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Pasco County Sheriff's Office retires two K-9s after their years of service to the department.

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City of Zephyrhills and the Zephyrhills Community Redevelopment Agency is accepting photos until Jan. 17 for the 2024 City of Zephyrhills Photography Contest.

Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano is accepting essays from Pasco County's high school students (grades 9-12). for the annual essay contest until Jan. 26.

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Pasco County Sheriff's Office encourages rapid reporting of trafficking to help end Human Trafficking in the community.

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Park News

Carolers at Betmar Acres sing to residents that cannot leave their homes and stroll throughout the park.

Several residents at Forest Lake Estates gather in the clubhouse for a gingerbread contest filled with plenty of icing.

The Good Stuff Band entertains residents and their guests at Grand Horizons during a holiday party in the clubhouse.

Residents at Betmar Acres travel to Orlando for the Charlie Brown Christmas at Gaylord Palms Resort's Ice Show.

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Chris Sweet is the 2023 City Employee of the Year



Chris Sweet, the 2023 City Employee of the Year, accepts an award from Zephyrhills Police Chief Derek Brewer.

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City officials recognize staff who have made contributions to their respective departments over the years

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

Chris Sweet, who spent the past 10 years moving up through the ranks of the Zephyrhills Police Department, is the 2023 City Employee of the Year.

"Truly, it's an honor," said Sweet, who shuns the limelight. "We have a really incredible group of people who work here."

Sweet is the Zephyrhills Police Executive Assistant, working closely with Police Chief Derek Brewer. She began her 10-year career in the department as a police records clerk in 2013. Later, she was a human resources assistant before taking on her current role in 2022.

The award plaque reads: Shining Star awarded to Christina Sweet in celebration of your exemplary performance. Thank you for going above and beyond in all that you do. You are a shining star.

Earlier this year Sweet accepted the Chief's Award from Brewer, who described her as dependable, consistent and loyal. That award is doled out at the discretion of Brewer in special recognition of exceptional contributions to the goals and objectives of the department.

"She's one of those employees you don't have to spend a lot of time supervising. She's kind of a self-starter," said Brewer, adding when the job came open as his assistant "I saw her as a perfect fit."

For Sweet, the feeling is mutual.

"He's really the reason I have stayed with the city," she said, adding that Brewer "has great vision and he sets goals. He really loves his team and he puts a lot of trust in us. He hires good people and he expects you to do your job."

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Girls basketball coach Chris Smith is mourned by the Bulldogs

Girls basketball coach Chris Smith is mourned by the Bulldogs. The coach who revived the program in recent years passes unexpectedly at the age of 50.

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

In what was shaping up to be yet another playoff run for the Zephyrhills girls basketball team suddenly was transformed into a season of mourning. Coach Chris Smith passed away unexpectedly last week at the age of 50.

Smith was in the midst of his seventh season as the girls head coach, posting a 75-58 record and overseeing the team's five playoff appearances during that stretch. Before that, Zephyrhills endured more than 10 losing seasons in that sport.

In 2021, Smith was the Sunshine Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. That team was led by SAC Player of the Year Maya Llanes.

"He was very serious about girls basketball. He loved the game," said former boys basketball head coach Alan Reed, who in 2016 retired again after four stints with Zephyrhills but has served as an assistant since then. "He got a flood of good athletes. He not only got them, he handled them and he won."

As is the case with many coaches at the same school, Smith supported other coaches and teams at Zephyrhills.

"He rode to the football games with Bruce and I. He was a good young man," Reed said. "I'll miss him. I'll tell you that."

Added Cimorelli, "Chris was a great guy. He had a great temperament. "As long as he coached the girls I never had a complaint."

Reed added that the boys and girls basketball coaches had a mutual respect for one another.

"If his team wasn't playing you could find him at our games," Reed said.

Mike Novak, the Zephyrhills boys basketball

➤ **BASKETBALL COACH:** See Page 4

Bulldogs finish sixth in winter holiday series

Zephyrhills dropped two of three games in prestigious Nature Coast Christmas Tournaments

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

While there is no snow in Florida, the Zephyrhills High boys basketball team had some tough sledding, so to speak, in last week's Nature Coast tournament. The Bulldogs lost two of three games in the three-day series hosted by that school in Brooksville.

Following a loss to Lakota East from Ohio, Zephyrhills took on Brooksville Central, which was coming off a loss against Tallahassee Rickards. The Bulldogs defeated the Bears 63-58 then lost to Largo by just two points, 57-55, in the waning seconds to finish the series with a 1-2 record for sixth place.

Zephyrhills' best efforts in that tourney came in 2019 when it won the championship and 2022 with an appearance in the final. The Bulldogs have played in the tourney for all of head coach Mike Novak's eight seasons.

Mentioning that the losses came against high-caliber teams, assistant Alan Reed, the Bulldogs' former head coach, noted the team played well at times but needs to clean up some of the little things.

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Joseph Stosh goes up for a rebound with three of his Zephyrhills teammates under the basket.

PHOTO BY DANIELA ALBIES



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PSO retires two of their K-9s: K-9 Brasko and K-9 Dobies



K-9 BRASKO



Pasco Sheriff's Office recently wished a happy and healthy retirement to two of their K-9s: K-9 Brasko and K-9 Dobies

K-9 Brasko

K-9 Brasko, a German Shepherd, has served the citizens of Pasco County since May of 2015. He was certified in both patrol work and narcotics detection, successfully keeping dangerous narcotics off Pasco's streets, locating those who were missing and apprehending dangerous suspects. K-9 Brasko was born on Nov. 6, 2015 in Germany. In both 2015 and 2017, K-9 Brasko earned first place from over 100 dogs in a narcotics detection competition. In retirement, K-9 Brasko will remain with his partner, Dep. Adam Tellier, and his current K-9 partner, Flash.

K-9 Dobies

K-9 Dobies, a Labrador Retriever certified in narcotics detection, began serving Pasco County in July 2016. He was born in Hungary on Sept. 18, 2013, making K-9 Dobies PSO's oldest serving K-9 at the time of his retirement. K-9 Dobies served in many units throughout his career, including the school resource unit, where he was frequent sight at schools throughout the county, and the community engagement unit. The funds for K-9 Dobies were generously donated by Tom Dobies. K-9 Dobies will continue to live with his partner, Cpl. Christina Demas, in his retirement, along with Cpl. Demas' current K-9 partner, Knox.

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Partly Cloudy

SUNRISE: 7:21am MOONRISE: 1:34am

SUNSET: 5:46pm MOONSET: 1:00pm

SATURDAY

73|59

Showers

SUNRISE: 7:21am MOONRISE: 2:31am

SUNSET: 5:47pm MOONSET: 1:33pm

SUNDAY

62|47

Partly Cloudy

SUNRISE: 7:21am MOONRISE: 3:31am

SUNSET: 5:48pm MOONSET: 2:11pm

MONDAY

69|43

Partly Cloudy

SUNRISE: 7:21am MOONRISE: 4:35am

SUNSET: 5:48pm MOONSET: 2:58pm

TUESDAY

60|77

Showers

SUNRISE: 7:21am MOONRISE: 5:41am

SUNSET: 5:49pm MOONSET: 3:53pm

WEDNESDAY

64|53

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Above: Chris Smith dribbles at center court during a practice. The late Zephyrhills girls basketball coach often shot baskets with his players.



