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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Key data missing from new reports

Weekly details can be found online, but some information has vanished

By Kate Santich
Orlando Sentinel

When the Florida Department of Health moved its COVID-19 reports from daily to weekly earlier this month, some of the data also

disappeared from public view — including the number of people who have died of the virus in each county, detailed vaccination information and a list of long-term care facilities with coronavirus infections and deaths.

Though some of the missing information can be found on federal websites, it is considerably more difficult to download and decipher. And details on COVID

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in the state's 3,000-plus assisted living centers, independent-living facilities and group homes have seemingly vanished altogether.

"They said they were going to reduce it to weekly reporting, but they didn't even do that. They just

policy"

The Florida Department of Health did not respond to questions about why the new weekly reports lack the information. Instead, the department sent an email noting that the weekly data includes positivity and vaccination rates, case numbers, statewide vaccine numbers by age group and

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Mourners embrace before a vigil ceremony to honor the person killed during Saturday's LGBTQ Pride parade in Wilton Manors at Sunshine Cathedral in Fort Lauderdale on Sunday. **JOHN MCCALL/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL**

'My heart breaks for all'

Police: Crash that killed 1 at Wilton Manors LGBTQ Pride parade was an accident

By Susannah Bryan
and Austen Erblat
South Florida Sun Sentinel

A truck plowed through a crowd at an LGBTQ Pride parade Sunday night, killing one person

and injuring another — but the 77-year-old man behind the wheel did not intend to hurt a soul, police say.

The man was physically unable to walk in the parade, so his truck was chosen as the lead vehicle.

Police say he was inching forward when he accelerated unexpectedly, hitting two pedestrians.

The driver knew both men who were hit. All three were members of the Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus.

Some had wondered whether the driver intentionally hit anyone, but police released statements Sunday saying it was all an

accident.

"[Saturday's] incident was a tragic accident, and not a criminal act directed at anyone, or any group of individuals," said Wilton Manors Police Chief Gary Blocker.

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis was just feet away from the accident and told reporters

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FPL: Perils to utilities will exist 'forever'

Cyberattacks remain an ongoing threat from foreign criminals

By Ron Hurlbise
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Foreign criminals are working relentlessly to disrupt the computer networks that manage America's energy, water and food delivery systems. Some do it to commit terrorism. Some seek cheap thrills. Others extort companies into paying millions of dollars in ransom.

Eric Silagy, president and CEO of Florida Power & Light, acknowledges that threats of cyberattacks against FPL and other critical suppliers are likely to last "forever."

But he says FPL's 5.6 million customers should be confident that the utility is making every effort it can — including subjecting the company's employees to surprise cyberattack drills — to prevent breaches that could shut

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Memphis dims a polarizing presence

Confederate general and slave trader's remains to be moved to a Confederate museum. **Page 6**

Storm blamed for 13 deaths in Ala.

9 children among 10 killed in crash of multiple vehicles

By Jeff Amy and Amy Forliti
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tropical Depression Claudette claimed 13 lives in Alabama as the storm swept

across the southeastern U.S., causing flash flooding and spawning tornadoes that destroyed dozens of homes.

Ten people, including nine children, were killed Saturday in a fiery multivehicle crash about 35 miles south of Montgomery on Interstate 65, according to Butler County Coroner Wayne Garlock. He said the vehicles likely

hydroplaned on wet roads, with eight children, ages 4 to 17, killed in a van belonging to a youth ranch for abused or neglected children operated by the Alabama Sheriffs Association. Two people died in a separate vehicle, Garlock told local news outlets — 29-year-old Cody Fox and his 9-month-old daughter, Ariana, both of Marion County, Tennessee.

"He was a great guy and we're really gonna miss him," said Aaron Sanders, who worked with Fox at the emergency management agency in Marion County. He said Fox also ran a hot tub business with his father and doted on his daughter. "He just loved her to death and that was his life."

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Is Florida emerging from the pandemic?

