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Table with market data including Dow Jones (26820.25 -0.26%), Nasdaq (7939.63 -1.13%), S&P 500 (2961.79 -1.53%), Gold (\$1499.10 -0.58%), Silver (\$1755.26 -1.46%), Copper (\$2.58 +0.80%), and Crude Oil (\$55.91 -0.89%). Includes columns for Stock, Div, PE, Last, and YTD Change/Close.

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FSU, UF share \$29M grant for health studies

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From developing new drugs to combating illnesses to conducting mental health studies to studying advancements in HIV treatment, research faculty at Florida State University are immersed in addressing health concerns of Floridians.

Those ongoing efforts now will get a boost as the result of a \$29 million grant for a University of Florida and Florida State University partnership by the National Institutes of Health's Clinical and Translational Science Awards Program.

The money will be used to expand FSU's partnership with UF's Clinical and Translational Science Institute. FSU will receive \$5 million of the \$29 million doled out over the next five years.

The goal is to advance research efforts by two of Florida's preeminent research universities in new approaches for improving health care for Floridians.

At FSU, the program will involve researchers from eight colleges or departments on campus and the FSU College of Medicine.

This week, researchers and faculty at the FSU College of Medicine and at UF celebrated the award, showing that lines in the sand only appear when it comes to football.



Ostrander

Gary Ostrander, vice president for research at FSU, said the partnership allows for broad collaboration between the two universities in realizing breakthroughs in improving health care.

"Partnering them together is going to allow us to do some really neat things," Ostrander said. "There will be some joint projects we will be working on together and there will be some where we are complementing one another.

"It allows us to take advantage of each other's skills," he said. "You're seeing the two preeminent universities in the state of Florida functioning as one unit in this broad area of clinical transitional research."

Ostrander said the focus is "advancing clinical medical research, bringing research developments to the public.

For instance, there's faculty member in chemistry developing a new drug. A faculty member in communications developing a new tool for Alzheimer's patients, a nursing professor developing a new treatment route.

"All of these folks will be coming together, working together, and will be involved in the translation of the research they are doing in their labs or in their programs ultimately to the bedside," he said. "So, we refer to it as getting from the bench to the bedside; taking the research and changing people's lives."

The coveted partnership is one of only 50 Clinical and Translational Science Awards nationwide in a network led by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, and one of two in Florida. The other is at the University of Miami.

"This award is going to support our efforts to change health outcomes in our community and it benefits all of our colleges at Florida State University," said Jeffrey Joyce, senior associate dean for research and graduate programs at FSU's College of Medicine and FSU's principal investigator for the grant.



Joyce

In addition to supporting medical school research, the grant also will extend to social work, social sciences, communications, nursing, psychology, arts and sciences, Joyce said.

"All are engaged in programs that support the health outcomes of our community, from treating HIV to (addressing) violence, to stress to maternal health," Joyce said.

In 2009, UF became the state's first recipient of a Clinical and Translational Science Award. In 2010, a combination of CTSA and state grant funding allowed UF's Clinical and Translational Science Institute to partner with the FSU College of Medicine to expand focus on community-based clinical research.

This collaboration led to creation of the OneFlorida Clinical Research Consortium in 2013, which includes the University of Miami and affiliated health care partners across the state, according to FSU's College of Medicine.



Cox

ALICE (Asset, Limited, Income, Constrained, Employed).

"I have a real passion for the work that we do," she said. "Having been in ALICE, I understand and am emphatic to the needs."

Roughly \$4 million in requests were up for consideration during this funding cycle. The United Way awarded less than half of that.

The mission shift divided the nonprofit sector and pitted some agencies against the United Way. Several nonprofits, especially those who've benefited from United Way funding for decades, publicly criticized the agency's new direction based on five focus areas: aging workforce, early learning, housing, safety net and skills development.

United Way leaders maintain a change was necessary in the wake of dwindling donations and the steady climb in working poor populations.

"We are very fortunate to have Berneice Cox serve as the interim president and CEO during this period of transition," said Darrick McGhee, chairman of the United Way's Board of Directors, in a statement. "Berneice understands the organization and has been a dedicated UWBB volunteer serving the organization in multiple leadership roles."

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City issues RFP for Chevron, Johns blocks

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Two city-owned blocks could be tagged for redevelopment, a move that would force the existing food truck court out and in search of a new venue.

City commissioners, with the exception of Jeremy Matlow, are in favor of issuing a Request For Proposals for the sale and redevelopment of the Chevron and Johns blocks for a minimum of \$8 million.

The blocks are roughly 2.5 acres each and are bordered by Gaines, Madison and Duval streets and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Besides parking, the property is a gathering spot for several food trucks feeding off the state employee and downtown workforce, particularly during lunch hours on Wednesdays.

"We have done a lot to make it a usable space," said Rebecca Kelly-Manders, past president of the Tallahassee Food Truck Association. "It is the only place in the downtown corridor where multiple food trucks can park at one time. We have found that in our business model, when multiple trucks park together, we all do better."

Inquiries about the properties, including one from a national hotel chain that wasn't named, prompted city administrators to present the RFP approach to the commission, which would vote up or down if a deal is presented.

City Manager Reese Goad said the commission is not obligated to do any-

thing with the properties.

"This would really be a test of the market to see if there's interest," Goad said.

At first blush, commissioners appear to be open to possibilities. Mayor John Dailey said Chevron and Johns blocks were always temporary accommodations for the food truck court, adding his praise of the vendors.

"I do think there is a higher and better use from a land use perspective for permanent structures, and it is primed for redevelopment," Dailey said.

However, he agreed with Kelly-Manders' request of collaborative input in relocating the food truck court to a venue with public infrastructure, including rest rooms.

Matlow didn't see a need to issue an RFP at this time and favored more community input on what's possible and more analysis. He was the sole dissenting vote against issuing an RFP.

Commissioner Dianne Williams-Cox talked about the repeated missed opportunities to maintain a steady funding stream every time individuals and associations choose another city to hold a convention. Although FSU owns the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center and plans for a convention center, she said those properties don't belong to the citizens.

"We don't have a public convention center that belongs to Tallahassee," Williams-Cox said.

Dailey returned to food trucks at the end of the meeting to voice his concern about a \$32.50 per day permit fee, making food trucks the only industry required to pay such a fee.

Industry staple Cox named United Way's interim CEO

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Berneice Cox, a familiar face in business circles and local television, will be the United Way of the Big Bend's interim president and CEO.

Monday is her effective start date following the resignation of Katrina Rolle, who's led the United Way since 2015 and been named president and CEO of the Community Foundation of North Florida.

In her professional life, Cox is an advocate and lobbyist for the Bacall Group, where she serves as its CEO. For the last five years, Cox has hosted "Our Issues Tallahassee," a television program covering a wide swath of topics that airs on WTWC 40.

She's long pursued community service projects over the years and chaired and co-chaired several United Way efforts, including the Collective Impact Community Committee. Cox has been on the agency's Board of Directors for six years and was a past chairwoman from 2017-2018. She also serves on the United Way of Florida's Board of Directors.

Cox takes the helm as the United Way enters a new fundraising era as a massive mission shift takes shape.

In July, the agency awarded 20 programs in Leon County two-year grants totaling \$1.6 million under the United Way's revamped goal of targeting poverty and the working poor, also called

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