Above: Chris Smith (far left), along with coaches Kim Miller and Antwon Gildon, get together for a team photo during a preseason practice at Alan Reed Court.



Left: Coach Smith was very encouraging with his players, shown here giving out high fives after a couple of his players performed well at practice.

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coach, was as surprised as many upon hearing the news of Smith's passing. He spoke about it during a break in his team's three-game outing at the Nature Coast Tournament in Brooksville last week.

"I can't believe it. I'm still in shock," Novak said, adding that he and Smith often coordinated practice times on Alan Reed Court at the Zephyrhills gym. "We always got along great."

Kim Miller, a longtime assistant and former Zephyrhills standout on the court, takes over as the head coach.

"She stepped in big-time for us," Cimorelli said.

Antwon Gildon remains as an assistant and former Zephyrhills player Mikayla Cintron (Class of 2022) comes in as a volunteer assistant.

Cintron, who played three seasons for Smith's teams, learned about his death on a call from his daughter, Kierstin.

"He was there for everybody, no matter who you were or where you came from,"

Cintron said. "It's devastating because he was so healthy."

"It's been a shock for all of us," Gildon added, noting that the revamped coaching staff "is a team effort. We're working together. We're trying to keep some stability in place."

While the Zephyrhills boys basketball team played in a winter holiday tournament last week and are scheduled to compete in a series this weekend at River Ridge, the girls squad opted out of a tourney at Wiregrass Ranch.

Gildon said he and Miller figured it would be best not to have the girls take the court just yet. Their first game back since Smith's passing will be this coming Tuesday at home against Land O' Lakes.

"We decided as a staff just not to play," Gildon said, adding a vote of confidence for Miller. "I think she'll do a great job filling in and honoring coach Chris."

Coming off a two-win season, the Bulldogs are in the midst of a turnaround. They sport a 7-4 record that includes a 31-20 win over Anclote three days before Christmas.

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Basic Vegetable Gardening is Jan. 13, 9-10 a.m. at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. in Land O' Lakes.

Terrariums is Jan. 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Starkey Ranch Theatre Library Cultural Center, 12118 Lake Blanche Dr. in Odessa.

Composting is Jan. 22, 2-3 p.m. at Centennial Park Branch Library, 5740 Moog Rd. in Holiday.

Owls in Your Neighborhood is Jan. 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at New Port Richey City Library, 5939 Main St. in New Port Richey.

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For more information, call the church at (813) 782-1369.

St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, 5855 16th St. invites you to weekly services on Saturday, 4 p.m. or Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m. Coffee and fellowship are on Sundays between the two services.

For more information you can call the church office at (813) 782-1202.

First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills, 38231 5th Ave., invites you to Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Pastor Rob McKinney.

The teen TRUTH ministries, is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., with youth leaders, Carla Berger and Paul Warner. Bus transportation is available.

The children ministry, TeamKid, is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with director, Lorraine McKinney,

and teachers, Carol Arnold and Sarah Lutz.

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday mid-week service, 6 p.m. and choir practice is at 5 p.m. For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5574.

East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7333 Dairy Rd. invites you to Saturday services with Lead Pastor Ray Pichette and Associate Pastor, Leonardo Olivera. Bible study is at 10-11 a.m. and worship services are at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Wednesday mid-week services are at 7 p.m.

Al-Anon (Noon Solutions) is Monday, 12 p.m., Al-Anon (Serenity), Wednesday, 7 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous is Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday

7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous is Friday at 10 a.m. and Overeaters Anonymous is Monday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m.

The Adventist Health Food Store is open at the church Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.

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First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills, 38635 5th Ave. and Senior Pastor Steve Ezra invites the community to worship services every Sunday, with contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and traditional service at 11 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in Cooper Hall behind the sanctuary, every Sunday from 9-10:45 a.m.

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The next food distribution will be at Shady Hills Mission Chapel. The event begins on Jan. 18 at 9 a.m., and is first come first served, so come out early.

OBITUARIES



Gloria Jean Roma

CISCO, Lucille M., 83, of Zephyrhills, passed away on the evening of Dec. 26, 2023. She was born on Jan. 18, 1940 to the late James Sr. and Violet (Snyder) Dysard in Kalamazoo, MI. Lucille moved her family to Zephyrhills full-time in 1973 to manage the former Pierre Motel. She was member of the Eagles Club and the Moose Lodge. Lucille is survived by her daughters, Karen Kovach of Zephyrhills and Kerry Pett of Gainesville; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Services will be held privately for family and friends.



Donald A. Pineau

PINEAU, Donald A., 90, resident of Zephyrhills passed away on Dec. 6, 2023. He was born in Acushnet, Mass., the son of Albert and Alice (Jacques) Pineau. It was in Acushnet, he and his wife Jayne raised their three girls and resided for over 60 years. From there, they moved to Zephyrhills, where they resided for over 25 years. Donald was lovingly devoted to his surviving wife, Jayne. They met as teenagers and were married for 65 years. They thoroughly enjoyed participating in social occasions such as dances, plays and community events. To his three girls, Donald was a loving and committed father, always working hard to help provide another adventure of camping or traveling around the northeast. As a young man Donald was honored to have served in the U.S. Army. He was also proud to have worked as a golf ball machinist at the Acushnet Company, Titleist Golf Ball Division, until his retirement. Donald was a lover of nature and could always be found outside, face to the sun, with a gentle smile on his face. He was also an avid golfer,

accomplishing three holes in one! Donald was known for always offering a bright and cheerful hello to brighten your day. Most important, he was a kind, thoughtful and generous man always there to help when someone was in need. Donald is survived by his wife, Jayne (Seddon); his three girls, Lisa Henries and her husband, Hawk and granddaughters, Sierra and Sequan; Lynn Nangano and her husband, Peter; and Lori Limone and her husband, James. Donald is preceded by his parents, Albert and Alice (Jacques) Pineau; sister, Lillian Magnant of Acushnet, Mass.; brothers, Albert Pineau of Brockton, Mass. and Arthur Pineau of Sacramento, Calif. Services were held at the Whitfield Funeral Home on Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. His Celebration of Life was Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Tropical Acre Estates clubhouse.