A nurse waves goodbye after administering COVID-19 vaccines at the Orange County Health Services drive-thru site at Barnett Park in Orlando. **JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL**



Look to the federal government for answers

By Cindy Krischer Goodman
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Florida leaders have declared the pandemic virtually over in the state, lifting restrictions, pardoning anyone who violated COVID health guidelines, and reducing the information shared with the public about the disease.

Now, if Floridians really want to know how their state is doing during the pandemic they must look to the federal government for answers.

Are people still being hospitalized for

COVID? Is the virus still infecting nursing home residents? Who is getting COVID in the state — young people or seniors? Will the Fourth of July holiday weekend lead to another surge?

Florida health officials stopped sharing many indicators of COVID's effect in Florida, but here is where to find answers.

Hospitalizations

Experts look to COVID hospitalization to know if there's another wave of the virus in Florida.

Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration has published a dashboard

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Area cops won't patrol southwest border

By Rafael Olmeda
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Gov. Ron DeSantis plans to send police officers to the southwest border, but they won't be from South Florida.

Law enforcement agencies in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties say the governor never asked them.

DeSantis announced this week plans to send Florida officers to Texas and Arizona to help patrol their borders with Mexico. The governors of those states say they need help because the federal government and the Biden administration aren't taking a spike in migration seriously enough.

DeSantis did not offer specifics on how many people would be sent to the border, what exactly they would be doing, and how much the operation would cost Florida taxpayers. He said those details are being ironed out.

The Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have committed to sending resources, as have sheriff offices in Brevard, Escambia, Hillsborough, Holmes, Lee, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties, according to the governor's office.

"We have not been asked by the governor to participate," said Detective Ali Adamson, spokeswoman for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. "FLPD does not know that we will be asked, so it would be unfair to speculate on something that has not occurred."

The response from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was similar. "The governor sent a blanket request through a press conference. He did not ask us directly," said spokeswoman Theresa Barbera. "PBSO is not sending anyone to Texas for border enforcement at this time."

Neither is the Broward Sheriff's Office or the Miami Police Department.

"I believe the BSO is currently and should be directing its resources to Broward County," said Broward Mayor Steve Geller. "Do I think we have spare resources we should be sending to Texas to guard the border? Of course not. But I am not expecting the governor to call me and ask for my advice on this issue."

Staff writer Skyler Swisher contributed to this report.



Aviva by the River will be built just west of the U.S. 1 tunnel and south of the New River, next to Smoker Park and across the river from the historic Stranahan House. **OCEAN LAND INVESTMENTS/COURTESY PHOTOS**

New luxury apartments coming to Fort Lauderdale

Downtown housing won't be in high-rise

By Susannah Bryan
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Sometimes smaller is better.

An eight-story residential building will rise in the very spot in downtown Fort Lauderdale where the city rejected a 21-story tower three years ago.

The new Aviva by the River project will include 96 luxury apartments or condos along with a glass-enclosed restaurant, trendy coffee boutique and full-service salon and spa.

Developer Ocean Land Investments plans to break ground next year at 501 Southeast Sixth Ave., where a three-story condo now stands. The site is just west of the U.S. 1 tunnel and south of the New River, next to Smoker Park and across the river from the historic Stranahan House.

Aviva will rent upscale apartments or sell the units as condos, depending on what



Plans for Aviva by the River have attracted little opposition.

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Filmmaker helps launch search for 'Rescuers' testimonies

By Sergio Carmona
Florida Jewish Journal

Fifteen hours of interviews regarding 13 diplomats who saved hundreds of thousands of Jews and others during the Holocaust that are part of the 2011 documentary "The Rescuers" are to be integrated into the University of Southern California's Shoah Foundation's Visual History Archive.

The film was directed and produced by Michael King, and its executive director is Joyce D. Mandell, who lives in West Hartford, CT but has a second home in Boca Raton. Mandell said she is a donor for the Lion of Judah of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

The film was nominated in the Outstanding Documentary category at the NAACP Image Awards in 2011. It was inspired by the work of British historian Sir Martin Gilbert and his



Joyce D. Mandell, who has a second home in Boca Raton, is executive producer for the documentary "The Rescuers," which consists of interviews regarding 13 diplomats who saved hundreds of thousands of Jews and others during the Holocaust. **COURTESY**

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HOT TICKETS

Eric Clapton, Van Morrison at Hard Rock Live; KISS in West Palm Beach

By Ben Crandell
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Guitar god Eric Clapton, rock-vocal deity Van Morrison and classic-rock jesters KISS have announced new South Florida concerts, with tickets on sale this week.

