-meter relay

that posted a time of 41.12 to rank in the top 10 nationally...Won the Long Jump with a mark of 23-0.75 and finished fourth in the 100 meters (10.81) and triple jump (46-4.25)...Father is Joe Horn, former pro bowl receiver for the New Orleans Saints.

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Oklahoma Sooners (6-6, 3-6 Big 12) in the 2022 Cheez-It Bowl at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, at Camping World Stadium and will

be televised nationally by ESPN. Tickets for the Cheez-It Bowl are available via Ticketmaster. Premium seating and additional offers can be found at <https://cheezitbowl.com/tickets>

/ . Groups of 10 or more may call the Florida Citrus Sports offices at 407-423-2476.

STETSON MEN

Stetson (5-6) has one more road game in the 2022 portion of the schedule but it also represents the start of ASUN Conference play. The Hatters will make the trip to Nashville, facing Lipscomb on Friday, with tipoff scheduled for 3 p.m.

LMSA

Upcoming:
* Sunday, January 1 _ Mothers Arm Challenge. Skippers meeting 11 a.m. at LMSA Clubhouse.
* Saturday, January 7 _ LMSA Members Club Race. Race #1 of the 2023 Members Club Race Series. Skippers meeting at noon.
* Thursday-thru-Sunday, January 12-15 _ San Juan 21 North American Eastern Nationals. Check in begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, at the LMSA Club House.
* Saturday, January 21 _ LMSA After Christmas Party. Sanford Elks Lodge, 1006 E. 2nd Street, Sanford, 5-to-9 p.m.
* Sunday, January 22 _ Sine Metu Jameson Irish Whiskey race. The start window is 2 p.m.-to-2:05 p.m.
For more information, visit www.flalmsa.org _ or call (321) 578-8364.

CITRUS BOWL

The Purdue Boilermakers (8-5, 6-3 Big Ten) and LSU Tigers (9-4, 6-2 SEC) will meet in the 2023 Cheez-It Citrus Bowl at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2, at Camping World Stadium and will be televised nationally by ABC. Tickets for the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl are available via Ticketmaster or CheezItCitrusBowl.com. Groups

of 10 or more may call the Florida Citrus Sports offices at 407-423-2476.

NEW SMYRNA SPEEDWAY

We have some GREAT NEWS! After testing last week, The New Smyrna Speedway is ready for racing once again and the 2023 RED EYE and WORLD SERIES are a go! Registration for both events are now open on our website and we will have more news about both events in the coming weeks, so stay tuned! We will start releasing entries for both events as they come in. We cant wait to see everyone back on track in 2023!
The first activity at the track

will be Red Eye Open Practice on Friday, January 6, 2023, for the David Rogers Super Late Models, Pro Late Models, Central FL Air Conditioning and Heating INC. E-Mods, LKQ Super Stocks, Mod Minis, Bomber A, Orange Blossom Woodworks Bomber B and 602 Tour Modifieds. Gates will open at 5 p.m. with practice from 6 p.m.-to-10 p.m.
The Red Eye 50/50 will be on Saturday, January 7, 2023, and here is the schedule:
3 p.m. _ Pit
Gate/Tech/Fuel/Tires/Registrati on Opens.
4 p.m.-to-5:45 p.m. _ Rotating Practice in Race Order.
6 p.m. _ Ticket booths and

grandstand gates open.
6:30 p.m. _ Drivers Meeting.
6:45 p.m. _ SLM Qualifying; PLM Qualifying; Mod Mini Qualifying.
7:15 p.m. _ Pre-Race/National Anthem.
7:30 p.m. _ Racing Begins _ LKQ Super Stock (25 Laps), Pro Late (50 Laps), Bomber A (20 Laps), Mod Mini 50 (six pack series race 1), Intermission, E-Mod (25 Laps), Bomber B (20 Laps), DAVID ROGERS' Super Late (50 Laps), 602 Tour Mods (20 Laps).
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The LMSA is in need of volunteers for the upcoming San Juan 21 North American Eastern Nationals, January 12-15, 2023. For more information, visit www.flalmsa.org _ or call (321) 578-8364.

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Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST RUTH AUSTIN, DECEASED.

Publish: December 28, 2022 L150

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of a corrected Amended Complaint by Plaintiff JTV INVESTMENTS, LLC for Reformation of Deed and Declaratory Relief to real property located at 524 Oak Terrace, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701, and more particularly described as:

The South 82 ft. of the West 100 ft. of the East 568.85 ft. lying West of State Road S-427 (Maitland Avenue) of the North ½ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 21 South, Range 20 East, together with an easement for ingress and egress over the North 20 ft. of the South 102 ft. of the East 568.85, lying West of State Road S-427 (Maitland Avenue) of the North ½ of NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 21 S, Range 29 E, said property being located entirely in Seminole County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

Keith P. Merritt, Esq.
FIDELITY NATIONAL LAW GROUP
Counsel for the Plaintiff
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 889
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
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Secondary Email Address: PleadingsFL@fnf.com

on or before January 20, 2023 and to file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the amended complaint or petition.