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SALOME'S STARS ★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The new year holds promise for all you Lambs who know how to take advantage of the opportunities out there. The key is keeping a positive attitude.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Over the course of this new year, you beautiful Bovines will continue bulldozing the barriers that stand between you and the success of your long-term plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year kicks off with a major decision about a job change that could involve a lot of travel. The choice you make could influence other decisions down the line.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Familial relationships continue to have a strong influence on whatever long-term decisions you make involving both your career and your personal life.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Any decisions that you put off making last year should be confronted and dealt with as soon as possible. You need to clear away the past and make room for the future.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Last year's disappointments are history. Expect to see more opportunities opening up and waiting for you to use them to your advantage.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You still have some trouble spots lingering from last year. Resolve them so that you can move on to tackle more rewarding situations.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Developments in the year ahead can be more challenging than you had expected, but the rewards will be well worth your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You are the Philosopher of the Zodiac, and your wisdom will go a long way in helping you deal with the challenges of the upcoming year.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Take stock of what you propose to do in the new year and get started as soon as possible. On another note, last year's critics turn into this year's admirers.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This year, the typically gentle Water Bearer can

reveal a hidden streak of steel that few people suspected you had; they will be surprised to see how you use it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Although new friends open up different social vistas, your penchant for privacy is still strong and allows you the quiet time you need to indulge

in your creative gifts.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have deep reservoirs of strength that give you extraordinary staying power amid the most difficult conditions.

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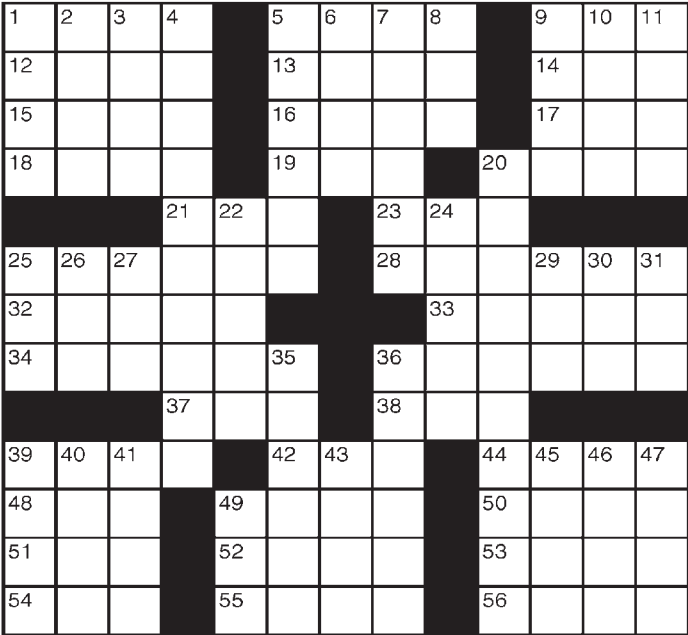
King Crossword

ACROSS

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5 Male swans
9 Luau dish
12 Humorist Barry
13 Med. plan options
14 PC program
15 Barrel bottom bit
16 Concerning
17 Old Olds
18 Voice in an iPhone
19 Half of XIV
20 Rooters
21 Formerly called
23 "Morning Edition" aier
25 Humidor contents
28 Salad base
32 Maxim
33 Sean of "Rudy"
34 Bequest
36 Surround with light
37 Judge Lance
38 Approves
39 Iowa crop
42 WWII service member
44 "See ya!"
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56 Catches some rays

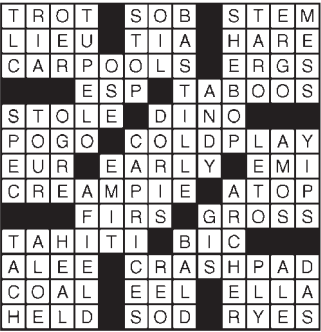
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3 Say it's so
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5 Sour cream tidbits
6 Hotel chain
7 Ho-hum
8 Away from NNW

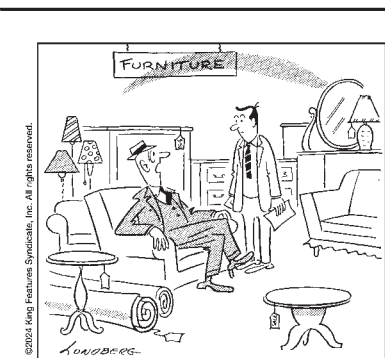
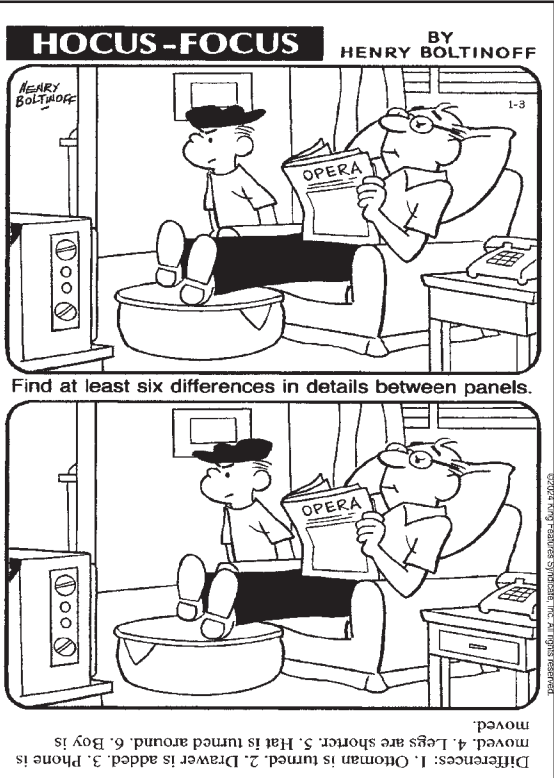


- 9 Brazilian rubber
10 Frank
11 Wall St. debuts
20 Clean slate
22 Upright
24 Bit of mischief
25 Baseball's Ripken
26 Chemical suffix
27 Joke
29 JFK info
30 Goose egg
31 --cone
35 Cried in pain
36 Tertiary Period epoch
39 Give a darn
40 Burden
41 Deli loaves
43 Jai --

- 45 Bailiwick
46 Eliot Ness, e.g.
47 Nile vipers
49 Punk rock offshoot



ANSWERS TO KING
CROSSWORDS
DEC. 28



"My wife is very
She's always exactly half an hour late!"

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W T W (S U P E R B O W L) A V T
A R S C P G A G E S O R B E N
I L K E O T A I U B G E T C P
I B Z X I T W R U S I N U S R
P O M L O F T Y A D I L O H L
J I I R G I E O R A N G E D B
A M Y E C N E D N E P E D N I

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: 50TH STATE
Citrus Holiday Orange Sugar
Cotton Independence Outback Sun
Fiesta Liberty Peach Super Bowl
Gator Military Rose

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Merge ITUNE
Blunt PUBRAT
Chunk PLUM
Cad SACRAL

