

Trump shifts again on Ukraine arms

Zelenskyy pushes for missiles but president signals concerns

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signaled to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Friday that he's leaning against selling long-range Toma-

hawk missiles to Kyiv, while offering optimism that the war is moving toward an end that would mitigate a need for the powerful weapon.

At the start of the White House talks, Zelenskyy said he had a "proposition" in which Ukraine could provide its advanced drones to the United States, while Washington would sell Kyiv the long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles that Ukrainian officials say they desperately need to motivate Russian President Vladimir Putin to get

serious about peace talks.

But Trump said he was hesitant to tap into the U.S. Tomahawk supply, a turnabout after days of suggesting that he was seriously weighing sending the missiles to help Ukraine beat back Russia's invasion.

"I have an obligation also to make sure that we're completely stocked up as a country, because you never know what's going to happen in war and peace," Trump said. "We'd much rather have them not need Tomahawks. We'd much rather have the war

be over, to be honest."

Zelenskyy and his top aides huddled with Trump and his team over lunch, a day after the U.S. president and Putin held a lengthy phone call to discuss the conflict.

Zelenskyy congratulated Trump over landing last week's ceasefire and hostage deal in Gaza and said Trump now has "momentum" to stop the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

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Chinese artisans work during a media preview of the annual Ice! event at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center on Friday. RICARDO RAMIREZ BUXEDA/ORLANDO SENTINEL

'Rudolph' to light up Gaylord Palms event

Resort's icy winter wonderland will feature scenes from TV special

By Dewayne Bevil
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KISSIMMEE — Gaylord Palms Resort is entering its "Ice!" age again.

Work on the elaborate holiday ice-sculpture event is underway, as artisans from Harbin, China, chip away at big blocks of ice to form 11 colorful scenes from TV's "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." They use chainsaws, scrapers and assorted sharp objects, which were all apparent during a Friday media preview.

It's the first time "Rudolph" has been presented at the annual Central Florida

event. Although it has been seen at other Gaylord hotel properties, the icy exhibition has undergone a complete redesign that is making its debut this year, said Niko Nickolaou, senior director of special events and experiences for the Gaylord resorts.

"We really invested in taking the design, elevating it to something completely different," Nickolaou said. "People want to go be immersed in things. This is really immersive. It's interactive. It has some incredible photo moments."

One photo op includes popping up between icy versions of Rudolph and Hermey, the dentist-aspiring elf. The walk-

through displays start off with a scene representing the storm of the century, as seen in the 1964 TV special, and also have figures to illustrate "reindeer games" and the Island of Misfit Toys.

It's a work in progress. The carvers have put in about a week on a job expected to take 33 days. For now, some characters lack facial expressions, or appear to have wandered into the wrong setting.

Workers were smoothing edges on tall walls Friday amid stacked blocks of ice. More than 1,000 tons of ice will be incor-

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Area super speeders tell their stories

Why do they drive 100+? Here's what they told police

By Stephen Hudak
Orlando Sentinel

Florida's new "super speeder" law, intended to slow dangerous drivers, has demonstrated that some lead-footed motorists ought to practice their excuses.

Like the guy driving 100-mph-plus through Orange County to make it to a birthday party on time, or the woman who hit 113 on State Road 417 because she was in a hurry to pick up her dog. Then there's the Apopka man who said he didn't realize he was going 119 mph because — wait for it — his speedometer was broken.

The law mandates a court appearance and allows officers to jail speeders rather than send them on their way with

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Sanford tries to fix stench downtown

Wastewater plant exhaust system issue is likely cause

By Martin E. Comas
Orlando Sentinel

For months, Sanford residents have griped about an awful stench — think spoiled eggs and raw sewage — that has permeated the downtown district and made it almost impossible to breathe without a wince.

"Sometimes it smells like a big pile of fish stacked outside of your door," said Denny Gibbs, a downtown resident for more than 20 years. "It comes and goes. But when it comes, it really blankets the whole area. It's nauseating."

Now some relief from the noxious odors is on the way, according to Sanford officials.

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