Clerk of the Court for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit In And For Seminole County, Florida

Dated Novemeber 21, 2022
By: Amanda Hoffman

Publish: December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022 L039

PUBLIC AUCTION

2005 FORD F150 SILVER VIN-1 F T P X 1 4 5 5 N B 6 9 8 4 9
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PUBLIC AUCTION

COURTESY TOWING INC gives notice that on 01/11/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 1850 HIGH ST, LONGWOOD FL, 32750 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.

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2013 KIA W06GA51E9TA319557
1996 MERC
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

JZM INC D/B/A MIRANDA'S TOWING gives notice that on 01/09/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 326 LOYD LANE to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.

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2007 FORD
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

JZM INC D/B/A MIRANDA'S TOWING gives notice that on 01/13/2023 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 326 LOYD LANE to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.

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2003 TOYT
Publish: December 28, 2022 L152

PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to FL Statute 713.78 notice is hereby given that on the specified dates at 10:00 a.m. at 2502 W 1st St. Sanford, FL 32771 a public auction of the following vehicles will occur.

SALE DATE: 01/09/2022
2018 FORD ESCAPE VIN# 1FMCU0HD3JUA08785
2008 STERLING LT9511 VIN# 2FZHCVCV76AW46614

SALE DATE: 01/13/2022
2003 JEEP LIBERTY VIN# 1J4GK48KX3W529957

Inspection of listed vehicles may be made the day of sale. All vehicles are sold "as is" with no warranty given or implied. C&S Towing Service, Inc. reserves the right to bid.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below.

#8305, 3364 W State Rd 426, Oviedo, FL 32765.
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Dennis Pulliam: Hsld gds/Furn; Deborah Cady: Hsld gds/Furn; Breanna Gourdeau: Hsld gds/Furn; Evan S Taylor: Hsld gds/Furn.

And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim and interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com, which will end on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10 AM.

Publish: December 28, 2022, January 4, 2023 L154

PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below.

#0012, 3075 Enterprise Road, Debary, FL 32713. (386) 668-2913
Louis Medina: Hsld gds/Furn; Rodney Thompson: Tools/Applices, parts, garage items; Deborah Pratt: Hsld gds/Furn; Raisia Rodriguez: Hsld gds/Furn; Dwight Glade: Hsld gds/Furn; Darvis Lindsey: Hsld gds/Furn; Daniel Bach: Tools/Applices; Von Marie Soto: Hsld gds/Furn.

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Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

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FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that **SAMIR BRAHMBHATT, SIMALI HEALTHCARE, LLC, OWNERS**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **OVIDEO PHARMACY** located at **310 W. MITCHELL HAMMOCK RD., SUITE # 500, OVIEDO, FLORIDA 32765** intends to register the said name in **SEMINOLE** county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

Publish: December 28, 2022 L159

NOTICE OF FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that I am engaged in business at 1062 REAMS ST., SEMINOLE COUNTY, LONGWOOD, FL 32750 under the Fictitious Name of **Gifts by Sally Lou and Junior**, and that I intend to register said name with the Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida, in accordance with the provisions of the Fictitious Name Statutes, to-wit: Section 865.09, Florida Statutes 1991.

Sally L. Sines
Jack M. Sines II

Publish: December 28, 2022 L160

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2022CA002400

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

v.

DOMINICK C VICARI A/K/A DOMINICK VICARI, ET AL.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: DOMINICK C VICARI A/K/A DOMINICK VICARI,

Current residence unknown, but whose last known address was:

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Seminole County, Florida, to-wit:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT 50, BUILDING L, COACH LIGHT ESTATES, SECTION II, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AND ALL EXHIBITS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1272 AT PAGE(S) 1930, ET SEQ., PUBLIC RECORDS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on eX Legal, PLLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, within 30 days or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 301 North Park Avenue, Sanford, FL 32772-8099, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.

Witness my hand and seal of the Court on this 19th day of December, 2022.