Clapton will make just eight U.S. performances in 2021, concluding with a show on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 7,000-seat Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood.

Reserved-seat tickets will cost \$505, \$405, \$305, \$205 and \$105 and went on sale Friday at MyHRL.com.

Clapton's tour also includes a performance Sept. 25 at the Amalie Center in Tampa.

With guitarist Jimmie Vaughan as a special guest, Clapton will be assisted by a crack band, including Doyle Bram-

hall II, Paul Carrack, Nathan East, Sonny Emory, Steve Gadd and Chris Stainton, with Sharon White and Katie Kissoon on backing vocals.

This is a band that should be up to the challenge of a live performance of "Layla," the intricate title track of the Miami-recorded album released 50 years ago this year.

Morrison will bring such indelible hits as "Brown Eyed Girl," "Moon Dance," "Tupelo Honey" and "Into the Mystic" to Hard Rock Live on Feb. 12, 2022.

Reserved-seat tickets cost \$235, \$185, \$145, \$105 and \$55 and went on sale Friday at MyHRL.com.

Morrison's most recent album, "Latest Record Project, Volume 1," is a 28-track expression of the singer's love of the blues, R&B, jazz and soul.

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Halloween eyed for next Crew Dragon launch

By Richard Tribou
Orlando Sentinel

NASA and SpaceX pushed back the planned launch of the next Crew Dragon mission to the International Space Station, now targeting a possible Halloween liftoff.

Crew-3, the third operational mission for SpaceX as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program, would take another four passengers to the ISS. The launch date is now targeting no earlier than Oct. 31 for liftoff atop a Falcon 9 rocket from Kennedy Space Center. The new date is a shift from the previous target of Oct. 23.

Slated to fly to the station are NASA astronauts Raja Chari, Tom Marshburn and Kayla Barron as well as European Space Agency astronaut Matthias Maurer.

It will be the fourth mission overall with humans on board for the SpaceX capsule. So far, only two Crew Dragon capsules have been used for flight: Endeavour and Resilience.

Endeavour was the first to complete a crewed mission when it splashed down in the Gulf of Mexico with



The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket carrying astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken in the Crew Dragon capsule lifts off from Kennedy Space Center on May 30, 2020. The SpaceX Demo-2 mission is the first crewed launch of an orbital spaceflight from the U.S. in nearly a decade.
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astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley as part of test flight Demo-2 last August after more than two months parked at the station. That flight became

the first time since 2011 that NASA had launched astronauts into space from U.S. soil, and paved the way for Crew-1, flying Resilience, that launched in November.

Resilience and Crew-1 have since returned home while Endeavour and Crew-2 are currently on orbit.

Previously, SpaceX stated it intends to use Resilience

SpaceX is one of two companies in the Commercial Crew Program, an effort to end NASA's reliance on Russian launches on Soyuz spacecraft since the end of the Space Shuttle program in 2011.

for Crew-3, although the company also will utilize Resilience on a private mission to orbit the Earth called Inspiration4 set to launch in September.

Once Crew-3 arrives to the ISS, Crew-2 on board Endeavour will return to Earth, looking to land once again off the coast of Florida.

SpaceX is one of two companies in the Commercial Crew Program, an effort to end NASA's reliance on Russian launches on Soyuz spacecraft since the end of the Space Shuttle program in 2011.

The other partner, Boeing, has yet to complete its uncrewed test flight to the ISS with its CST-100 Starliner spacecraft. That mission is targeting July 30. Once complete, Boeing will attempt a crewed test that if certified by NASA will lead to both Boeing and SpaceX

sharing crew taxi service on six-month rotations.

NASA said after the SpaceX Crew-3 flight, the next crew rotation would target mid-April 2022, but whether that mission is SpaceX or Boeing would be announced at a later date.