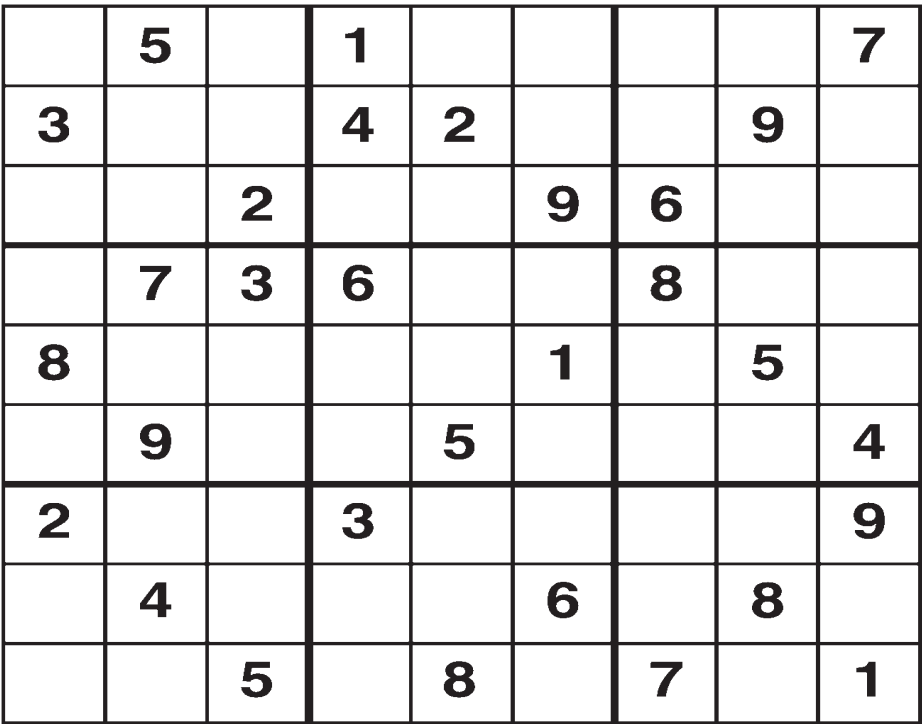
TODAY'S WORD

MOMENTS IN TIME: The History Channel

- * On Jan. 15, 1759, French philosopher Voltaire's satire "Candide" was published anonymously in five editions and five countries. It was immediately and widely banned for its religious blasphemy, political sedition and (for the time) obscenity, but went on to become a bestseller and remains one of the most frequently taught works of French literature.
- * On Jan. 16, 1962, filming began on the first James Bond film, "Dr. No," starring Sean Connery as the suave titular spy, in Kingston, Jamaica. While critical reception was mixed, the movie was financially successful and came to be considered one of the series' best installments.
- * On Jan. 17, 2000, all 50 states of America celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The federal holiday was signed into law in 1983 and took effect three years later, with New Hampshire becoming the last state to name a holiday after the slain civil rights leader in 1999.
- * On Jan. 18, 1986, the song "That's What Friends Are For" by Dionne & Friends, featuring Elton John, Gladys Knight and Stevie Wonder, hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. Released to help support victims of AIDS and increase awareness about the disease, it helped earn \$3 million for the cause.
- * On Jan. 19, 1977, President Gerald Ford pardoned Tokyo Rose, a Japanese-American woman whose real name was Iva Toguri, shortly before leaving office. Acting on orders from the Japanese government, Toguri (along with other women) broadcast phony announcements regarding U.S. troop losses in an attempt to undermine the morale of Allied soldiers.
- * On Jan. 20, 1863, the four-day Mud March, initiated by Civil War Major General Ambrose Burnside, began. Burnside's aim was to attack Robert E. Lee's army, but winter rains had made the roads nearly impassable and the mission failed.
- * On Jan. 21, 1997, Newt Gingrich became the first speaker in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives to be given a formal reprimand for ethics violations after the House voted 395--28 in favor of the measure.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

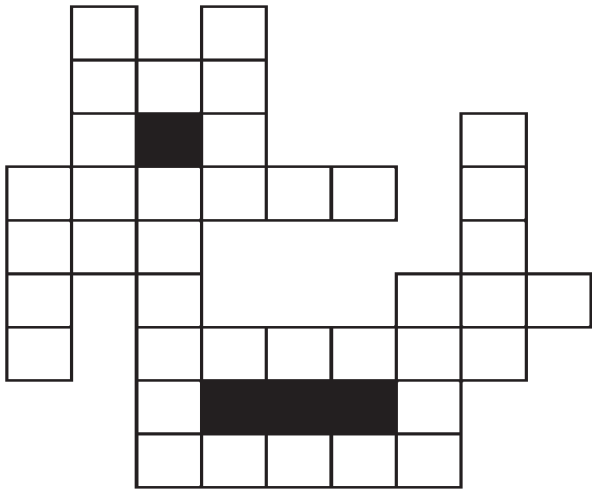
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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OET
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AFYR
SYMIER
♥TCA
LCLE
COTSI
LFY
MACOIT
ECGYA
ADTE



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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. Black eye _ _ _ _ N _ _ _ Tremble from cold _ _ _ _ V _ _ _
2. ___ Barrier Reef _ _ _ _ A _ _ _ Welcome _ _ _ _ E _ _ _
3. Code maker _ _ _ _ R _ _ _ Mighty or Minnie _ _ _ _ U _ _ _
4. Sir or Dame, e.g. _ _ _ _ L _ _ _ Promise 10% _ _ _ _ H _ _ _
5. Green Bay athlete _ _ A _ _ _ _ _ Reaction to a lemon _ _ U _ _ _ _ _
6. Sewing basket item _ _ _ _ _ _ D _ _ _ Intimidation _ _ _ _ _ _ T _ _ _
7. Burn with hot water _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ Reprimand _ _ _ _ O _ _ _
8. Bart's baby sister _ _ _ _ G _ _ _ Black-and-white crow _ _ _ _ P _ _ _
9. Modify _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ Where to go to marry _ _ _ _ A _ _ _
10. Get along with _ _ _ I _ _ _ _ Hen house sound _ _ _ U _ _ _

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals N

XTLFU MCWX OBU LMFSPBLOW
OLR GBMVOVWI ZM QPLSTLZ OS
LTZQS, T CMPWR FOWW SQU
VURSTDU GBUIUBX.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

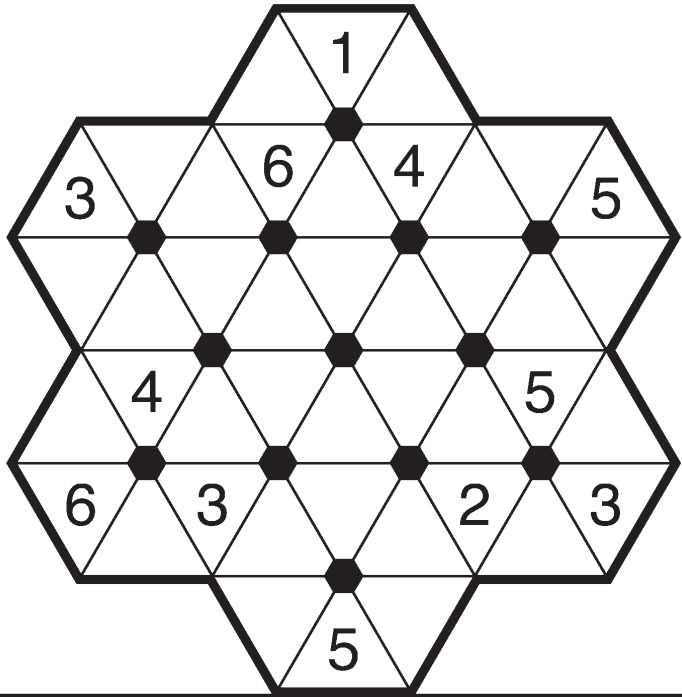
UB BWOYF IXJ IGS DWQCB QIYF
IXB UST WF JYHWSTDYT ZV U
FLUJH RJIO USIBCYJ LYJFIS.
— UDZYJB FMCGYWPYJ