Grant Maloy
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Rosetta M. Adams
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. If you require assistance please contact:

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Similar is not the same

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 3
♥ K Q 6 4
♦ K J 7 5
♣ A 2

WEST
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 8 2
♣ J 10 9 7 3

EAST
♠ 10 8 5
♥ A J 10 8
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ Q 6 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — jack of clubs.
Bridge players tend to become creatures of habit. The bid or play that has worked best in the past in a given situation is then routinely applied to all situations that appear to be the same.
This is a dangerous approach. The mark of a fine player is that he does not react mechanically to common situations but treats each deal as a brand-new experience.
Take this case where West leads the club jack against three notrump. Declarer plays low from dummy, and East wins with the king and returns a club to dummy's ace.
South leads a diamond to the ace and another to the jack. East wins

and returns his last club to declarer's queen. South, in need of a ninth trick, now leads a heart to the king. Fortunately, East has the ace, so South is home with nine tricks — three spades, three diamonds, two clubs and a heart.
However, this is not the full story, since declarer should not make the contract! If East plays the eight of clubs rather than the king at trick one, South goes down one. When East next gains the lead with the diamond queen, he returns the club king to dummy's ace, and West later scores three club tricks.
How should East know to duck the opening club lead? First, given South's opening bid, dummy's 15 points and East's 10, West is known to be virtually bereft of high cards, so the only real hope is that he has a long club suit.
Next, East should reason that if West has the J-10-9-x of clubs and South the Q-x-x-x, ducking will yield two club tricks instead of just the king. But if West started with the J-10-9-x-x, it is surely better to duck because the defense can then score three club tricks.
The lone fly in the ointment is that West might have six clubs and South only two, in which case the king play wins. However, this is unlikely: Since South could not raise hearts or bid spades, he doesn't figure to have only two clubs. Therefore, ducking at trick one is the right play.

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CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIBU EP ZPV HFU XIFO ZPV DSPTT

DISJTUNBT FWF XJUI UJFE-VQ SPQF?

UIF LOPU CFGPSF DISJTUNBT.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Pulsation	_ _ _ _ B	Toss	_ _ _ _ W
2. Garment pouch	_ O _ _ _ _	Fence style	_ I _ _ _ _
3. Brood of puppies	_ I _ _ _ _	Last mentioned	_ A _ _ _ _
4. Two scores	_ _ _ _ Y	Talent	_ _ _ _ E
5. 90 degree angle	R _ _ _ _	Power	M _ _ _ _
6. Infer	_ _ _ _ _ E	Subtract	_ _ _ _ _ T
7. Skin	_ L _ _ _	Just picked	_ R _ _ _
8. Like an empty page	_ _ A _ _	Eye movement	_ _ I _ _
9. Center	M _ _ _ _	Enigma	R _ _ _ _
10. Collision	_ _ A _ _	Infatuation	_ _ U _ _

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

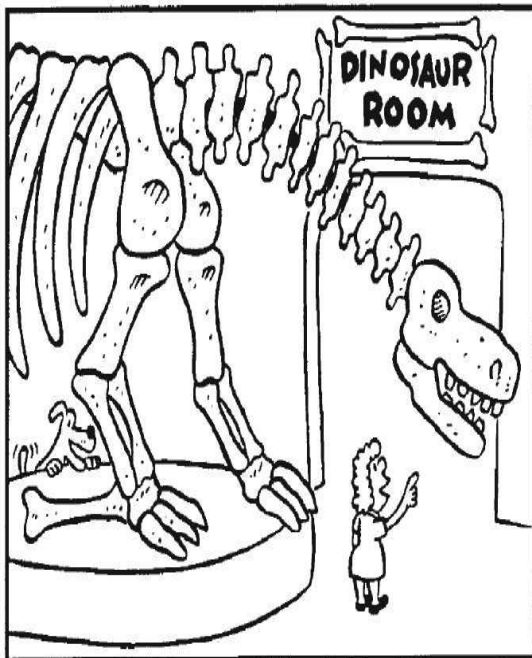


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's beard is longer.

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A BONEYARD BAFFLER! Sally loves to count the number of bones in the dinosaur room. See if you can dig up the same number as she did.

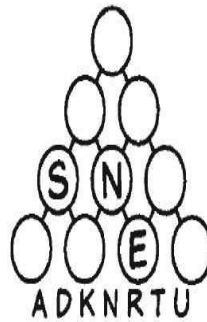
Answer: Not counting the teeth, Sally found 38 bones.

A SEATTLE SPRITZER!

What word, in an Oxford English Dictionary, do people in Seattle always pronounce incorrectly?

Answer: That word would be ... "incorrectly."

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: dust, dusk, dunk, dune, dank, Dane, dare, dam.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