With more working commercial crew and cargo partners coming online, docking space at ISS is becoming harder to schedule. Part of that also includes the first planned space tourism flight to the ISS by Crew Dragon, which could come as early as January, with more on deck.

NASA this week announced it is seeking proposals for the next two private astronaut missions to the ISS, targeting a launch as early as fall 2022 followed by one as early as mid-2023. NASA looks to host up to two short-duration space tourism missions per year.

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2003 book, "The Righteous: The Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust."

Among the diplomats described in the documentary are Raoul Wallenberg, Varian Fry and Hiram Bingham. Their efforts earned them the status of "Righteous Among the Nations," an honorific used by the State of Israel to describe non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

The interviews being integrated into the USC Shoah Foundation's Visual History Archive consist of the inaugural collection of testimonies to be named the Joyce D. Mandell Rescuers Collection, which will be made available to the public in

the fall in conjunction with the 52nd anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. Among those featured in the collection are testimonies from survivors and relatives who recount the stories about the diplomats.

Mandell discussed the impact the diplomats' stories had on her.

"I am a Jewish woman, but my family was, fortunately, not caught up in the Holocaust," she said. "My grandparents and family came to the United States before [Holocaust], but I had an interest in it because I saw a photography exhibit on Ellis Island, and the exhibit was about diplomats who rescued Jews during World War II, and I was fascinated by what these diplomats did."

In what is considered to be a related development, King is expanding his research efforts with support from the Andrew J. and Joyce D. Mandell Family Foundation and USC Shoah Foundation to identify additional survivors and relatives to continue to document the stories of an additional 32 diplomats with "Righteous Among the Nations" status. The goal for this is for these new stories to be ultimately added to the Joyce D. Mandell Rescuers Collection in the future.

King and Mandell are leading the new initiative, and a team of researchers is currently working to identify people who knew the 32 diplomats or Holocaust survivors who benefited from their assistance.

"This is our last chance to document first-hand accounts related to diplomats who were at the center

of the 20th century's most unforgettable events," King said in a news release.

Mandell said, "I think this is a very important moment in time for us to reach out to as many people as we can around the world to tell this story."

"We still have grandchildren who are interested in this story because their grandparents lived it and they survived," she said. "For me, it's very interesting how the survivors have gone on to make lives for themselves. Some did not want to talk about their past, unless a family member tapped into it during a conversation with a grandparent or great-grandparent."

The 32 diplomats the research team is looking to include are: Brazilian diplomats Aracy De Carvalho

(Germany) and Luiz Martins de Souza Dantas (France); Chinese diplomat Feng Shan Ho (Austria); Ecuadorian diplomat Manuel Borrero Muñoz (Sweden); El Salvadoran diplomat José Castellanos Contreras (Geneva, Switzerland); French diplomat François de Vial (Italy); Italian diplomats Pacifico Marchesini (The Netherlands), Giorgio Perlasca (Hungary) and Angelo Rotta (Hungary); Peruvian diplomat José María Baretto (Geneva, Switzerland); Polish diplomats Władysław Bartoszewski (Warsaw) and Konstanty Rokicki (Switzerland); Portuguese diplomat Carlos Sampaio (Hungary); Romanian diplomats Constantin Karadja (Germany) and Florian Manoliu (Hungary); Slovakian Ján Spišák (Hungary);

Spanish diplomats Angel Sanz Briz (Hungary), Eduardo Propper de Callejón (France), Sebastian Radegales (Greece), and Jose Santiella (Germany); Swedish diplomats Per Anger (Hungary), Lars Berg (Hungary), Carl Ivan Danielsson (Hungary), and Elow Kihlgren (Italy); Swiss diplomats Harald Feller (Hungary), Ernst Prodolliet (Austria), Ernst Vonrufs (Hungary), and Peter Zurcher (Hungary); and Yugoslavian diplomat Franjo Puncuh (Warsaw), among others.

As the research team is looking to speak with anyone who may have information about the diplomats who are to be included in the expanded collection, anyone with pertinent information can visit rescuersdc.com.

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