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



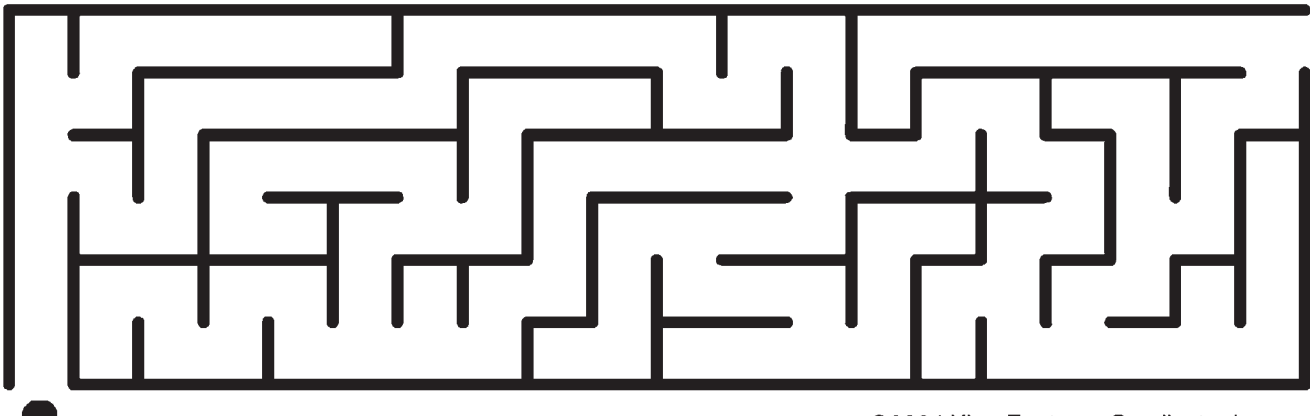
STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * The first 72 hours in jail pose the highest risk of death for an inmate, for any reason.
- * The cat in "The Godfather" was a stray that director Francis Ford Coppola found in the studio and handed to Marlon Brando before the shot. The animal took a shine to Brando and settled in his lap, purring so loudly that the crew was afraid the noise would drown out the dialogue!
- * And speaking of cats ... cheetahs communicate with house cat-like meows rather than roars like most big cats.
- * Benjamin Franklin sold chocolate in his print shop in Philadelphia.
- * Forget about whether pineapple belongs on a pizza -- how about snake? For a limited time snake will be on Pizza Hut's menu in Hong Kong, as the restaurant partners with another eatery known for its snake stew.
- * A tool bag lost during a spacewalk orbits Earth and is visible to people on the ground.
- * Researchers at George Washington University found that the skin behind our ears and between our toes has a different set of microbes than those found on more frequently washed areas, so heed Mama's advice and don't forget to scrub them.
- * In 1873, billiards became the first sport to have a world championship.
- * Prior to the 17th century, common folk seated themselves on stools and benches, while chairs were designed for royalty and the rich.
- * Pogonophobia is the fear or dislike of beards.
- * For Scrabble's 50th anniversary in 1988, a giant game utilizing six-foot tiles that required two large men to lift was played in Britain's Wembley Stadium.

Thought for the Day: "If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."
-- Martin Luther King Jr.

Kids' Maze



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

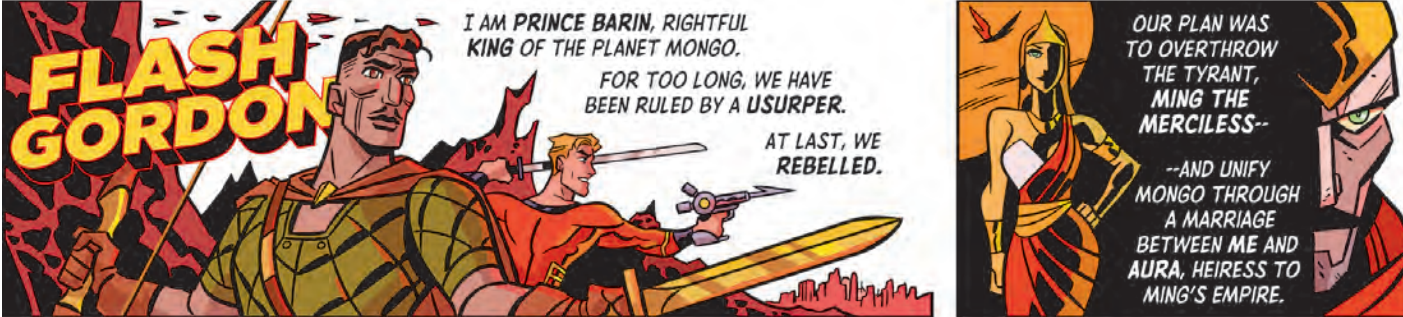


GRIN and BEAR IT



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE





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PARK NEWS

Carolers at Betmar Acres went around the park singing for the residents



Left and below: Carolers at Betmar Acres sang to several residents who could not leave their homes.



Left and below: Later in the evening the Betmar Acres Carolers went around the park singing carols for the residents.



Residents at Forest Lake Estates gather in the clubhouse for a contest



Left: Forest Lake Estates' residents gather with gingerbread house kits for a contest in the clubhouse.

Below: Woofy and Sheila Johnson are proud of their trophy and gold medals after putting together their gingerbread house.



SUSAN SLATER



Above: Alice and Kerri Sofield proudly wear their gold medals and show off their Christmas light trophies.



Above: Ladies enjoy putting together the gingerbread houses.



Left: Rhonda Demetriou and Marsha Fishleigh won a trophy and gold medal.



PARK NEWS

Grand Horizons’ residents celebrate the holidays with a party



Left: The clubhouse was full for the holiday party with live music at Grand Horizons.

Below: Residents enjoy each other’s dishes at their table as well as holiday beverages.



Above: Resident Clark Alexander creates a photo set with a holiday background for memorable photos for the residents.



Right: The Good Stuff Band performs for the residents and thier guests during the holiday party.

Several residents from Betmar Acres travel to Gaylord Palms for a show



Left: In a 9 degree venue Edna, Mary, Joanne, and Janet were provided coats to keep warm.
Below: Charlie Brown was one of the many Peanuts characters that were sculpted from ice.



Above: Betmar residents travel to Orlando for a fun filled day at Gaylord Palms Resort Ice Show.
Right: Michelle McKinnon and Melinda Graves take advantage of a Christmas Scene photo op.