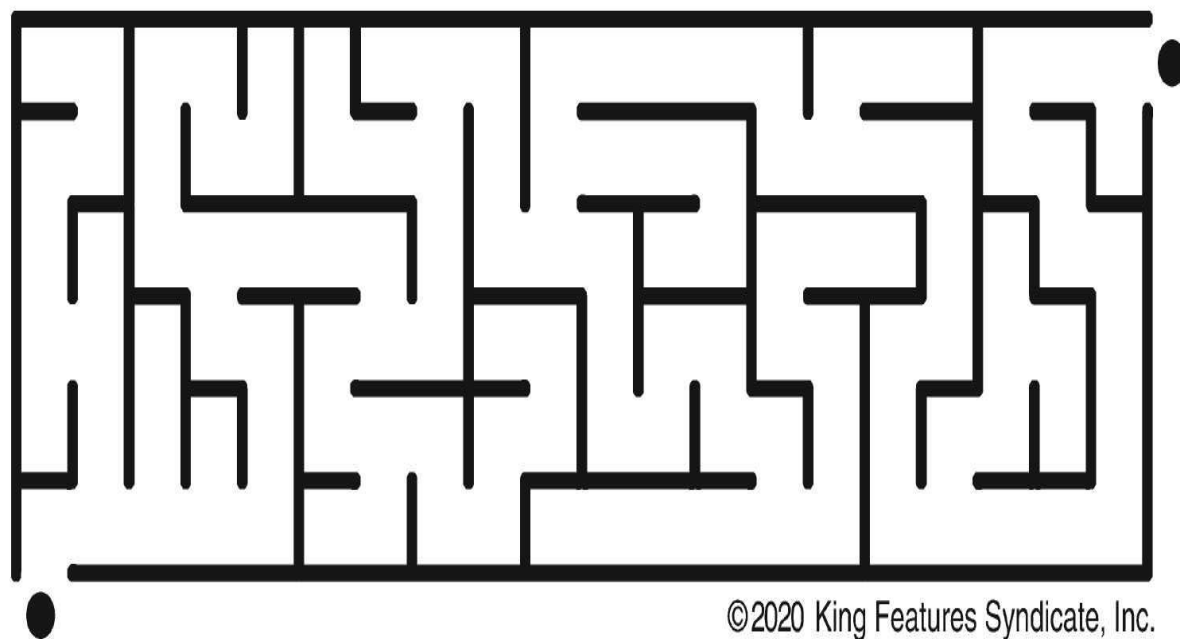
YELLOW JACKET JOUSTING!

Can you identify the "stinging" words asked for in the following questions? (all of the words end in "sting.")

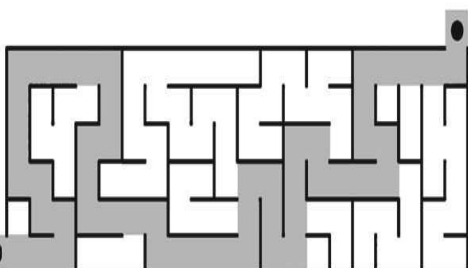
1. What sting has excessive pride?
2. What sting cures hunger?
3. What sting writes for someone else?
4. What sting is found in bakeries?
5. What sting is found in theaters?
6. What sting is found in schools?
7. What sting makes you laugh?
8. What sting leaves you hungry?
9. What sting do farmers love?
10. What sting changes bread?
11. What sting cleans your room?
12. What sting ruins old boats?

Answers: 1. Boasting. 2. Feasting. 3. Ghosting. 4. Frosting. 5. Casting. 6. Testing. 7. Jesting. 8. Fasting. 9. Harvesting. 10. Toasting. 11. Dusting. 12. Rusting.

Kids' Maze



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Kids' Maze Solution

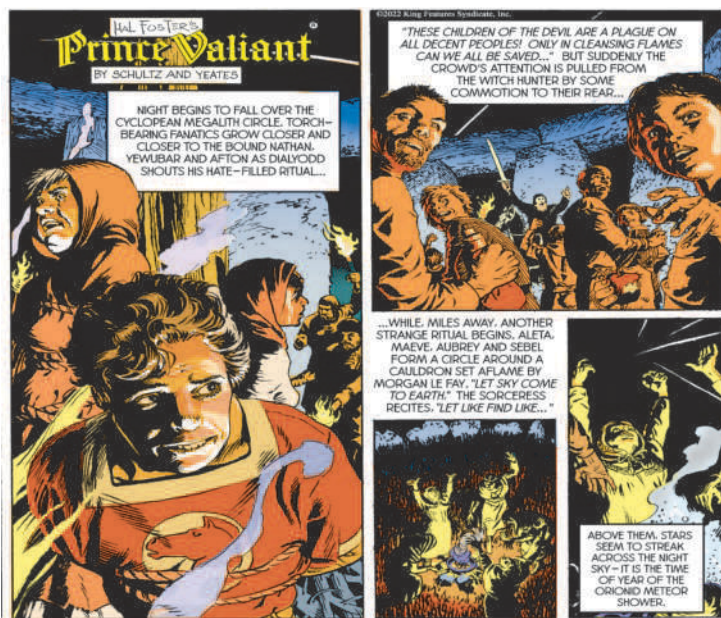
1. Throb, Throw
2. Pocket, Picket
3. Litter, Latter
4. Forty, Forte
5. Right, Might
6. Deduce, Deduct
7. Flesh, Fresh
8. Blank, Blink
9. Middle, Riddle
10. Crash, Crush

Even Exchange answers

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Answer



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