Above: Michelle McKinnon enjoys one of the ice slides at Gaylord Palms Resort.

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Left: Elijah Williams (No. 11) boxes out Central defenders for a rebound with two Zephyrhills teammates nearby.

Right: Zephyrhills defenders Darryl Vereen and Jeremiah Clark double-team Central's J.D. Watson.



Right: Triston Lennon breaks out on an offensive possession for the Bulldogs.



Right: Zephyrhills senior guard Jeremiah Clark dribbled the basketball past mid-court.



Left: Zephyrhills' Messiah McKinley makes an inbound pass.



Above: Zephyrhills' Jakobe Cambell scores on a layup.



PHOTOS BY DANIELA ALBIES



Above: Coach Mike Novak gives the Zephyrhills players some instructions during a timeout in a tournament game against Brooksville Central.

► **BASKETBALL:** *From Page 1*

"We had three pretty fair games," he said. "They were teams that were better than us, but we hung with them."

Novak said his team "competed very well. All of them were hard-fought games."

Against Largo, Zephyrhills erased a 10-point deficit in the third quarter to force a tie at 55 late in the game.

"The kids fought back after we lost our focus in the second and third (quarters)," Novak said.

In the first game against Lakota East, a powerhouse from outside of Cincinnati, the Bulldogs fell behind and came up short in a 50-32 loss. Joseph Stosh scored a team-leading 17 points for Zephyrhills in that game and Jeremiah Clark added 10. Teddy Sands added two points and Darryl Vereen had one.

All of those players are senior returners.

"We played good," Novak said of the loss to Lakota East, the eventual tournament champion. "It's just the team we played was outstanding. That was one of the best defensive teams I've ever seen at the high school level."

The second game got the Bulldogs back on the right track. After a slow start they trailed Central 22-21 at halftime before rallying after the break to take a 38-35 lead through three quarters. They finished it off by coming on strong in the fourth quarter.

Zephyrhills scored 25 points in the final frame, which represented more points than the team had in the entire first half. At one point the Bulldogs led by 13 points before the Bears rallied late.

Clutch free throws by Clark, Triston Lennon and Messiah McKinley down the stretch, along with a timely 3-point shot by Stosh and a Jakobe Campbell layup, helped Zephyrhills to keep Central at bay as time wound down.

"We were missing shots in the first half but if they kept shooting they would drop," said Novak, adding that in the third quarter "we got a little bit of a lead. We had to make some better decisions and the kids just toughened up. (The Bears) press everybody, but we handled the press pretty good. Lucky for us we were able to beat it a few times."

The Bulldogs had three players score in double figures against the Bears. Clark had a team-leading 18 points while Stosh and McKinley each scored 10. Brody Kuzmaak-Griswold came close to making it four Zephyrhills players in double figures but he came up one point shy of that mark with nine.

Rounding out the scoring, Lennon had seven, Campbell finished with four. Akeem Collins chipped in with two and Elijah Williams had one.

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CRIME REPORTS

Active warrant

A 47-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 19 at State Road 54 and 4th Street after a traffic stop, allegedly revealed a warrant out of Pasco County for violation of probation. A check allegedly revealed he was at Mulligan's Tavern, 5420 Gall Blvd., was asked to leave and on his way out he punched the jukebox causing \$1,500 in damage on Dec. 13, 2023. He allegedly failed to pay his bill valued at \$62.50.

Arrested was Matthew Shane Potter of 5432 10th St.

Potter was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Possession of methamphetamine

A 25-year-old Michigan woman was arrested Dec. 19 at Wawa, 6450 Gall Blvd., after she allegedly was given a trespass warning on Aug. 3, 2023 and returned to the property. She allegedly caused a disturbance and tried to steal a bike when she was leaving. A check allegedly revealed a 0.4 grams of methamphetamine.

Arrested was Madelynn Elizabeth Duke; no address listed.

Duke was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Retail theft

A 31-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Dec. 19 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after she allegedly failed to scan 41 items valued at \$291.08.

Arrested was Amber Renee Madsen of 3423 Drum Rd.

Madsen was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

Retail theft

A 37-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 20 at Kossik Road and Gall Boulevard after he allegedly took two items valued at \$508 from Rural King, 7422 Gall Blvd.

Arrested was Nathan Allen Kasprzak of 5136 Camberlea Ave.

Kasprzak was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

Retail theft

A 31-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 20 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after he allegedly under rang several items valued at \$157.93.

Arrested was Kolle Essong of 7801 Merchantville Circle.

Essong was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

Active warrant

A 28-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 20 at 6118 8th St. after a check allegedly revealed a warrant out of Polk County for failure to appear on a resisting an officer charge.

Arrested was Kevin Ponce of 6470 Bradford Woods Dr.

Ponce was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Possession of marijuana

A 22-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 21 at Garden Wall Way and Back Forty Loop after a traffic stop, for exceeding the speed limit, allegedly revealed of 5.3 grams of marijuana.

Arrested was Abdulkalik Mohamed Farah of 6330 Back Forty Loop.

Farah was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

Domestic battery

A 23-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 23 at his home after he allegedly struck a woman in the knee with a torch.

Arrested was Chandler Joseph Morgan of 38350 4th Ave.

Morgan was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Retail theft

A 38-year-old Saint Petersburg man was arrested Dec. 23 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after he allegedly failed to scan nine items valued at \$819.81.

Arrested was Bruce Jerome Tolbert, Jr. of 876 20th Avenue S.

Tolbert, Jr. was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Retail theft

A 22-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Dec. 24 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after she allegedly failing to scan three items valued at \$51.95. A check allegedly revealed a warrant out of Pasco County for a fraud charge.

Arrested was Jolyce Madison Lopez of 5446 Passing Pine Lane.

Lopez was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023CA004667/ES
DIVISION: B
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, as Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller, Plaintiff,
vs.
Jose Otero, Maritssa Otero, Kim Popovich and New Age Realty and Construction, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication)
TO: Jose Otero 13426 Bull Road Dade City, FL 33523

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: Nancy McClain Alfonso, Esquire, 38416 Fifth Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL 33542 on or before January 16th, 2024, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgement or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.

Signed on this 8TH day of DECEMBER, 2023.
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller
Deputy Clerk Haley Joyner as Deputy Clerk
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Construction, Defendants.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 51-2023-DR-4666-ES
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: VARONICA ANN COSSON, Plaintiff, And JAMES FRANKLIN COSSON, Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
TO: James Franklin Cosson YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Marcie L. Baker, Esquire, whose address is 5518 7th Street, Zephyrhills, Florida 33542 on or before January 22, 2024, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Pasco County

Courthouse, 38053 Live Oak, Dade City, Florida 33523, before service on Wife or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: None

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: December 15, 2023.
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller
Deputy Clerk Rita Meyer
Published: December 21, 2023, December 28, 2023, January 4, 2024 and January 11, 2024.

(formal notice by publication)
TO: Mary E. Legg 6531 Reinhardt College Parkway Waleska, GA 30163

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: Nancy McClain Alfonso, Esquire, 38416 Fifth Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL 33542 on or before January 22nd, 2024, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgement or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.

Signed on this December 15, 2023.
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller
Deputy Clerk Haley Joyner as Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023CA004828CAAXWS
DIVISION: G
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, as Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller, Plaintiff,
vs.
William A. Legg, Mary E. Legg, The Recovery Agents, LLC and Shangri-la Lane, Inc., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication)
TO: Tracey Hughes-Carson 14920 De Leon Drive Hudson, FL 34667

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: Nancy McClain Alfonso, Esquire, 38416 Fifth Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL 33542 on or before January 29th, 2024, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk

of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgement or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.

Signed on this December 15, 2023.
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller
Deputy Clerk Haley Joyner as Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023CA004629WVS
DIVISION: G
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, as Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller, Plaintiff,
vs.
William A. Legg, Mary E. Legg, The Recovery Agents, LLC and Shangri-la Lane, Inc., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication)
TO: Devlon E. Hughes 10617 Denton Avenue Hudson, FL 34667

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: Nancy McClain Alfonso, Esquire, 38416 Fifth Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL 33542 on or before JANUARY 29TH, 2024, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgement

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Signed on this December 21, 2023.
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller
Deputy Clerk Haley Joyner as Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023CA004828CWVS
DIVISION: G
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, as Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller, Plaintiff,
vs.
Elaine M. Verwiebe, Deceased
FILE NO.: 512023CP01964CPAXES
DIVISION: X
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ELAINE M. VERWIEBE, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pasco County, Florida. Probate Division, the address of which is Robert D. Sumner Judicial Center, 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, FL 33523. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this notice is December 28, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative: STEPHEN D. CARLE, Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 0213187
HODGES & CARLE, P.A. 38410 North Avenue P.O. Box 548
Zephyrhills, FL 33539-0548
Telephone: (813) 782-7196
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E-Mail: hodgescarle@hotmail.com
Personal Representative: MICHELLE MONSOUR CRUZ
165 E. Baffin Drive Venice, FL 34293
Published: December 28, 2023 and January 4, 2024.

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of BUILDING LOVE, located at 26908 Coral Vine Ln in the County of Pasco in the City of Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544-2529 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Wesley Chapel, Florida, this 26th day of December 2023.
FERNANDEZ JESSICA LYNN
Published: January 4, 2024

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of ZOOLOGICAL TREASURES, located at 8643 Hamster Dr in the County of Pasco in the City of Zephyrhills, Florida 33540 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Wesley Chapel, Florida, this 26th day of December 2023.
ALBERT G. FAVA III
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Misc. items
Unit 407 - PATIENT ID#7090234, ONE CALL CARE MANAGEMENT, P.O. BOX 14767, LEXINGTON, KY, 40512.
Misc. items
Unit 142 - ROBERT VIGILANTE, 34 ROSECLIFF ST, ROSLINDALE, MA, 02131.
Misc. items
Dated at Zephyrhills, Florida, this 27th day of December 2023.
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in business under the fictitious name of A.N.T. SILVER, located at 8643 Hamster Dr in the County of Pasco in the City of Zephyrhills, Florida 33540 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Zephyrhills, Florida, this 27th day of December 2023.
ALBERT G. FAVA III
Published: January 4, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given that SNAPBOX SELF STORAGE located at 38011 Pretty Pond Rd., Zephyrhills, FL 33541 intends to hold a sale to sell the property described below to enforce a lien under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act, Statutes, section 83.80-83.809. The personal property may include but not limited to general household, office, personal property, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. The sale will occur on January 17, 2024 at approximately 11 a.m. online at www.storageassets.com. The following units are delinquent in rents and fees: E012 - Courtney Shiver E015 - Donna Williams
Published: January 4, 2024 and January 11, 2024.

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CRIME REPORTS

Active warrant

A 35-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 26 at 5th Avenue and 2nd Street after a call about a man waiving a firearm around a check revealed he allegedly trespassed on Jan. 10, 2022 and returned to Zephyr Park. A search allegedly revealed a BB gun in his waistband. A check allegedly revealed a warrant for violation of probation on an aggravated assault with no weapon charge. Arrested was Russell Joseph Wooldridge; no address listed. Wooldridge was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Active warrant

An 18-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 26 at Zephyrhills Police Department, 6118 8th St. after a check allegedly revealed a warrant out of Pasco County for failure to appear on a possession of marijuana charge. Arrested was James Lee Dailey of 4819 5th Ave. Dailey was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.



PASCO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Rapid reporting of potential trafficking activity can help end Human Trafficking

SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

IF YOU SUSPECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING, CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT: 1-888-373-7888

- Are they showing signs of physical abuse, such as bruises in various stages of healing?
- Are they able to meet or speak with individuals alone?
- Do their answers appear scripted and rehearsed?
- Do they appear to be monitored by another person?
- Are they disconnected from family, friends and community?
- Are they living in poor conditions?
- Can they freely leave where they live?
- Do they lack personal possessions and identification documents?



The indicators listed are common signs of human trafficking; however, they are not proof or present in every human trafficking situation.

Florida has many industries that are at risk for potential trafficking activity such as hospitality, trucking, service or labor-based businesses. Understanding and identifying the signs of human trafficking can help victims break away and seek help. During National Human Trafficking Awareness Month this January, Pasco Sheriff's Office urges citizens to learn the signs of human trafficking and how to report potential trafficking quickly. These actions can get those in need to safety sooner and help law enforcement prevent future or potential trafficking from occurring.

Traffickers prey on vulnerable victims by stealing their individual freedoms for profit. Physical signs of trafficking may include evidence of violence (such as bruises), injuries or untreated wounds, exhaustion, malnourishment or even branding. Context is key to understanding what you observe.

Social and interpersonal signs of trafficking can be a bit more subtle and can include an individual accompanied by another controlling individual, isolation from friends or family, little to no possessions, being severely underpaid or paid nothing at all for their work and not being in control of their money or personal documents, such as their driver's license or passport. Mental and emotional signs such as low self-esteem, anxiety, depression, fearful behavior and not identifying as a victim of trafficking can reveal much more. Behavioral signs commonly exhibited from victims include submissive or anxious demeanors, avoiding eye contact with others, being afraid of law enforcement personnel and not being permitted to speak for themselves.

When speaking with someone who may be in a dangerous or potential trafficking situation, non-judgmental communication is best

to help them feel safe. In-person conversations are preferred, but if that's not possible, ask only yes or no questions when speaking over the phone, until they indicate they are safe to speak freely. Provide potential victims with information on resources and where they can seek help or shelter.

If you observe something that you suspect might be human trafficking, say something. Rapid reporting of potential trafficking activity can help end human trafficking. The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a toll-free hotline, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and in over 200 languages. It's accessible by calling (888) 373-7888. The Hotline is a safe space to report tips, seek services and ask for help. Discrete text message or online chat communication with the National Human Trafficking Hotline is also available by texting "BEFREE" (233733) or by visiting www.humantraffickinghotline.org online.

Call the hotline to report tips, locate services, get help and learn about options available. All information provided is confidential and reporters can remain anonymous. To best protect victims and yourself, never get directly involved in suspected trafficking activity; instead report it immediately. If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1. The Pasco Sheriff's Office partners with the Pasco County Commission on Human Trafficking to both prevent and respond to human trafficking cases.

Paying attention, reporting any suspicious behavior and offering resources can make a difference. Identifying warnings signs of human trafficking can help get services to survivors quicker as well as reduce this horrible crime. If you suspect human trafficking, report it to the National Human Trafficking Hotline or local law enforcement immediately.

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Left: Chris Sweet has worked for the Zephyrhills Police Department for 10 years.



Above: City manager Billy Poe gives years of service awards to Shane Leblanc, the public works director and water foreman Bruce Sellars.



Below: Bobby Black, the sanitation superintendent, is recognized by city manager Billy Poe.



Left: Mike Barnes, the meter foreman, is recognized by Billy Poe, the city manager.



Below: City Manager Billy Poe presents a years of service award to Rob Funnell, the street and stormwater superintendent.

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► CITY EMPLOYEES: *From Page 1*

Sweet relishes the camaraderie of the department, noting that fellow employees work out together and eat together. “It goes beyond work,” she said. “It’s really the people. I feel very strongly about that.” Outside of work Sweet enjoys bass fishing with her husband Jeff, getting in some beach time and simply spending time with her family. She has four children, all raised in the Fort Myers area, and two grandchildren. Sweet is a graduate of Fort Myers High School.

Her adventurous side entails taking part in a mud run five years ago and flying a small airplane.

“I always thought I was an athlete,” said the longtime tennis player, adding that she did the mud run “once but I won’t do it again.”

As for the plane, years ago in Fort Myers she went up with her father, a pilot, to take aerial photography and got to take over the controls for a little bit.

Aside from Sweet’s recent recognition, several city employees from various departments received years of service awards. Those 19 people had years of service ranging from five years to 35.

The longest tenured people to be recognized were Shane LeBlanc, the public works director, and water foreman Bruce Sellars. Both have been with the city for 35 years. Next up was Bobby Black, the sanitation superintendent who has worked for the city for 30 years.

Wastewater foreman Joey Theel and meter foreman Mike Barnes celebrated 25 years.

Recognized for 20 years were David Wainwright of the Zephyrhills Police Department and Rob Funnell, the street and stormwater superintendent. Police Lt. Nathan Gardner has 15 years.

Five have 10 years: Aside from the aforementioned Sweet that list includes: utilities director John Bostic, equipment operator Dustin Eads, water treatment plant operator Cody Bowden and Sandra Amerson, the human resources and risk management director.

Those recognized for five years were: library circulation clerk Rian Kerney, sanitation foreman Jacob Hood, parks foreman Stephen Greene, code enforcement officer Mike Sutton, along with patrol officers Juanita Gonzalez, John Horton and Victoria Stephens.

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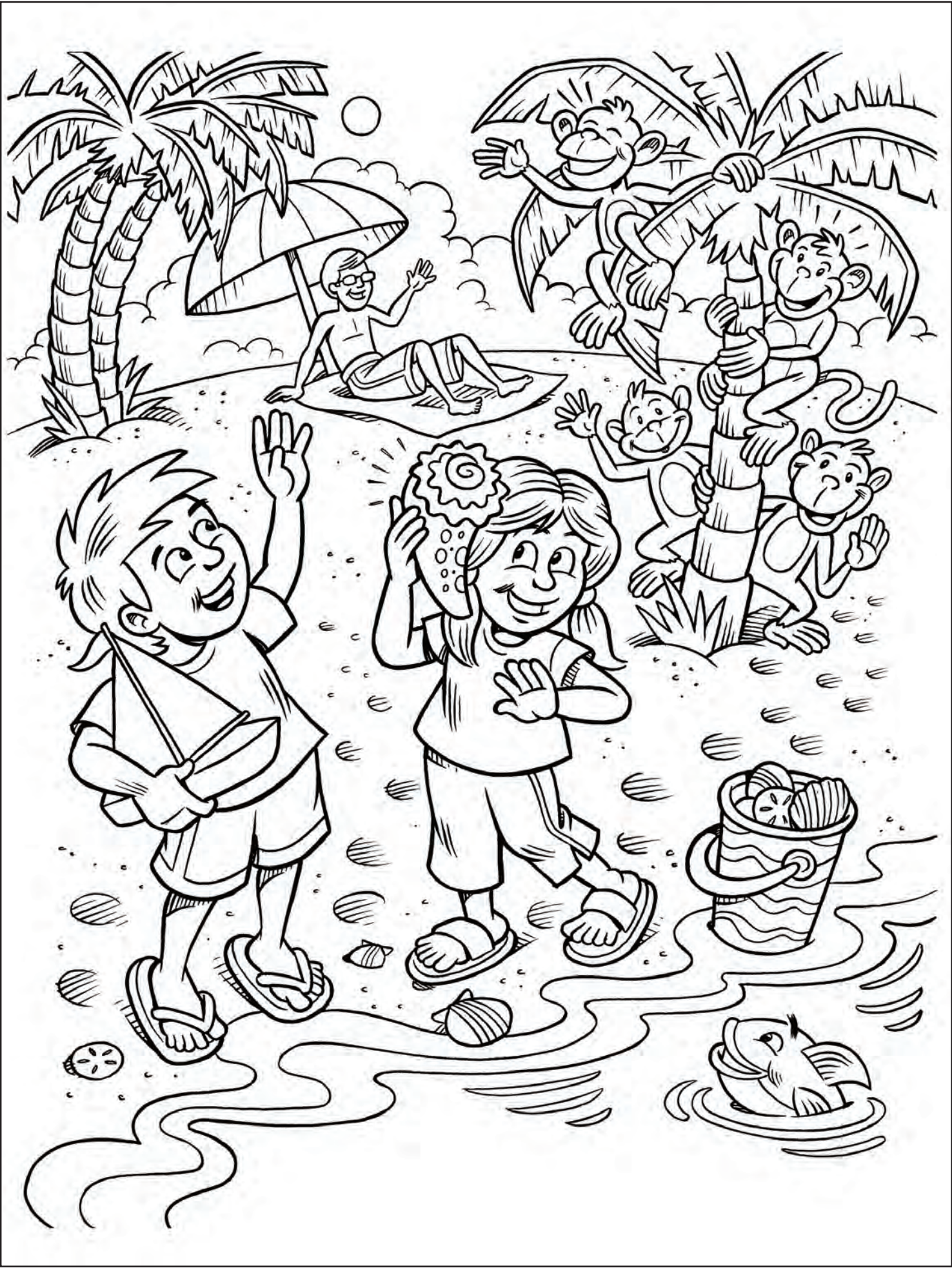
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